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Everybody's Comet: A Layman's Guide to Comet Hale-Bopp—Alan Hale. Due to grace our skies in the spring months of 1997, Comet Hale-Bopp may be one of the most spectacular comets visible to the naked eye in many years. Hale begins with some general information about comets especially for the recreational astronomer. He then relays the story behind this particular comet and explains what astronomers expect to learn from its visit, which will not be repeated for another 3,400 years. High-Lonesome, 1996, 162 p., color plates and b&w photos and illus., paperback, \$12.95.

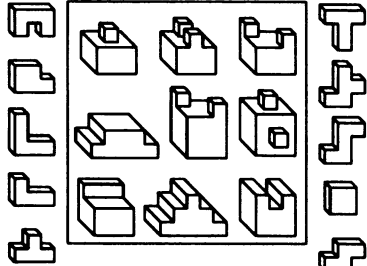
Hidden Order: How Adaptation Builds Complexity—John H. Holland. There is no central food distribution center in the city, yet New Yorkers are able to find virtually any kind of food without shortages or gluts. The human immune system comprises myriad antibodies that adapt and adjust as needed, despite the system's protean nature. Both of these systems are referred to as complex adaptive systems. Holland, a pioneer in the field, explains their basic properties and how they behave. He shares data compiled at the Santa Fe (N.M.) Institute by researchers who, like him, strive to find out how our intuitions about complex adaptive systems can be deepened into understanding and applied to other areas, such as sustainability. Originally published in hardcover in 1995. Addison-Wesley, 1996, 185 p., b&w illus., paperback, \$12.00.

Prevention's Healing with Vitamins—Alice Feinstein, ed. While vitamin C is now widely known to help cure a cold, garlic does too, says Feinstein in this compendium of ailments and what changes to diet and nutritional supplements may prove beneficial in treating them. Numerous scientific studies about the effects of nutrition on health bolster most of the recommendations, which address everything from cancer to cold sores and lupus to fatigue. Entries are listed alphabetically according to ailment and discuss both the positive effects of some nutrients and foods and the negative effects of others. Boxes in the text called "Prescriptions for Healing" specifically outline the nutrients most important to the topic at hand. Rodale Pr Inc, 1996, 593 p., hardcover, \$31.95.

Unraveling Piltdown: The Science Fraud of the Century and Its Solution—John Evangelist Walsh. The Piltdown hoax was the "discovery" of parts of a fossilized human skull, the so-called missing link between man and apes, in Britain in 1913. Walsh has sifted through the evidence and claims he has finally discovered the perpetrator of this hoax, which skewed and delayed the work of paleontologists for nearly 40 years. He relays in narrative format each event in the "discovery" and the part played by each suspect. Even more intriguingly, he explains how the scheme successfully duped so many scholars and researchers for so long. Random, 1996, 279 p., hardcover, \$25.95.

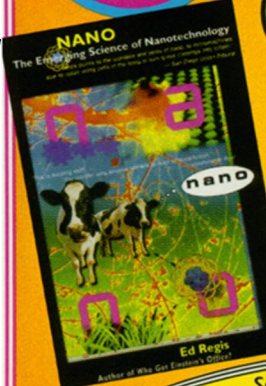
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