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Fermat's Last Theorem: Unlocking the Secret of an Ancient Mathematical Problem—Amir D. Aczel. For more than 300 years, mathematicians puzzled over this theorem: $x^n + y^n = z^n$ has no whole number solution when n is greater than 2. This struggle existed because Pierre de Fermat claimed to have solved the theorem in the mid-1600s but never wrote out the proof. In 1995, a mathematician from Princeton, Andrew Wiles, broke the code. Aczel recounts the history of Fermat's last theorem from Babylonian times to Wiles' discovery. Along the way, he profiles the other characters instrumental to Wiles' discovery and recounts the "deception, intrigue, and betrayal" involved in attaining the impossible. Four Walls Eight Windows, 1996, 147 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$18.00.

Looking at Earth—Priscilla Strain and Frederick Engle. This diverse collection of stunning color satellite images of Earth from space reveals the lost lands under the Sahara, raging fires across hundreds of acres of Yellowstone National Park, and the sharp border between Angola and Namibia, among other natural and human-induced phenomena. Introductory chapters outline the technology needed to produce such photographs. Then, continent by continent, the authors illustrate the topographical highlights of each region, using images and text, including historical data. Photographs taken from land accompany many images, putting the whole dynamic in perspective. Turner Pub GA, 1996, 304 p., color photos, paperback, \$24.95.

Privileged Hands: A Scientific Life—Geerat Vermeij. Though an expert in the study of mollusks, Vermeij has never seen one, having been blind since birth. In this autobiography, the eminent evolutionary biologist describes the hurdles he has had to overcome in the esoteric field of malacology as well as within a community of doubting colleagues. Vermeij weaves his views on evolution with descriptive text on how he "sees" his subjects, in the process providing insight into the ancient "arms race" among mollusks. WH Freeman, 1997, 297 p., b&w plates, hardcover, \$23.95.

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