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Evil: Inside Human Violence and Cruelty—Roy F. Baumeister. A social psychologist disregards the notion of "pure evil" and instead argues that evil acts are more commonly committed because of peer pressure or threats to self-esteem. Idealism gone awry also prompts groups of people to commit evil in the name of a good cause. Society must keep evil forces in check and not tolerate ambivalence. This allows such behavior to flourish, warns Baumeister, who in a discussion of guilt and self-control analyzes how this can be achieved. Throughout the text, he integrates data from many scientific disciplines in order to answer the question of what evil is and why it persists, especially in the form of random acts by "ordinary" people. WH Freeman, 1997, 431 p., hardcover, \$24.95.

From Lucy to Language—Donald Johanson and Blake Edgar; photography by David Brill. This collaboration of an accomplished paleoanthropologist credited with discovering Lucy, the oldest and best preserved human skeleton, with a gifted science writer and the foremost photographer of hominid fossils results in a stirring, highly visual, oversized encyclopedia of human origins as evidenced through the most important fossil finds of all time. The authors not only supply a rich history of discovery through more than 200 glorious color plates, but also dissect the most bitterly argued theories of the rise of humans spawned from these archaeological finds in order to piece together our ancestry in an accessible text. S&S, 1996, 272 p., color photos, hardcover, \$50.00.

Mathematical Mysteries: The Beauty and Magic of Numbers—Calvin C. Clawson. Bucking the current trend to avoid equations in popular writing, Clawson feels that "words alone cannot convey the essence of [an] equation." He therefore presents some of the most interesting, perplexing, and beautiful numbers and equations of all time in algebraic form. He shows how a simple equation transforms into an exquisite fractal; how questions posed by the Greeks still stump modern mathematicians; and how "666" relates to the devil, among a host of other topics. Plenum Pr, 1996, 313 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$27.95.

Mayo Clinic Family Health Book: The Ultimate Illustrated Home Medical Reference—David Larson, ed. This gargantuan compendium encompasses every aspect of health care from infancy to old age, health maintenance to emergencies, and fleeting ailments to chronic diseases. More than 400 contributing physicians explain how the body works, what can go wrong, and where to seek treatment. Hundreds of pictures illustrate the easy-to-understand text. Morrow, 1996, 1,438 p., color/b&w photos and illus., hardcover, \$42.50.

The Once and Future Moon—Paul D. Spudis. This all-encompassing summary of the Moon's history and evolution has as its underlying theme the benefits of continued lunar exploration. Spudis analyzes the wonders of the Apollo missions as well as the 1994 Clementine Mission, which led to detailed mapping of the Moon. Arguments for building an outpost for astronomical observation and experimentation are put forth as are methods to facilitate this plan. Smithsonian, 1996, 308 p., color/b&w photos and illus., hardcover, \$29.95.

Who Owns the Sun? People, Politics, and the Struggle for a Solar Economy—Daniel M. Berman and John T. O'Connor. Energy is not a hot topic. Fuel prices are low. Gasoline and heating products are plentiful. Berman and O'Connor accuse energy corporations of facilitating this indifference by investing government subsidies for alternative energy in new oil fields and more coal-fed power plants. The authors argue that these companies are responsible for repressing solar energy, which is now widely available and affordable, and offer this review of the facts and future of alternative energy. Chelsea Green, 1996, 331 p., hardcover, \$24.95.

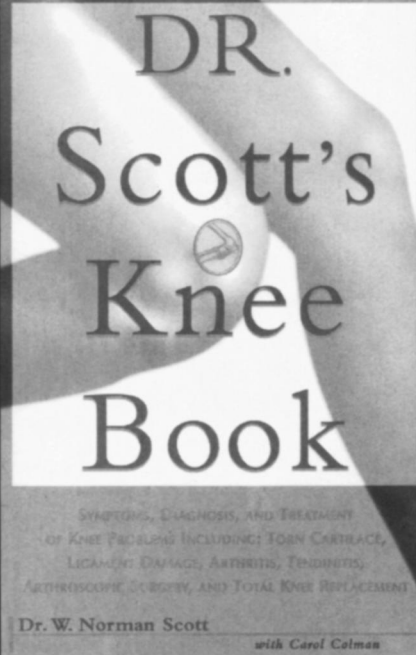
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