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Internships 1997—Sara Dulaney Gilbert. Listings of more than 25,000 paid and unpaid, full- and part-time internship opportunities span the spectrum of professional positions from academia and the arts to business and government. Each entry provides basic information about the organization and the jobs available, as well as requirements, eligibility, application procedures, and academic credit offered. Macmillan, 1997, 418 p., paperback, \$19.95.

The Last Three Minutes: Conjectures About the Ultimate Fate of the Universe—Paul Davies. Basing his highly speculative theories on processes such as gravitational wave emission, proton decay, and black hole radiance, Davies plays out what the final scenarios of the universe may be. These possibilities include slow disintegration by entropy and reincarnation of the universe after a violent collapse. Originally published in hardcover in 1994. Basic, 1997, 162 p., paperback, \$10.00.

The Prehistory of the Mind: The Cognitive Origins of Art, Religion, and Science—Steven Mithen. A proponent of the modular concept of the mind marries "cognitive archaeology" to evolutionary psychology to advance his ideas. An archaeologist himself, Mithen uses his knowledge of the artifacts and remains of our prehistoric ancestors to reconstruct prehistoric minds over the course of 6 million years. He makes assertions about the evolution of the mind, contrasting generalized and specialized mentalities along the way. Thames Hudson, 1996, 288 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$27.50.

State of the World 1997—Lester R. Brown, Christopher Flavin, Hilary French, et al. Published annually by the Worldwatch Institute, this guide analyzes interdisciplinary data in an effort to identify strategies for a sustainable society. This edition focuses on the progress made in the 5 years since the "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janeiro, emphasizes the importance of viable ecosystems for fresh water, and points out that war in Rwanda is partly a result of overpopulation. As successes, they cite reduced fertility in developing countries and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Norton, 1997, 229 p., paperback, \$13.95.

Valley of the Spirits: A Journey into the Lost Realm of the Aymara—Alan L. Kolata. Known to have inhabited the shores of Lake Titicaca in Bolivia and Peru from 400 to 1000 A.D., the Aymara forged one of the greatest empires of the Americas. Flourishing long before the Incas and Aztecs and with descendants still living in the area today, the legacy of the Aymara Indians spans some 15,000 years. Kolata has immersed himself in the Aymara culture for 17 years and here shares the fruit of his work in order to relay the intriguing myths, rituals, politics, arts, religion, commerce, and daily life of this ancient culture. Wiley, 1996, 288 p., b&w plates, photos, and illus., hardcover, \$27.95.

Venus Revealed: A New Look Below the Clouds of Our Mysterious Twin Planet—David Harry Grinspoon. Once regarded as an almost heavenly place because of its similarities to Earth in size and mass as well as its close proximity, Venus may actually be home to hell. The launch of the Magellan spacecraft provided ominous data on the true characteristics that exist under our sister planet's thick, opaque cloud cover—a surface temperature of 735 kelvins, or 900°F, and intense atmospheric pressure. However, Venus also possesses geologic processes much like Earth's—active volcanoes, flowing rivers, mountains, and plains. From the ancients' discovery and worship of the planet through the age of radar-equipped space exploration, this guide to the comparative planetology of Venus and Earth examines what we can learn about our planet by studying the atmospheres, clouds, and interiors of another. Addison-Wesley, 1997, 355 p., b&w/color plate/ photos, hardcover, \$27.50.

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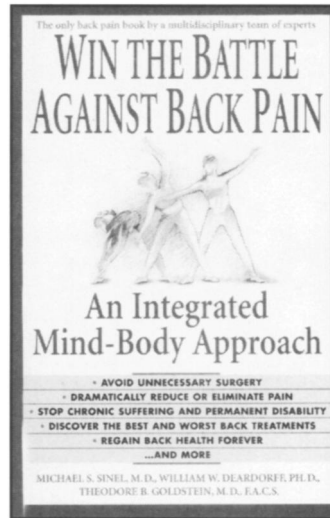
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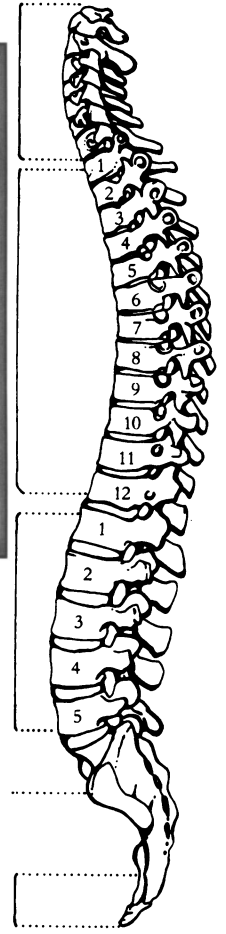
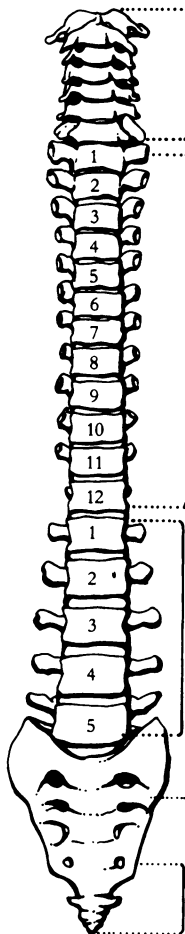
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