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**Smell: The Secret Seducer**—Piet Vroon. According to psychologist Vroon, smell is one of the least understood of the senses, but in this book he lays out what we do know about its physiology, mythology, biology, and psychology. Arcane facts like why stethoscopes were invented (so physicians could distance themselves from their malodorous patients) are intermingled with data about how smell affects human sexuality and memory. Originally published in the Netherlands in 1994. FS&G, 1997, 226 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$23.00.

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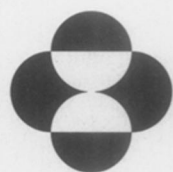
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