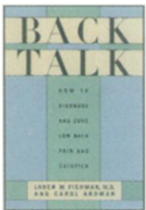
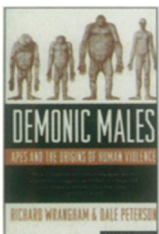


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Back Talk: How to Diagnose and Cure Low Back Pain and Sciatica—Loren M. Fishman and Carol Ardman. Pain in the lower back—which ranks second only to the common cold as a cause of days missed from work—is curable 90 percent of the time. According to Fishman, the trick lies in making a proper diagnosis. A description of the physiology of the back segues into a discussion of discomforts commonly associated with it. Fishman helps the reader understand how to explain these symptoms to a physician, then provides information on causes, treatment, exercise, and prevention. Norton, 1997, 286 p., illus., hardcover, \$25.00.



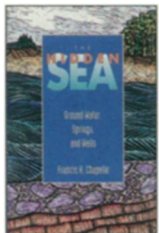
Demonic Males: Apes and the Origins of Human Violence—Richard Wrangham and Dale Peterson. Is it possible that violence, such as rape and border raids, is inherent in human males? After studying apes and chimpanzees for 20 years, the authors think so. Because primates are our closest relatives, say Wrangham and Peterson, male aggression is bound to follow humans down their evolutionary path. Civilization and larger brains neutralize human male violence to some extent, as do women. The authors describe the harmonious society of the bonobo chimpanzees of Zaire, in which equality of the sexes has contributed to a peaceful environment. The authors share their fieldwork and analysis in this heavily referenced text. Originally published in hardcover in 1996. Mariner Bks, 1997, 350 p., illus., paperback, \$14.00.



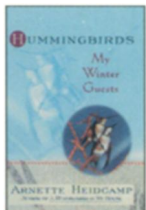
Forgotten English—Jeffrey Kacircik. What a mumpsimus! The eye-servant refused meeting the eggler to prepare nonshench. Terminology like this faded from the vernacular years ago. This dictionary resurrects hundreds of archaic words and enhances those choices with their etymology. Morrow, 1997, 240 p., illus., hardcover, \$22.50.



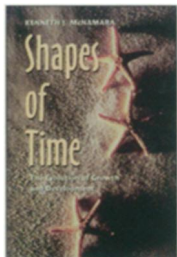
Green Space, Green Time: The Way of Science—Connie Barlow. In 1990, a group of scientific luminaries led by Carl Sagan drafted and signed a document calling on leaders of the religious community to join forces with them in abolishing crimes against creation. Even clergy from some religions that condemn paganism answered the call. Barlow advances this "greening" of religion as she reveals her candid interviews with biologists such as Edward O. Wilson, Diane Ackerman, and James Lovelock, who are actively engaged in perpetuating ecoreligious beliefs. Copernicus, 1997, 329 p., hardcover, \$25.00.



The Hidden Sea: Ground Water, Springs, and Wells—Francis H. Chapelle. Even before the biblical Abraham, whose success as a shepherd hinged on his well-digging prowess, the ability to tap groundwater was an attribute of mythic proportions. Chapelle recounts the history, legends, and geology of aquifers and the threats of contamination they face. Geoscience Pr, 1997, 237 p., illus., paperback, \$18.00.



Hummingbirds: My Winter Guests—Arnette Heidcamp. One winter, four lost, injured hummingbirds sought sanctuary in Heidcamp's sunroom. Her experiences caring for, observing, and photographing the small birds are reminiscent of Elizabeth Marshall Thomas' insights, described in *The Hidden Life of Dogs*. The individual personalities of Heidcamp's birds become clear as they heal and move through their life cycle. The reader benefits from the large collection of photographs of the birds. Crown, 1997, 204 p., color photos, hardcover, \$18.00.



Shapes of Time: The Evolution of Growth and Development—Kenneth J. McNamara. Most people are familiar with the basics of evolutionary thought, but just how do changes in the size and shape of animals and plants occur? The concept of heterochrony—changes in the rate and timing of growth and development—underlies McNamara's answer as he focuses on individual organisms rather than their progress over time. Even among genetically identical organisms, a change in growth rate or time can drastically alter appearance, producing, for example, longer legs or shorter arms. The new trait may allow the organism to establish a new lineage, thus providing, as McNamara says, the "raw material" for natural selection. Johns Hopkins, 1997, 342 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$34.95.



Space and the American Imagination—Howard E. McCurdy. The desire to conquer new frontiers has characterized human cultures since early times; however, the move to explore the latest frontier—space—was inspired by a unique set of circumstances, according to the author. He points to the Cold War and the belief that control of space meant control of Earth as the impetus for the space program and illustrates why governments got involved in this project, which appealed to the imagination of the public. This entertaining analysis of public policy also provides an assessment of our expectations of space exploration versus our achievements. Smithsonian Bks, 1997, 294 p., b&w photos, hardcover, \$29.95.

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