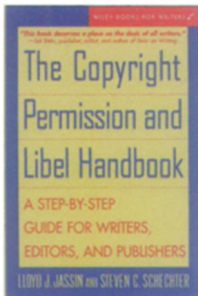


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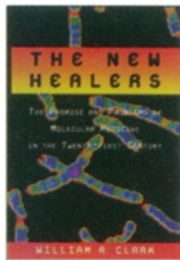
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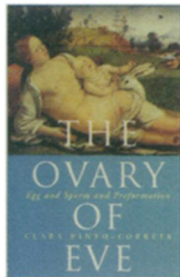
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most of the 4,000 genetic disorders within the next 50 years. Cystic fibrosis, cancer, and AIDS are the diseases on which Clark focuses his analysis of how "good" genes can be replicated and reintroduced into people who have an inherited disease and how "bad" genes can be used to attack and destroy unwanted cells. OUP, 1997, 245 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$27.50.



Origins: Cosmos, Earth, and Mankind—Hubert Reeves, Joel de Rosnay, Yves Coppens, Dominique Simonnet. An astrophysicist, a biologist, and an anthropologist are the orators in a "play" directed by the questions posed by the editor of a French magazine. In three acts, the scientists enlighten readers about the

basics of the Big Bang and the state of the universe before it, the appearance of life, and the emergence of our human ancestors from Africa. Originally published in France in 1996. Arcade, 1997, 210 p., hardcover, \$22.95.



The Ovary of Eve: Egg and Sperm and Preformation—Clara Pinto-Correia. Preformationists were among the 17th and 18th century forebears of modern-day scientists who study conception. This group was divided into ovidists and spermists who postulated, respectively, that during creation, God placed an infinite number

of generations in the ovary of Eve or in the male sperm, much like Russian nesting dolls. Pinto-Correia focuses on the intricacies of the preformationists' theory and how it related to the prevailing social, religious, and scientific ideas, including the vilification of women, issues involving genetic disorders, and inherited traits. U Ch Pr, 1997, 396 p., hardcover, \$29.95.

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