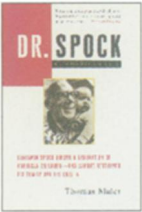


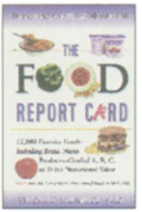
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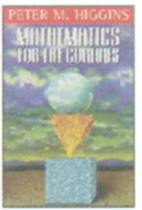
Dr. Spock: An American Life—Thomas Maier. During his 94 years, Spock left an indelible mark on the 20th century, not only as a storied “baby doctor,” psychologist, and author but also as an activist and politician. Maier interviewed Spock before his death and had access to

family members and Spock’s archives. While he was seemingly unable to implement his Freud-inspired advice with his own family, who struggled with all the hallmarks of dysfunction, Spock reinvented parenting to a degree that has impacted several generations and shaped the whole of modern society. Harbrace, 1998, 520 p., b&w plates, hardcover, \$30.00.



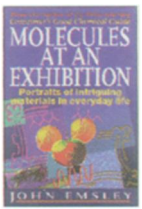
The Food Report Card: 12,000 Favorite Foods—Including Brand-Name Products—Graded A, B, C, or D for Nutritional Value—Thomas Yannios. Determining the overall nutritional value of food products based on their labels can be time-consuming and confusing. Entries here include

fruits, vegetables, meats, canned and frozen foods, and even fast food and “frivolous foods,” assessing the fat, sugar, calorie, fiber, and sodium content with an overall rating. The intent is to help consumers select foods beneficial for overall good health and helpful in protecting against specific problems. Macmillan, 1998, 482 p., paperback, \$15.95.



Mathematics for the Curious—Peter M. Higgins. Math pervades our lives. This is Higgins’ mantra as he romps through the occupational concerns of mathematicians, accessibly unfolding them to nonprofessionals. Chapters dealing with specific areas such as

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Molecules at an Exhibition: Portraits of Intriguing Materials in Everyday Life—John Emsley. In an effort to crack open the arcane world of molecules, the most prevalent chemicals and their compositions are dissected. Readers can discover what radioactive lifesaver should be

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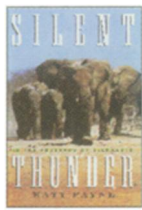
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ing large-scale development and research projects. He focuses on four projects critical to the modern structure of the world: The SAGE air-defense project, the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile, the Boston Central Artery/Tunnel Project, and ARPANET. These are the pillars of the information era that led to the development of the collegial, meritocratic management style central to his argument. Pantheon, 1998, 372 p., b&w photos/illus., hardcover, \$28.50.



Silent Thunder: In the Presence of Elephants—Katy Payne. Acoustic biologist Payne recounts her study of the communication methods of elephants. According to Payne, elephants relay information over miles by using infrasound resonating at a decibel level

just below the range of human hearing. In the midst of her work in Zimbabwe, nearly a third of her research group of elephants was destroyed in a planned killing—known as a cull—orchestrated by the government. Grief-stricken, Payne discusses these culls, which she sees as counterproductive, as well as other conservation tactics and her communication studies. S&S, 1998, 288 p., hardcover, \$25.00.



The Transparent Society: Will Technology Force Us to Choose Between Privacy and Freedom?—David Brin. Brin expounds upon his belief that people need to keep watch on snooping governments, employers, insurance companies, and so on. With the installation of

encryption systems and the passing of privacy laws, he fears this ability will be lost, further clouding the average person’s sense of what others know about him or her. If we continue to keep watch, Brin asserts, the information gatherers can be held accountable for their actions. In assessing the current state of affairs, Brin divulges a barrage of ways and means of monitoring electronic transmissions. Addison-Wesley, 1998, 378 p., hardcover, \$25.00.



Watching Weather: A Low Pressure Book About High Pressure Systems and Other Weather Phenomena—Tom Murphree and Mary K. Miller with the Exploratorium. This primer outlines the fundamentals of meteorology for readers interested in fully com-

prehending the weather report and perhaps doing a little home predicting. The book promises that, with this knowledge, you will be able to find a cool spot for a picnic on a sweltering day, read the clouds for changing weather conditions, and know when croaking frogs signal an impending storm. Owl Bks, 1998, 154 p., illus., paperback, \$12.95.

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