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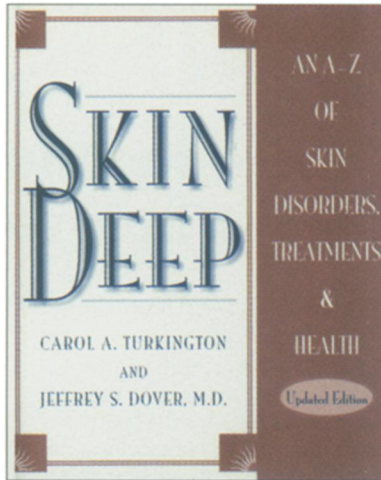


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The end of the Cold War enabled William Ryan and Walter Pitman to team up with oceanographers from Bulgaria and Russia, as well as Turkey, to explore the Black Sea. Using sound waves and coring devices to probe the sea floor, they discovered clear evidence that this inland body of water was once a vast freshwater lake lying hundreds of feet below the level of the world's rising oceans. Sophisticated dating techniques confirmed that 7,600 years ago the mounting seas burst through the narrow Bosphorus valley, and the salt water of the Mediterranean poured into the lake with great force, racing over beaches and up rivers, destroying or chasing all life before it. The margins of the lake—a Garden of Eden for an advanced culture in a vast region of semi-desert—became a sea of death. The people fled never to return.

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