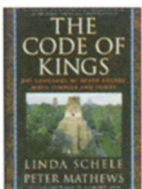
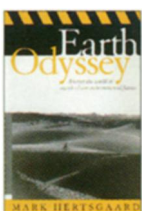


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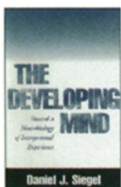
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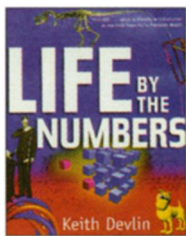


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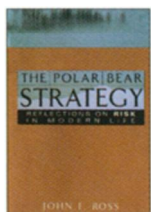


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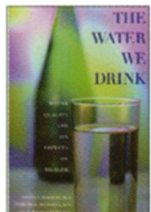
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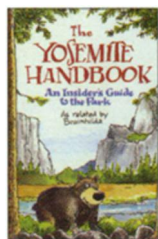
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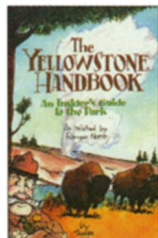
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**The Water We Drink: Water Quality and Its Effects on Health**—Joshua I. Barzilay, Winkler G. Weinberg, and J. William Eley. As recently as 100 years ago, uncontaminated drinking water was unheard of. Today, we have come to understand that not only typhoid but also certain types of cancer, infertility, cardiovascular disease, and bone problems can be tied to impure water. As physicians, the authors focus on such health issues. However, the in-depth text also plumbs methods of water purification and treatment. A concluding chapter offers an enlightening overview of the bottled-water industry. Rutgers U Pr, 1999, 180 p., paperback, \$17.00.



**The Yosemite Handbook: An Insider's Guide to the Park and The Yellowstone Handbook: An Insider's Guide.** Both books by Susan Frank and Phil Frank. With all the expected detail, but also with a dose of levity injected through cartoons, these guidebooks provide comprehensive overviews of both parks—their attractions, accommodations, and recreational opportunities. Presented in a question and answer format, virtually every conceivable detail is covered, from where dogs can stay to what permits are needed to explore backcountry areas. Quick references round out each volume detailing the historical events at the park, telephone directories, place names, tour guides, preservation projects, and weather data. Pomegranate, 1999, 183/240 p., b&w illus., paperback, \$14.95 each.



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