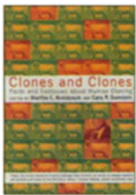


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Carl Sagan: A Life—Keay Davidson. Perhaps the most famous scientist of the 20th century, Sagan regularly appeared on talk shows and was a prolific writer who interpreted arcane science for the masses. Davidson's biography is one of two on Sagan to arrive on bookshelves within weeks of each other (the other will be featured here soon). With a focus on Sagan's personality, Davidson reveals how the astronomer championed space travel and inspired the masses to revel in his vision of worlds beyond our own. His television series *Cosmos* was the most popular science show to hit the airwaves. However, Sagan's vocal opposition to nuclear weapons and his kinship with Timothy Leary exemplify aspects of his life that triggered animosity and controversy. Sagan's personal relationships are portrayed as sometimes trying experiences by his ex-wives and the hundreds of other people interviewed for the book. Overall, Davidson captures Sagan's flair for the media and verve for space exploration and scientific endeavors. Wiley, 1999, 540 p., b&w photos, hardcover, \$30.00.

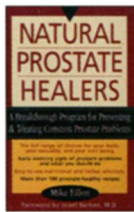


Clones and Clones: Facts and Fantasies about Human Cloning—Martha C. Nussbaum and Cass R. Sunstein, eds. In two dozen essays, the issues surrounding asexual genetic replication of species are presented through the words of ethicists, legal scholars, fiction writers, psychoanalysts, and humorists. An article attributed to the National Bioethics Advisory Commission presents religious perspectives on cloning as espoused by noted theologians. Stephen Jay Gould considers how the nurturing of clones will affect their overall lives. Sunstein considers two possible constitutional dilemmas that could both be played out in the Supreme Court regarding an infertile husband and wife and cloning a child. Originally published in hardcover in 1998. Norton, 1999, 351 p., paperback, \$14.95.



Eye of the Storm: Inside the World's Deadliest Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and Blizzards—Jeffrey Rosenfeld. As one hurricane after another assaults the Caribbean islands and East Coast of the United States, humans are reminded of the force carried by such weather phenomena. Rosenfeld ranks among the few journalists who focus solely on meteorological events. In this book, he surveys storm science from the perspective of researchers who brave the elements to study torrential downpours, flash floods, bolts of lightning, and blizzards. From Ben Franklin to the meteorologists who manipulate complicated computer models of storm fronts, Rosenfeld tells the story of weather research. Plenum, 1999, 308 p., b&w photos, hardcover, \$27.95.

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On Giants' Shoulders: Great Scientists and Their Discoveries from Archimedes to DNA—Melvyn Bragg. As host of the popular British radio program *Start of the Week*, Bragg interviews many modern scientists. Here, those interviewees reflect on 12 scientific giants of the past. For instance, Stephen Jay Gould, Richard Dawkins, Richard Darwin Keynes, and John Maynard Smith all chime in with their thoughts about Charles Darwin and evolution. Readers discover what Oliver Sacks views as Sigmund Freud's greatest discoveries, and John Meurig Thomas comments on Michael Faraday's religious life. First published in the United Kingdom in 1998. Wiley, 1999, 365 p., b&w photos, hardcover, \$22.95.



Right-Brain Teasers: A Photo Quiz for the Mind's Eye—Allen Bragdon and Marsha Monbleau. Could you identify a plating iron, an egg scale, or a cranberry scoop? How does a chicken waterer work? What were bog shoes? This brief guide presents pictures of 80 such archaic household items and tools on one page. The following page gives the name of the item and describes its use and heritage. Brain Waves Bks, 1999, 152 p., b&w photos/illus., paperback, \$9.95.



The Science Times Book of Archaeology: The Best Science Reporting from the Acclaimed Weekly Section of The New York Times and **The Science Times Book of Mammals: The Best Nature Reporting from the Acclaimed Weekly Section of The New York Times**—Nicolas Wade, ed. Each book presents more than 40 articles from this venerable news source that build on one another to provide a comprehensive view of a field. In the archaeology text, John Noble Wilford, William J.

Broad, and other award-winning journalists reveal the unearthing of a 5,300 year-old iceman from an Alpine glacier, the discovery at Monte Verde, Chile, that humans reached the Americas a surprising 12,500 years ago, and the tracing of bygone trade routes across the Mediterranean. Articles in the mammals book enable readers to reflect on the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone Park, observe how naked mole rats form colonies like bees do, and dissect the peacekeeping practices of bonobo chimpanzees. Lyons Pr, 1999, 242/280 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$25.00 each.

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