

# Books of the Week

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**ALGEBRAIC CURVES**—Robert J. Walker—Dover, 201 p., paper, \$1.60. Reprint (1950). To serve as a starting point for the study of algebraic geometry.

**BASIC INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONIC COURSE**—Alfred Haas—Gernsback Lib., 224 p., illus., \$5.95; paper, \$4.10. Author uses practical approach, suitable for the experimenter and technician.

**BIOGRAPHY OF THE UNBORN**—Margaret Shea Gilbert—Hafner Pub. Co., rev. ed., 160 p., illus., \$3.50. Non-technical account of the human embryo and fetus in its month-by-month development.

**THE CERRO COLORADO SITE AND PIT-HOUSE ARCHITECTURE IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES PRIOR TO A.D. 900**—William Rotch Bullard, Jr.—Peabody Mus., Harvard Univ., 205 p., 16 plates, illus., paper, \$6.50. Study reveals the architectural and background story of this unique type of below-ground structures.

**CONTEMPORARY GEOMETRY**—Andre Delachet, transl. from French by Howard G. Bergmann—Dover, 94 p., paper, \$1. Written to give the reader insight into the current directions of research in geometry such as the notion of groups, abstract spaces and topology.

**CRYSTALS IN YOUR FUTURE: SRI** Journal, Vol. 6, No. 3—Frank Halden and others—Stanford Research Institute, 88 p., illus., \$1 direct to publisher, Menlo Park, Calif. Contains papers by six experts exploring the progress and outlook in crystal technology.

**DARWIN AND THE MODERN WORLD VIEW**—John C. Greene—New Am. Lib., 126 p., paper, 60¢. Reprint (1961), explores the impact of Darwin's evolutionary biology on the religious and intellectual thought of the past century.

**EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLDS IN TWELVE COUNTRIES**—Arthur W. Foshay and others—UNESCO (N. Y.), 68 p., \$1.50; paper, \$1. Results of an international research project, 1959-61, suggesting patterns of intellectual attainment in basic subjects under varying conditions.

**FACTORS INFLUENCING STRONTIUM-90 IN MILK** from the Brainerd, Minn., Milkshed—Minnesota Department of Health and University of Minnesota—Public Health Service, Pub. No. 999-R-1, 73 p., illus., paper, single copies free upon request direct to Public Inquiries Branch, PHS, U. S. Dept. of H.E.W., Washington 25, D. C. Study covers eight-month period investigating consistent farm-to-farm differences in SR-90 concentrations.

**FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY**—Carl G. Hempel and others, Robert G. Colodny, Ed.—Univ. of Pittsburgh Press, 288 p., \$7.50. Papers by noted philosophers of science on subjects such as explanation in science and history, the nature of time, and problems of microphysics.

**GEM CUTTING: A Lapidary's Manual**—John Sinkankas—Van Nostrand, 2nd ed., 297 p., illus., \$11.75. Completely revised, includes information on advances in tools and equipment, shows in detail the techniques that will give the gem cutting hobbyist the best results.

**GOMA: The Gorilla Baby**—Ernst M. Lang, transl. from German by Edmund Fisher and Cornelia Schaeffer—Doubleday, 125 p., 56 photographs,

\$3.95. An intimate account of the earliest development of a gorilla born in a Swiss Zoo and raised as a member of the zoo director's family.

**THE GREAT FLYING SAUCER HOAX: The UFO Facts and Their Interpretation**—Coral E. Lorenzen—William-Frederick Press, 257 p., illus., \$4.45. Another in a series of books written to prove the existence of flying saucers, by the director of APRO.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: Programs and Problems**—Charles G. Dobbins, Ed.—Am. Council on Educ., 126 p., paper, \$2. Among subjects covered are educational values and national purposes, the federal research endeavor, and federal programs of international education.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO PROJECTIVE GEOMETRY**—R. M. Winger—Dover, 443 p., paper, \$2. Revised and corrected republication of work first published in 1923.

**MOLECULES TODAY AND TOMORROW**—Margaret O. Hyde—McGraw, 143 p., illus. by Mildred Waltrip, \$3.25. Describes for young people molecules in action in solids, liquids and gases, the function of DNA and RNA, and some experiments with molecules.

**THE MYTH OF SIMPLICITY: Problems of Scientific Philosophy**—Mario Bunge—Prentice-Hall, 239 p., \$7.95. Concerned with clarifying some of the complex concepts of both philosophy and science, such as conceptual analysis, analyticity, truth, level and simplicity.

**ODOR AND OLFACTION: A Bibliography, 1948-1960**—K. M. Michels and others—Perceptual and Motor Skills, 54 p., paper, \$3. A list of references, books, patents and articles from professional journals, grouped by subject matter.

**PROFILES OF THE FUTURE: An Inquiry into the Limits of the Possible**—Arthur C. Clarke—Harper, 234 p., \$3.95. Speculations about future possibilities and limitations of technology, such as gravity control, global library, climate control and artificial life.

**THE QUICK TEST (QT): Provisional Manual**—R. B. Ammons and C. H. Ammons—Psychological Reports, 52 p., paper, \$2.50. Describes test for quick screening of verbal-perceptual intelligence in practical situations.

**RESULTS OF THE THIRD U. S. MANNED ORBITAL SPACE FLIGHT, OCTOBER 3, 1962**—John H. Boynton and others—NASA (GPO), 120 p., illus., paper, 70¢. Presents discussion of performance data, and an analysis of the medical aspects of the MA-8 orbital flight by Astronaut Schirra.

**SCIENCE MODEL MAKING**—Robert R. Hopwood, adapted for American use by E. E. Suckling—Macmillan, 208 p., illus., \$4.95. Shows boys and girls how to make things, from a periscope and a sextant to working model of hydroelectric power plant.

**SOVIET SCIENCE OF INTERSTELLAR SPACE**—S. Pikelner, ed. by V. G. Fesenkov, transl. from Russian by Mary Zirin—Philosophical Lib., 230 p., \$7.50. On observations of planetary and diffuse nebulae, interstellar gas and magnetic fields in the galaxy.

**THEY STUDIED MAN**—Abram Kardiner and Edward Preble—New Am. Lib., 255 p., photographs, paper, 75¢. Reprint (1961) of an analysis of the work of ten major scientists and their contributions to the development of social anthropology.

**THIS IS OUTER SPACE**—Lloyd Motz—New Am. Lib., 191 p., illus. by Phil Santry, photographs, paper, 60¢. Reprint (1960). Explains in layman's language the fundamental theories whose application to observational data have given rise to modern astronomy.

**TOPICS IN PHYSICS** from the standpoint of Generalized Thermodynamics—Joseph Louis Finck—

Bookman Associates, 264 p., diagrams, \$7.50. Covers classic thermodynamics, points out its limitations, including critical examination of Newtonian mechanics, electrostatics and statistical mechanics.

**THE VALLEY: Meadow, Grove and Stream**—Lorus J. Milne and Margery Milne—Harper, 178 p., photographs by authors, illus. by G. Don Ray, \$4.50. Describes a community of land and water with its balanced life of plants and animals.

**WATER ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES: Basic Facts About the Nation's Water Resources**—David W. Miller, James J. Geraghty and Robert S. Collins—Water Information Center, N. Y., 82 p., 40 plates, \$6.95. Portrays, by means of maps, the effects of nature and man on the availability, movement and eventual disposal of the country's freshwater resources.

**WILDLIFE'S TEN-YEAR CYCLE**—Lloyd B. Keith—Univ. of Wis. Press, 201 p., graphs, \$6. Author records and evaluates the divergent schools of thought regarding the 10-year cycle in wildlife populations south of the Arctic.

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## GENERAL SCIENCE

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