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Cancerqueen and Other Stories by Tommaso Lanolfi. Dial. Tales of the unusual and fantastic by a unique talent.


Encounters with the Archdruid by John A. McPhee. Farrar. One man’s battle to save the country’s remaining natural areas.


History of the Second World War by Sir Basil Henry Liddell Hart. Putnam. Succinct history of a war the author thought was "unnecessary."


In the Shadow of Man by Jane van Lawick-Goodall. Houghton. Study of the startlingly man-like social relationships among wild chimpanzees.


The Israelis: Founders and Sons by Amos Elon. Holt. Contrasts the founders of Israel and their far less idealistic offspring.


The Pentagon Papers. Bantam. Previously secret documents on our involvement in Vietnam with far-reaching political and social effects.

Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare by Frances Fox Piven and Richard A. Cloward. Pantheon. A harrowing account of public assistance as a tool for political gain.


The 12-Year Reich by Richard Grunberger. Holt. A devastating picture of Hitler worship in all aspects of German social life.


