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Adams, Ansel and Alinder, Mary Street. *Ansel Adams: An Autobiography*. Little, Brown/New York Graphic Society, $50. One of the most well known and admired American photographers recounts a lifelong concern for his art and the preservation of the environment.


Caufield, Catherine. *In the Rainforest*. Knopf, $16.95. An absorbing examination of the continuing destruction in the name of progress of the world’s rain forests, together with the consequences of this action.


Costantini, Humberto. *The Long Night of Francisco Sanctis*. Tr. from the Spanish by Norman Thomas di Giovanni. Harper, $14.95. With humor and irony, Costantini portrays an ordinary middle-class man in Argentina who, during a period of political repression, is caught between his need for security and the demands of his conscience.

DeLillo, Don. *White Noise*. Viking/Elisabeth Sifton, $16.95. DeLillo’s warmest novel brilliantly examines one extended family’s fear of death and the ways in which it copes with the apprehension and indifference of today’s nuclear age.

Doctorow, E. L. *World’s Fair*. Random, $17.95. A child’s vivid description of his boyhood in New York in the 1930s is coupled with his adult reflections on the same time and events.
Lester, Julius. Do Lord Remember Me: A Novel. Holt, $13.95. The indignities, prejudices, hopes, and promises of a lifetime are recalled as an elderly black preacher writes his own obituary.


Levy, Joseph. Move Your Shadow: South Africa, Black and White. Times Books, $17.95. Exposes the lies and manipulations that have propped up and promoted apartheid, an evil that seems to defy solution.

Lucier-Smith, Edward. Art of the 1930's: The Age of Anxiety. Rizzoli, $35. Beautiful reproductions and brilliant textual analysis show how the art of the 1930s was influenced and molded by the historical and political forces of the period.


Physician Task Force on Hunger in America. Hunger in America: The Growing Epidemic. Wesleyan Univ. Pr., $16.95; paper, $8.95. A study sponsored by the Harvard School of Public Health demonstrates that, as a consequence of federal policy, there are more hungry people in America today than 10 years ago.

Reid, T. R. The Chip: How Two Americans Invented the Microchip and Launched a Revolution. Simon & Schuster, $15.95. In an analysis of the development of the semiconductor chip, Reid follows two inventors who, working simultaneously, achieved the same results.

Robinson, David. Chaplin: His Life and Art. McGraw-Hill, $24.95. Chaplin's contributions to filmmaking are comprehensively examined in relation to significant events in his personal life in this major biography by the film critic for the Times of London.

Sea grave, Sterling. The Soong Dynasty. Harper, $23.95. The lasting contributions and sinister activities of the legendary Soong clan—which included the formidable Mmes. Sun Yat-Sen and Chiang Kai-shek—and the family’s at-times tortuous struggle for control of modern China.


Tyler, Anne. The Accidental Tourist. Knopf, $16.95. Abandoned by his exasperated wife, a passive, habit-ridden loner turns to his brothers and sister, a new love, and an incorrigible dog and cat to relearn friendship and laughter.


Wilson, Roberta and Wilson, James Q. Watching Fishes: Life and Behavior on Coral-Reefs. Harper, $22.95. Enhanced by photos and line drawings, a fascinating, vivid account of the mysterious and exotic life/behavior of coral-reef fishes and invertebrates.

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