

The Cambridge Illustrated Atlas of Warfare: The Middle Ages, 768–1487, by Nicholas Hooper and Matthew Bennett (192 pages, March 1996), aims to bring to a popular format much of the academic research on medieval warfare conducted in the past 40 years. The complexity and sophistication of military operations of that era are portrayed here in detailed maps, plans, and other illustrations. Of particular interest are the campaigns and consequences of the Crusades, Scandinavian raids and conquests in the 9th to 11th centuries, and a discussion on whether or not there was a revolution in military technology in the 16th century. A well-informed and readable history. \$39.95. Cambridge University Press, 40 W. 20th St., New York, NY 10011-4211. ISBN 0-521-44049-1.

Concise Encyclopedia: Biology, translated and revised by Thomas A. Scott (1287 pages plus 48 plates, February 1996), was originally published by F. A. Brockhaus Verlag in Leipzig under the title *ABC Biologie*. Scott's translation adds newly discovered animal species and replaces the German citations with English-language references. The 7,000 descriptions included here are technical and more detailed than the word "concise" in the title would lead you to believe. Each taxonomic category is defined in terms of its morphology, physiology, phylogenetic relationships, distribution, and ecological and economic importance. Modern topics in classical and modern genetics are covered, including the molecular biology of gene cloning; similarly, biochemistry, metabolism, earth history, evolution, ecology, and biogeography are well represented. The 1,200 drawings, formulas, and tables enhance understanding. This volume is a worthy companion to de Gruyter's *Concise Encyclopedia: Chemistry* (1994). \$99.95. Walter de Gruyter, Inc., 200 Saw Mill River Rd., Hawthorne, NY 10532. ISBN 3-11-010661-2.

Jane's International Defence Directory, 1996, edited by Ian Tandy (1109 pages, 13th

ed., March 1996), is one of Jane's lesser known directories, but if you're buying or selling military equipment, this is where you will find the addresses and telephone numbers of everyone from the Israeli Police Ministry to C. Raymond Hunt Associates (American manufacturers of assault boats and raiding craft). The major arrangement is by country, followed by a product index. (At least chemical and biological weapons aren't included.) Libraries will probably find the listings for foreign embassies, defense agencies, civil police, coastguards, customs and excise offices, research organizations, and multinational intergovernmental organizations most useful. \$425.00 (CD-ROM, \$795.00). Jane's Information Group, Ltd., 835 Penobscot Building, Detroit, MI 48226. ISBN 0-7106-1306-7.

Pan-African Chronology, by Everett Jenkins Jr. (440 pages, February 1996), outlines the history of African people and their struggles for freedom throughout the world, from Portuguese expansion in 1400 to the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery in 1865. Jenkins discovered that most histories of African Americans isolated them from the rest of the global diaspora that included African, Chinese, East Indian, Iberian, Dutch, British, Mexican, Canadian, and other movements. His chronicle of events is peppered with commentary, statistics, and extracts from documents that put the struggle in a wider perspective. Without this insight, the misinformation and false assumptions in history textbooks (as James W. Loewen pointed out in *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, New Press, 1995) will be perpetuated and cinematic stereotypes enforced. Put this one next to *The People's Chronology* on the reference shelf. \$49.95. McFarland & Co., Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640. ISBN 0-7864-0139-7. ■

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