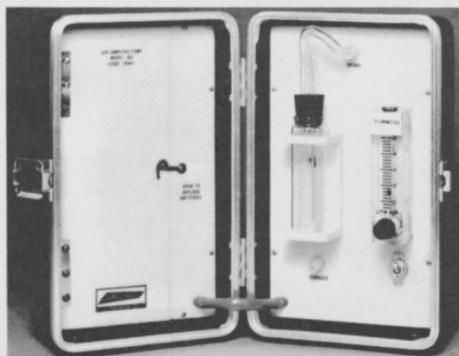


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tween plants and soils. The text has been prepared in a narrative style, rather than having each suggested experiment or observation stand by itself. The narrative includes comments about economic significance and practical applications, which should help to sustain interest. Considerably more of the latter could have been done, however.

Some of the plants suggested as experimental materials are either unknown or unavailable in this country or are known by other common names. The authors also use some terms that would not be familiar to many in this country; or they use terms that have a somewhat different meaning from that to which we are accustomed ("loam," for example). In some parts of the book the authors introduce detailed terminology and rather difficult concepts (such as alternation of generations) without adequate explanations or illustrations. All illustrations are line drawings.

In spite of the problems outlined above, I believe that the book has a place in middle-school, junior-high-school, and high-school classrooms, as a resource book. Although not very sophisticated by BSCS standards, this book appears to have considerable potential for whetting the appetite of young students for botany.

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THE CAT BOOK, ed. by Richard Shaw. 1973. Frederick Warne & Co., New York. 48 p. \$4.95.

Although basically a children's book, *The Cat Book* can be thoroughly enjoyed by cat-lovers of all ages. It is a colorful and artistically compiled collection of cat literature; the writers include John Ciardi, Ogden Nash, and J. R. R. Tolkien. The book is also beautifully illustrated with paintings, drawings, collages, and woodcuts by many excellent artists.

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EVERYTHING A TEENAGER WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT SEX . . . AND SHOULD, by Harry Preston with Jeanette Margolin. 1973. Books for Better Living, Chatsworth, Calif. 176 p. \$1.25.

This booklet contains a wide assortment of questions and answers that teenagers—and most people—have about sex. Although it is difficult to preserve continuity and get adequate topical coverage with such a format, the authors have done fairly well. However, some errors do emerge; some are due to inaccurate information, and others are inherent in the format. For example, concepts about premature ejaculation and current modalities in the treat-

ment of sexual dysfunction are muddled: on p. 60 the authors say it is bad to stop masturbating before ejaculation, yet stop-start masturbation is one of the basic components leading to training in the toleration of increasing stimulation and ejaculatory control that is standard in the Semans' technique; and on p. 81 the authors state that premature ejaculation is a problem that comes under the heading of impotence and requires psychiatric intervention. This represents a terrible put-down, because prematurity is a common problem and may differ entirely, in origin and treatment, from impotence. And why are teenagers constantly referred to as boys and girls? One of the essential postpubertal rites is the emerging self-image as man or woman. Also, confusion exists in the interpretation of questions when the sex of the questioner is not given; for example, on p. 63 the question starts, "My brother and I masturbate in bed at night. . . ."

The booklet is in large type, and it does answer some important questions frankly and factually. But coverage is sparse and sometimes inadequate. Even so, there is a marvelous ending chapter—all of two half-pages—on the slang of sex. I know that when I was a teenager everything I wanted to know about sex would have filled a bigger book.

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