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The most fruitful grafting of a new discipline onto an old might be the union of environmental studies and history, where the interplay between human-kind and our natural surroundings—or what long ago were “natural” surroundings—has within the past 25 years become a staple of scholarship, teaching, and publishing. The remarkable variety of topics under study is merely hinted at by this list of YBP’s best-selling books in the field for our 1999-2000 fiscal year. *Waste and Want: A Social History of Trash* (Metropolitan), *Gold: The California Story* (University of California Press), and *Second Nature: The History and Implications of Australia as Aboriginal Landscape* (Syracuse University Press), are only three examples, from the fifty on our list. The books, arranged in descending sales order, starting with our most popular title, *Something New Under the Sun: An Environmental History of the Twentieth-Century World* (W.W. Norton), pay due respect to some of the pioneer names in environmental studies. And *No Birds Sing: Rhetorical Analyses of Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring* (Southern Illinois University Press), for example, demonstrates that environmental history now studies its own history, and so has certainly come of age.

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Samuels, Gayle, 1943-. *Enduring Roots: Encounters with Trees, History, and the American Landscape*. Rutgers Univ Press 1999 \$25.00 Cloth 081352721x.

Melosi, Martin V., 1947-. *Sanitary City: Urban Infrastructure in America from Colonial Times to the Present*. Johns Hopkins UP 2000 \$59.95 Cloth 0801861527.

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And No Birds Sing: Rhetorical Analyses of Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring, Ed. By Craig

Waddell. Southern Illinois UP 2000 \$44.95 Cloth 0809322188.

Bonnicksen, Thomas M. *America’s Ancient Forests: From the Ice Age to the Age of Discovery*. John Wiley 2000 \$75.00 Cloth 0471136220.

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Guha, Ramachandra. *Environmentalism: A Global History*. Longman 2000 \$20.00 Paper 0321011694.

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tation they pay publishers the money that would otherwise go to the makers of photocopying machines which can’t be bad news. ESubstance, launched with a \$15 million investment, proffered the best freebie in an uninspired year, a rather exquisite if petite tin of mints. It was estimated that over 2000 of the exhibitors had some sort of electronic investment but for the journal publishers it was mostly the same old stuff and for the book publishers it was not yet or only just available. The frenzy of the search for business models was almost palpable.

What was in it for librarians? I don’t think

there was a great deal directly laid on or made available. On the top of Hall 9 was a so-called “International Librarians” and “Booksellers” Centre (careful punctuation and EU spelling preserved). It was quiet when I visited and I am told it was quiet most of the time. I only saw one librarian during the whole week and that was **Michael Keller** who cannot be missed. I suspect he was working on his plans for Stanford University Press. ACRL had an impressive booth and also showing the Stars and Stripes was the campaign to get overseas citizens to vote (see <http://www.usembassy.de/elections2000>) — presumably in Florida. I started by referring to the sheer numbers of publishers on show as nightmarish but perhaps it is all a good dream. Diversity still exists.

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Goklany, Indur. *Clearing the Air: The Real Story of the War on Air Pollution*. Cato Institute 1999 \$19.95 Cloth 1882577825.

Farber, Paul Lawrence, 1944-. *Finding Order in Nature: The Naturalist Tradition from Linnaeus to E.O. Wilson*. Johns Hopkins UP 2000 \$39.95 Cloth 0801863899.

Ackland, Len. *Making a Real Killing: Rocky Flats and the Nuclear West*. Univ New Mexico Pr 1999 \$34.95 Cloth 0826318770.

Carle, David, 1950-. *Drowning the Dream: California's Water Choices at the Millennium*. Praeger 2000 \$45.00 Cloth 0275967190.

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Albers, Jan. *Hands on the Land: A History of the Vermont Landscape*. MIT Press 2000 \$35.00 Cloth 0262011751.

Redwood Forest: History, Ecology, and Conservation of the Coast Redwoods; Ed. By Reed F. Noss. Island Press 2000 \$30.00 Paper 1559637269.

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Wall, Derek. *Earth First! And the Anti-roads Movement: Radical Environmentalism and Comparative Social Movements*. Routledge 1999 \$85.00 Cloth 0415190630.

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nal Landscape. Syracuse Univ Pr 2000 \$39.95 Cloth 0815605870.

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Crossing the Great Divide between Acquisitions and Collections: Selectors Order Online

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Column Editors Note: Web-based vendor services are transforming, and improving, many aspects of library acquisitions and collection development work. Online ordering functions present rich possibilities for improving the speed and efficiency of monograph selection, as well as for allowing selectors more control. Yet decentralized ordering also presents potential complexities, no matter the size of the library. In this month's column, **Lynda Fuller Clendenning**

describes how Web-based ordering has enhanced acquisitions and collection development at the **University of Virginia Library**, and how librarians there have addressed some potential complications of decentralized acquisitions. The Apr. 2000 Business of Acquisitions column by **Mary H. Kay**, entitled "Web-based Ordering for Libraries", unintentionally failed to mention two wholesalers that provide web-based ordering services:

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