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Okay. I know we keep adding stuff on to ATG — but, hey, we do this because we think you will like it. So — write us and tell us what you think, okay? Here is a new feature that your editor has started herself. I see hundreds of books over the course of a month. ATG receives many books as well. We can’t call your attention to all of them. I’m sorry to say. So in this space, I will begin to try to give you a look at things that have crossed either my desk at work or my desk at home. Like I said, tell me what you think, okay? We’re nothing without each other...


Dreyfus, Hubert L. What Computers Still Can’t Do: A Critique of Artificial Reason. The MIT Press, 1994. 0262041340 (hardcover). Also available in paperback (0262540673). In its fourth printing, this little book has quietly become a classic. Dreyfus, a Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley, focuses on what makes human beings unique among a world of computers. $15.95.


Harley Hahn’s The Internet Complete Desk Reference. 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill, 1996. 007882138x. By the author of the best-selling Internet Yellow Pages, this book has been called “...the best how-to book...” by the Washington Post and “...incredibly thorough” by the Wall Street Journal. $29.95.


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