

lation of a settlement in China about 9,000 years ago, braves eating a sliver of one of the world's hottest peppers, and explains the phenomenon of drunken monkeys. While this is a detailed, technical book intended for scientifically minded readers, McQuaid unpacks with appealing gusto the reasons for the wide variety of human reactions to taste. Those willing to embark on the strange and wonderful history will find that *Tasty* offers a full meal. —*Bridget Thoreson*

Ten Million Aliens: A Journey through the Entire Animal Kingdom.

By Simon Barnes.

Feb. 2015. 480p. Atria/Marble Arch, \$27.99 (9781476730356). 590.

What is an animal, and how many kinds are there on our planet? According to naturalist and novelist Barnes, the definition of an animal is not as set as you would expect, and scientists can only speculate on the true number of species. New discoveries of minute creatures are made almost daily, including a new phylum, *Cycliophora*, tiny symbionts first found in the mouths of Norway lobsters. Taxonomists are constantly revising their schematic maps of phyla, classes, orders, and families to accommodate strange genera and species that we have previously overlooked. In his ambitious guide to the kingdom, Barnes alternately steers readers along invertebrate and vertebrate paths, profiling many mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, mollusks, insects, and other creatures along the way. Always with keen wit, the author shows how animals evolve to survive and become ancestors, not to progress to higher life-forms. A great update for readers who took biology classes long ago. —*Rick Roche*

Technology

GMO Food.

By David E. Newton.

2014. 336p. ABC-CLIO, \$58 (9781610696852). 664.

This installment in the Contemporary World Issues series is a well-researched and balanced reference that provides the reader with an invaluable, expertly compiled resource impartially documenting the controversial topic of genetically modified foods. Newton opens with a detailed history of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), from the start of hybridization to its progression and application in agriculture. The information can be scientifically technical at times but is carefully explained and remains accessible to the general reader.

The next section objectively describes the concerns and controversies surrounding the development and use of GMO foods and is followed by a collection of essays from a variety of experts within the field offering a myriad of perspectives on the topic. Each section is further bolstered by extensive reference lists. Subsequent sections provide supporting information for research, including descriptive profiles and data and documents. Profiles focus on the many key people (such as John E.

Franz and Mark Lynas) and organizations (e.g., Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, Monsanto) involved in both the support for and fight against GMO foods. The data and documents include statistics, tables, and pivotal laws and court cases. A lengthy annotated bibliography offers further sources for research. A chronology noting important events spans thousands of years, from the introduction of cross-breeding animals for domestication (12000 BCE) to the FDA approval of the AquaAdvantage GM salmon (2014). A glossary and index are included at the end for quick access to information. This valuable reference is recommended for high-school, academic, and public libraries. —*Becca Smith*

YA/C: A balanced look at a popular topic for current-events projects. RV.

How to Fly a Horse: The Secret History of Creation, Invention, and Discovery.

By Kevin Ashton.

Jan. 2015. 336p. Doubleday, \$26.99 (9780385538596). 609.

"We all are more like Leonardo, Mozart and Einstein than not," maintains author and technology-pioneer Ashton. "Creations are extraordinary but creators are human." In this entertaining and inspiring meditation on the nature of creative innovation, Ashton sets out to debunk the myth of mysterious and rarified genius. Weaving stories of fantastic breakthroughs in arts, science, medicine, and society, Ashton shows that true innovation is brought about by the painstaking efforts of ordinary people, often in spite of institutional or societal resistance. It is creativity as *work itself*—a process of partnership, trial and error, experimentation, and ongoing research—that binds the broad spectrum of Ashton's tales. From the Muppets and *South Park* to the jet engine and X-ray crystallography, the author champions the creations of organizations and people that prioritize action over talk and maintain strong "rituals of doing." Fans of Malcolm Gladwell and Steven Levitt will enjoy Ashton's hybrid nonfiction style, which builds a compelling cultural treatise from a coalescence of engaging anecdotes. —*Lindsay Bosch*

Child Care

The Opposite of Spoiled.

By Ron Lieber.

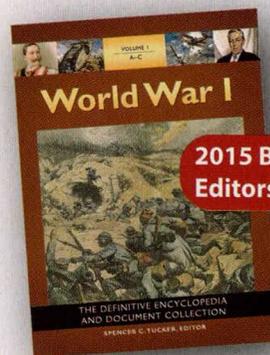
Feb. 2015. Harper, \$26.99 (9780062247018). 641.1.

Next to discussions about sex and drugs, talk about money is probably the hardest for parents to have with their children. Lieber, "Your Money" columnist with the *New York Times*, answers sticky questions about matters ranging from allowances to student loan debt to deeper concerns about how to know when one's children are too obsessed with money and material things. Delving into behavioral economics, Lieber advises parents to take into account the emotional aspects of money, including the role of social media in churning desires to spend. He also tackles worries

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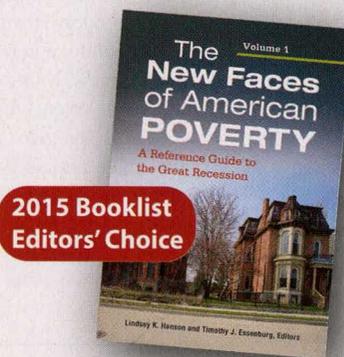


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