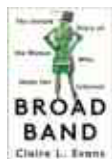


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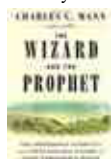
Broad Band: by Claire L. Evans. Portfolio, 2018 (\$27)

Though often outnumbered by men, women stayed in the booming field of computing. In this inspiring tale, writer Evans records the contributions of some of the many women who aided the rise of the modern Internet.



Memorable characters include Elizabeth "Jake" Feinler, an information scientist who helped researchers navigate the Arpanet and Stacy Horn, who started one of the first social networks, Echo.

The Wizard and the Prophet: by Charles C. Mann. Knopf, 2018(\$28.95) The human population is moving toward 10 billion --- some experts think we'll nearly hit that mark by 2050. How will the earth feed, house and otherwise support such a crowd? Environmental thinkers usually fall into one of two camps: those who prefer conservation and controlling consumption, like William Vogt, and those who trust innovation to solve our problems, Norman Borlaug, for example. Writer Mann carefully records the lives and thought of the founders of these two philosophies.



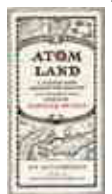
A Lab of One's Own: by Patricia Fara. Oxford University Press, 2018(\$24.95)



In World War I many women in the U.K. replaced their aprons with chemical suits and stepped into previously male-only fields of science, where they led war research efforts. Science historian Fara illustrates the lives of many of these forgotten women. Although the era marked a major step forward for women scientists, many worked for small wages in an environment of discrimination.

In the nearly 100 years since, women have come a long way, Fara writes, but the glass ceilings remain solid and the pipelines leaky.

Atom Land: by Jon Butterworth. The Experiment, 2018(\$19.95)



Butterworth takes readers on an amusing journey through the unknown world of particle (粒子) physics. The first stop is "Atom Land," where Butterworth explains how electrons, protons and neutrons come together to build up everything we know. As the journey unfolds, we learn about lesser-known particles. Thankfully, our ship is equipped with tools such as mathematical equations (方程式) and a "laser light" that lights up the darkest of concepts.

【1】Who focuses on the future of our earth?

- A. Claire L. Evans. B. Charles
C. Mann. C. Patricia Fara. D. Jon Butterworth.

【2】Which books will you probably read if you are interested in women's career?

- A. Broad Band & Atom Land.
B. The Wizard and the Prophet & Atom Land.
C. Broad Band & A Lab of One's Own.
D. A Lab of One's Own & Atom Land.

【3】What's the purpose of writing the passages above?

- A. To clarify some concepts.
B. To introduce some famous writers.
C. To make comments on some books.
D. To recommend some books.

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Flying down a 488-meter-long slide provides plenty of excitement for most people. But for those who like more extreme adventures, Nicaragua offers an even more exciting slide experience. The thought of racing down an active volcano with only a board is enough to get most people hot under the collar. But for thrill-seeking sports fanatics, boarding down a 2,380-foot-high volcano at the speed of 80 km/h is the coolest sport around.

Thousands of travelers are heading to the foothills of Nicaragua's Cerro Negro to take part in the new sporting craze (狂热). Surfers, dressed in protective jump suits, knee-pads and helmets, receive brief instructions and then try sliding down a short slope (斜坡). After that, it's time for the real thing. Sitting on their specially-constructed boards, surfers push off and fly straight down a 488-meter-long slope. The black volcanic ash provides a dusty, dirty ride. But boarders usually arrive at the bottom with smiles on their faces.

Phillip Southan, owner and manager of Bigfoot Hostel and Green Pathways Tours, said, "We started offering this trip in 2005 and it has become so popular. This is a unique tour as nowhere else in the world can you board down an active volcano."