

diseases and disease epidemiology. Subsections cover society and acculturation; nutrition; health care engineering, housing and pollution; radioactive fallout and health effects; biological and circadian rhythms; anthropology and demography; occupation and health in polar regions; cold injury, hypothermia, adaptation and reactions to cold; arctic medical history and traditional medicine; education and planning; emergency and communication; genetic diseases; epidemiology; maternal and child health; mental health; alcoholism; viral diseases, and many other topics. This book is available from the Secretariat of the Nordic Council for Arctic Medical Research, Aapistie 3, SF-90220 Oulu 22, Finland.

SCIENCE IN SWEDEN: THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES 1739–1989. Frängsmyr, T. (editor). 1989. Canton MA, Science History Publications. 291 p, illustrated, hard cover. ISBN 0-88135-092-3.

Founded by Carl Linnaeus and five others, currently celebrating its first quarter-millennium, Kungliga Vetenskapsakademien occupies a distinguished niche in the history of European science, not least in polar research. Chapter 7 of this elegant book, written by the editor, outlines the role of the Academy in sponsoring and finding support for Swedish scientists to work in both polar regions, a role of growing importance today.

LA CIVILISATION DU PHOQUE: JEUX, GESTES ET TECHNIQUES DES ESKIMO D'AMMASSALIK. Victor, P. E. and Robert-Lamblin, J. 1989. Paris, Editions Armand Colin et Raymond Chabaud. 312 p, illustrated, hard cover. ISBN 2-200-37187-X.

Substantial, lavishly-illustrated account (in French) of many years' research and observations on the daily lives of east Greenland Inuit, especially during the periods immediately before and after World War II. Illustrations include many photographs in colour and black-and-white, and drawings and notes covering games, postures, facial expressions and everyday Inuit activities and techniques. A valuable record.

ICEWALK: A COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR OF THE INTERNATIONAL NORTH POLE EXPEDITION 1989. Christine Gee and others. 1989. Publisher unrecorded. 48 p, illustrated, soft cover. £5.95 including postage and packing from Icewalk Futute Ltd, PO Box 15, Thirsk YO7 1TX.

Lively, full-colour, barely-coherent, but nevertheless entertaining account of an expedition in which eight young men from seven different countries, led by Robert Swan, walked from northern Canada to the North Pole. If the objective was — as stated — no more than to publicize the Arctic, the achievement of a long slog over shifting ice was no less remarkable. In tackling the Pole with ballyhoo, Swan and his team made the Arctic interesting for a host of people, from schoolchildren to pensioners, who would never have a chance to see it for themselves. This booklet covers all aspects of the operation, from fund-raising to blistered toes, in the cheerful, haphazard style that seems

to have characterized the whole expedition — though not, I suspect, the planning.

WILLIAM D. BERRY 1954–56: ALASKAN FIELD SKETCHES. Berry, E. 1989. Fairbanks, University of Alaska Press. 230 p, illustrated, hard cover. ISBN 0-912006-34-X. US\$49.9.

Bill Berry died in 1979; his work as an Alaskan naturalist and wildlife artist is well known throughout North America. Here is a collection of his early sketches and field notes, compiled by his wife Elizabeth, and honourably presented by the University of Alaska Press. From landscapes to details of feathers and seeds, Bill's gift for seeing, and for recording what he saw, is faithfully represented. This is a superb book for anyone interested in northern wildlife and art. If it sells successfully, the publishers hope to present his later sketches too. Available also in soft cover (ISBN 0-912006-36-6 at US\$29.95).

THE NATURAL HISTORY OF CANADA'S NORTH: CURRENT RESEARCH. Kobelka, C. and Stephens, C. (editors). Yellowknife, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. 105 p, illustrated, soft cover. ISBN 0-7708-3846-4. (Occasional papers of the PWNHC 3).

Part of a series 'produced in an inexpensive format and popularly written style'; includes papers on the gypsum karstlands of Wood Buffalo National Park (J. A. Brophy), amphibians and reptiles in NWT (K. W. Larsen and P. T. Gregory), management of waterfowl in NWT (R. G. Bromley), climate, vegetation and resources in southern Baffin Land (J. D. Jacobs), and the potential for small-scale food production in arctic Canada (W. R. Cummins and others).

ELENCO DELLE PUBBLICAZIONI PERIODICHE Nobile Stopl, G. 1989. Rome, Centro Documentazione Umberto Nobile. 27 p, soft cover.

Catalogue of periodicals, annuals and serial monographs held in the Umberto Nobile Documentation Centre of the Museo Storico-Aeronautica Militare, 00062 Vigna di Valle, Italy; includes a brief description of the Centre (Italian and English) and of its work in documenting polar aeronautics. Copies are available from the Centre.

WILD FLOWERS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. Davies, T. H. and McAdam, J. H. 1989. Bluntisham, Bluntisham Books. 48 p, illustrated, soft back. ISBN 1-871999-00-6. £3.50.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS. Smith, J. 1989. Bluntisham, Bluntisham Books. 48 p, illustrated, soft back. ISBN 1-871999-01-4. £3.50 + 36p postage and packing.

Two small, attractively-produced books on aspects of the Falkland Islands, the first an introduction and guide to the main species of flowering plants, the second a collection of anecdotes and memories of the early Falklands, starting in the cemetery but moving quickly to the peace celebrations 1919, the Globe Store, some early steamships, and even that celebrated, kindly islander, the late Ernesto Rowe. Available from the Falkland Islands Foundation, 79–83 North Street, Brighton BN1 1ZA UK.