



### **Time of our Lives: The Science of Human Aging**

T. B. L. Kirkwood    Medicine        12

What science knows about why and how we age is clearly presented in this understandable synthesis of biology, statistics, and social theory. (1999)

### **Treasury of Great Humor**

E. B. Untermyer    Anthology    10

A renowned critic, biographer, and teacher chooses this wit, whimsy, and satire from the remote past to the mid-20th century. (1972)

### **True Believer, The: Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements**

Eric Hoffer    Philosophy    11, 12

Hoffer, one of the 20th-century's most important social philosophers, believes that the roots of fanaticism and self-righteousness begin and flourish in self-hatred, self-doubt, and insecurity. (1951)

### **Tycho and Kepler: The Unlikely Partnership That Forever Changed our Understanding of the Heavens**

Kitty Ferguson    Astronomy    11, 12

In the late 1500s, Tycho Brahe, a Danish nobleman, built a variety of instruments for observing the heavens, later inviting Kepler, a brilliant young student, to carry on his work after death. Kepler went on to revolutionize 17th-century thought about the movement of the planets. Ferguson gives a full picture of the life and remarkable contributions of each. (2002)

### **Unanswered Question, The: Six Talks at Harvard**

Leonard Bernstein    Music / Language    11, 12

An inspiring teacher, Bernstein explored music in an interdisciplinary spirit (with poetry, linguistics, physics) with great clarity in the Norton lecture series at Harvard. His "The Joy of Music" discusses music from ragas to symphonies and everything in between. (1981)