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FROM ALUMNI

Susannah Rose '96 and Richard Hara, *100 Questions & Answers About Caring for Family or Friends with Cancer* (Jones and Bartlett, 2009, second edition). Rose, a Ph.D. candidate in the ethics concentration of the health policy program at Harvard University, co-wrote the book while a cancer care social worker at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where Hara also works. She currently holds a two-year interdisciplinary fellowship with the National Cancer Institute. The publisher says, "In clear, practical, yet compassionate language, the authors provide essential answers to common caregivers' questions about finding the right doctor and treatment, emotional and physical support, insurance issues, relationships, finding care for the caregiver, and much more."

Andrew Farley '94 and Katharine Hayhoe, *A Climate for Change* (FaithWords, 2009). Farley is a professor of linguistics at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and pastor at Lubbock Bible Church. His co-author (and wife) is an associate professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas Tech. Of their book, the publisher says, "For all the talk about climate change, there's still a great deal of debate about what it all means, especially among Christians. *A Climate for Change* offers straightforward answers to [your] questions, without the spin. This book untangles the complex science and tackles many long-held misconceptions about global warming. . . . *A Climate for Change* boldly explores the role our Christian faith can play in guiding our opinions on this important global issue."

Susan Cobb Singleton '83 and Kathryn McColskey, *Grief Rite: Moving From Mourning to Ministering* (Tri Cord Publishing, 2009). The publisher describes the book as "a Bible study designed for those who are grieving or those who want to minister to the grieving. It explores a series of Biblical principles taken from the lives of Biblical characters." Singleton is an attorney in Greenville. Her co-author is chair of the elementary education department at North Greenville University.

Sandra Freeman Jones '65 and Marcie Jones, *Great Expectations Baby Sleep Guide: Sleep Solutions for You & Your Baby* (Sterling Publishing, 2009). This is the fifth book in the Great Expectations series written by Sandy Jones and her daughter. The publisher says, "Moms and dads suffering through sleepless nights with baby will especially appreciate the quotes and strategies from other parents who have gone through the experience." Sandy, who lives in Brevard, N.C., is author or co-author of more than 10 books on parenting and has been a featured guest on the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning" and a host of other television and radio programs. Marcie Jones is a free-lance writer and editor in Baltimore, Md. They answer questions from expectant moms at www.happyhealthypregnancy.com, sponsored by Huggies.

Bill Turner '63, *The Christmas That Almost Wasn't* (Warren Publishing Inc., 2009). Santa's reindeer are missing, and if they can't be found, Christmas will be in jeopardy. Time is running out. But there's a scruffy suspect lurking about. Could he be responsible? The publisher says, "The

author's vivid imagination and wonderful facility for keying into the child in each of us makes this story a soon to be classic." Turner, who is retired from the textile industry, lives in Cornelius, N.C., and says his 12 grandchildren provide him "an enviable litany of critics."

FROM FACULTY

Wade B. Worthen, A. Scott Henderson, Paul R. Rasmussen and T. Lloyd Benson, editors, *Competition, A Multidisciplinary Analysis: Its Nature, Impact, and Future* (Sense Publishers, 2009). Professors Worthen (biology), Henderson (education), Rasmussen (psychology) and Benson (history) have put together a set of essays designed to examine competition from a variety of perspectives. As the publisher says, competition is "now a conceptual framework that is often taken for granted but rarely challenged. In this book, experts examine competition from their own disciplinary perspectives. From economics to philosophy, biology to education, and psychology to politics, the origins and applications of this paradigm are placed in historical context, its mechanics are analyzed, and its costs and benefits are assessed."

RECOMMENDED

David Shenk, *The Immortal Game: A History of Chess, or How 32 Carved Pieces on a Board Illuminated Our Understanding of War, Art, Science and the Human Brain* (Doubleday, 2006). This book should carry a disclaimer: "No knowledge of chess is necessary." Shenk is less concerned about chess per se and more interested in what the game can tell us about a wide range of human activities. He uses alternating chapters to describe

one of history's most stunning chess games (played between champions Adolf Anderssen and Lionel Kieseritzky on June 21, 1851), which is a riveting story in itself. In the other chapters, Shenk focuses on the development of chess over the past 1,200 years, and how the game has become a metaphor for countless phenomena. His comparisons between human and machine intelligence are especially insightful, and although most of us consistently lose chess games to computers, Shenk's explanations illustrate why Grand Masters rarely suffer the same fate. Perhaps this will comfort us the next time our computer screens flash, "Checkmate!"

— A. SCOTT HENDERSON,
Education

Rebecca S. Ramsey, *French by Heart* (Broadway/Random House, 2007). First-time author Ramsey, Southern born and bred, pens a charming memoir recounting the trials, travails and triumphs of her family (three young children) during their four years in Clermont-Ferrand, France, where her husband worked for Michelin North America. *The New York Times* describes Ramsey's accounts of their "prosaic routines" as "unexpectedly engrossing" and "satisfyingly snippy and droll," and *The Philadelphia Inquirer* says she "takes the mundane and turns it into nuggets of delight." It's a fun read full of surprises and perceptive commentary on life, people and family. Visit her blog at www.rebeccasramsey.blogspot.com.

— JIM STEWART, editor