



The American locomotive had a bulbous chimney, to reduce sparks that could harm free-roaming cattle. *From Blood, Iron, and Gold (reviewed on p. 52).*

As temperatures rise and mosquitoes expand tropical zones are delivering deadly disease to millions. McKibben's prescription for coping on our new earth is to adopt "maintenance as our mantra," to think locally not globally, and to learn to live "lightly, carefully, gracefully"—a glass-half-full attitude that might strike some as Pollyannaish or merely insufficient. But for others McKibben's refusal to abandon hope may restore faith in the future. (Apr.)

### ★ Shift Your Habit: Easy Ways to Save Money, Simplify Your Life, and Save the Planet

Elizabeth Rogers with Colleen Howell. Three Rivers, \$14 paper (272p) ISBN 978-0-307-46530-6

Rogers (coauthor of *The Green Book*), an environmental consultant, shows how shifting to a more environmentally conscious lifestyle will not only help the planet but save money and time and improve quality of life. Her comprehensive and easy-to-follow guide is tailored to those on tight budgets with busy schedules who are justifiably wary of sacrificing their families' health and well-being. She shares the stories of helping families of varying income levels across the country to save money and reduce their carbon footprint; each case study reveals how simple (and economical) her lifestyle modifications can be: shutting off a computer at night saves \$55 annually, installing low-flow showerheads saves \$380. Rogers groups alternatives by category, from kids and pets to transportation and holiday celebrations, and presents cost savings for each action item to help readers determine the most appropriate steps to take given their particular lifestyles and priorities. This in-

sightful and practical book arms readers with the information and motivation they need to make virtually effortless changes with significant results. (Mar.)

### ★ Hopes and Prospects

Noam Chomsky. Haymarket, \$16 paper (174p) ISBN 978-1-931859-96-7

This selection of Chomsky's essays and lectures comes divided into geographical areas, but the issues are global in scope and import. In dissecting the rhetoric and logic of American empire and class domination, at home and abroad, Chomsky continues a longstanding and crucial work of elucidation and activism. His latest updates elaborate upon his signature themes—the double standards applied by the centers of U.S. power, including the mainstream media and intellectual culture, and the pervasive disconnect between American policies and public opinion in what Chomsky dubs a "dysfunctional democracy." But this book flags another major interest of Chomsky's, signaled in the title: global avenues of resistance, in particular the democratic and independent course being forged across Latin America (where several of these lectures were originally delivered). There are significant redundancies and polemical flourishes, but the writing remains unswervingly rational and principled throughout, and lends bracing impetus to the real alternatives before us. (Mar.)

### Second Nature: The Inner Lives of Animals

Jonathan Balcombe, foreword by J.M. Coetzee. Palgrave, \$27 (256p) ISBN 978-0-230-61362-1

Who knew that chickens and humans