

Ultra-Light reading, 1992 Edition

Regular readers of this column know that every year or so the Delta Sierran publishes a list of current books for inclusion in the backpacker's library. That's right, these books are so light they can be carried in a backpack with no appreciable additional weight. Furthermore, they take up virtually no space in the backpack. And most wondrous of all, these books can be read in a tent on a dark, stormy night without light!

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Now available for the hiking season this summer and fall are the following:

- *Guide to Federal Income Taxes* by Leona Helmsley
- *How To Quit Smoking* by Old Joe Camel
- *The Joy of Smoking* by C. Everett Koop, M.D.
- *Avoid Air Pollution: Don't Inhale* by Gov. Bill Clinton
- *"Out, Damned Spot!" The Bush Administration's Plan to Protect The Northern Spotted Owl*
- *Sensitizing the Police to Ethnic Concerns* by Chief Darryl Gates

- *Lee Harvey Oswald Acted Alone* by Oliver Stone and Jim Garrison
- *Some of My Best Friends Are Jewish* by Yasser Arafat
- *Living With A High I.Q.* by Dan Quayle
- *How To Speak In Intelligible, Complete, Grammatically Correct Sentences* by George Bush
- *Flat As A Board!* by Dolly Parton
- *How To Become The Sensitive Male* by Mike Tyson
- *The People's Guide to Good Government* by Gov. Edwin Edwards
- *Lead Us Not Into Temptation* by Rev. Jimmie Swaggart
- *The Road To Rio: American Leadership in Global Environmental Planning* by George Bush
- *My Favorite Tasteless Polish Jokes* by Pope John Paul II
- *My Battle With Anorexia Nervosa* by Paul Prudhomme
- *Shut Up, Quit Complaining, and Get a Job* by Jesse Jackson

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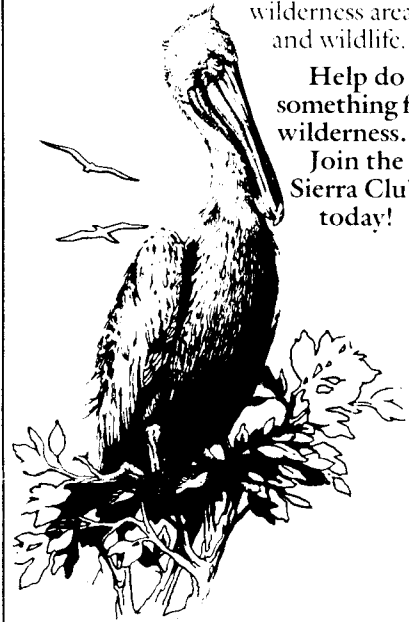
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