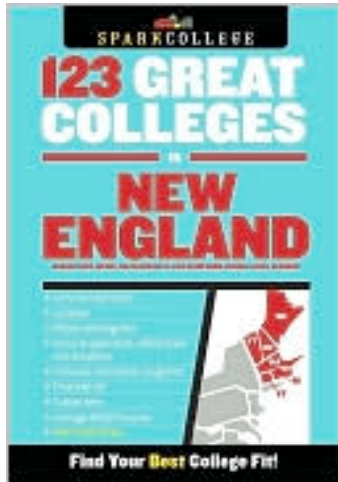


New Non-Fiction September 2008



123 Great Colleges in New England Spark Publishing

Each year more than 2 million students apply to college, and 85 percent of these students attend a college within 200 miles of their home. SparkNotes new Great Colleges series is the first of its kind to offer college guides with essential information on the best colleges in each major region of the United States.

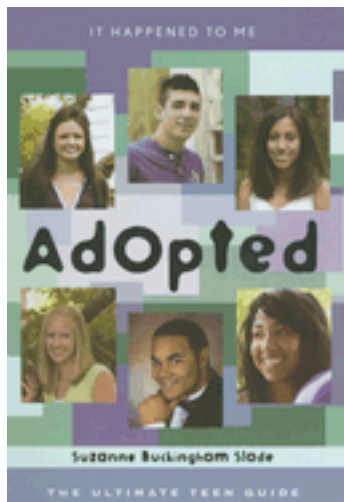
Combined with information on each school's offerings in terms of value, innovation, quality of life, academics, resources, and technology, SparkNotes regional guides don't just offer a list of the most elite schools. Instead, we assign each school one (or more) specific categories: Big Rep, Big Deal, Big Idea, and Big Fish. Using a quiz in the front of the book, students will be able to identify their type, and then find schools that match their wants and needs. (*Editorial Review, www.barnesandnoble.com*)



Abortion (Opposing Viewpoints Series)

Edited by James D. Torr

Since 1973, when it became legal nationwide, abortion has been one of the most persistently controversial issues in American politics and culture. The viewpoints in this anthology debate *Roe v. Wade*, the ethics of abortion, and related issues in the following chapters: Is Abortion Immoral? How Does Abortion Affect Women? Should Abortion Rights Be Restricted? How Are Controversies Over Embryo Testing and Research Related to the Abortion Debate? (*Product Description*)

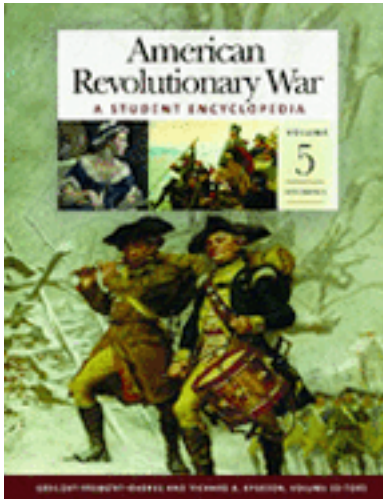


Adopted: The Ultimate Teen Guide

By Suzanne Buckingham Slade

Adopted: The Ultimate Teen Guide enables teens to explore their feelings as they read about the personal experiences of other teens. By learning about the adoption journeys of others, teens discover that others have similar concerns and they are not alone. Adopted teens will benefit from this up-to-date source that contains information on understanding

adoption laws, accessing birth records, and learning how to overcome adoption issues. Seven highly qualified adoption professionals also answer real adopted teens' questions. These answers help teens become better equipped to deal with and overcome many of the common issues they face. *(Product Description)*



American Revolutionary War: A Student Encyclopedia
Edited by Gregory Fremont-Barnes and Richard Ryerson

This set covers the social, political, and military history of the American War of Independence. The A-Z entries focus on prominent personalities, key battles, and significant cultural and political developments in the time period from the end of the French and Indian War (Seven Years' War) to the establishment of George Washington as the first president. More than 50 black-and-white maps, mostly depicting battles and military campaigns, provide a sound geographic orientation for the user. Troop locations and movement are depicted, as are precise locations where famous figures were killed. Additionally, black-and-white illustrations are liberally sprinkled throughout both sets, and many of them, like the maps, are period pieces, lending a flavor of the era. The set ends with a comprehensive bibliography of about 20 pages and a glossary defining more than 100 words and terms (barbette, redoubt, smoothbore), many of them peculiar to the time period.

Two introductory essays discuss the origins and military operations of the American Revolution. Like the entries in the body of the encyclopedia, they are followed by a list of bibliographic references as well as a see also category referring users to specific entries. The concise and well-written entries are identical to those in the larger Encyclopedia of the American

Revolutionary War: A Political, Social, and Military History --the student version simply has around 200 fewer entries, mostly for relatively less-important skirmishes and individuals. The contributors are an international mixture of history professors, independent scholars, and military historians.

Primary documents comprise the fifth volume. The depth and breadth of the material here should satisfy any scholar of the period. Sources begin with a sample from "Cato's Letters" (1721), a set of newspaper essays written by British Whigs about the true nature of democracy, and extend to the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798, a product of bipartisan conflict in the fledgling U.S. government that laid the groundwork for later debates about the balance of power between states and the central government. In between are gems like Paul Revere's own account of his famous ride, British General William Howe's military campaign strategy for 1776 as described in a personal letter, battle reports, the texts of treaties and speeches, and the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. As a whole, these documents are an excellent complement to the A-Z entries and can be just as useful to the novice as to the experienced researcher.

In addition to having fewer entries and a more open-looking design than the larger encyclopedia, this version offers a student-centered resource area containing a categorical index, a list of preapproved scholarly Web sites, and a brief section on how to conduct effective historical research, including the use of primary sources and maps. Though not specifically stated, it seems geared toward libraries serving high-school students and college undergraduates. Academic libraries would be better served by the main set, as it is more comprehensive. (*Booklist*)

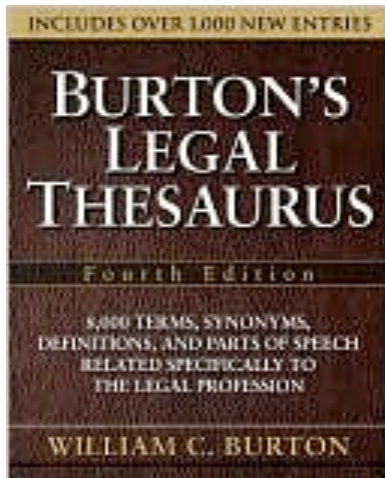


Buffalo Soldiers: A Narrative of the Black Cavalry in the West (Revised Edition)

By William H. Leckie, with Shirley A. Leckie

Originally published in 1967, William H. Leckie's *The Buffalo Soldiers* was the first book of its kind to recognize the importance of African American units in the conquest of the West. In this revised edition, the authors further explore the lives of buffalo soldiers in the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Regiments, showing that they were increasingly confident in their fighting ability and, above all, determined to prove themselves worthy of their newly entitled citizenship.

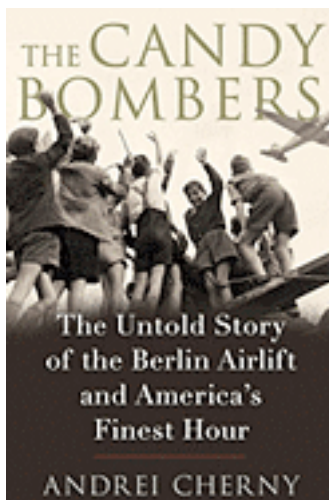
Written in accessible prose that includes a synthesis of recent scholarship, *The Buffalo Soldiers: A Narrative of the Black Cavalry in the West, Revised Edition* delves further into the social impact of being an African American soldier in the nineteenth century. This work also explores the experiences of the soldiers' families at frontier posts. In a new epilogue, the authors summarize developments in the lives of buffalo soldiers after the Indian Wars and discuss contemporary efforts to memorialize them in film, art, and architecture. (From the Publisher, www.barnesandnoble.com)



Burton's Legal Thesaurus (Fourth Edition)

By William C. Burton

For more than 25 years, *Burton's Legal Thesaurus* has been the one-of-a-kind reference tool in a field where the precision and accuracy of language is vitally important. The latest edition of this classic resource adds 1,000 new words, terms, and expressions to the roughly 7,000 already present, including nontechnical words regularly used by attorneys (*From the Publisher, www.barnesandnoble.com*).

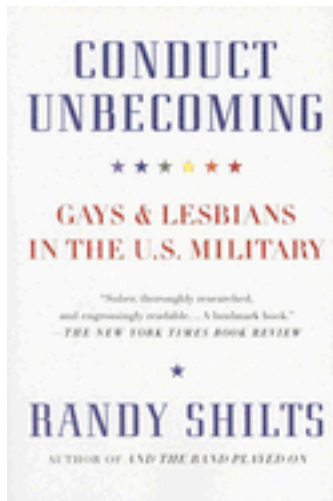


The Candy Bombers: The Untold Story of the Berlin Airlift and America's Finest Hour

By Andrei Cherny

In 1948, West Berliners were suffering and hungry, existing on food rations transported by trucks, trains and barges primarily by the occupying American forces. The Russians, trying to control the divided city, blockaded the transports on June 24, 1948, and American and British pilots risked their lives to airlift in 4.6 billion pounds of food and

supplies until the blockade was lifted in May 1949. Pilot Hal Halvorsen won Berliners' hearts by secretly dropping his and his buddies' candy rations by parachute into the waiting hands of the city's children. In the process, says Cherny (*The Next Deal*), Berliners became devoted to democracy, and Washington foreign policy and military brass learned that the Cold War needed to be won not primarily with bullets but by appealing to hearts and minds. This book could have been cut by a third for better effect; Cherny's prose and his references to 9/11 are manipulative, and his subject, particularly the nuts and bolts of the airlift, will appeal primarily to WWII buffs, who should still find much to savor in this exhaustive, often absorbing and lucid account of America's successful standoff against the Soviets. 16 pages of b&w photos. (*Publishers Weekly*)

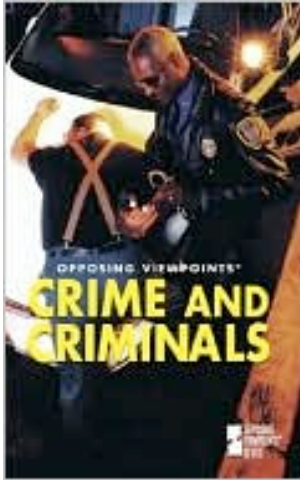


Conduct Unbecoming: Gays & Lesbians in the U.S. Military By Randy Shilts

The definitive book on lesbians and gay men in the US military.

Randy Shilts, author of the classic documentary history of the AIDS epidemic *And The Band Played On*, was acclaimed for his ability to take epic histories and molding them into gripping, intimate narratives. *Conduct Unbecoming*, his groundbreaking exploration of lesbians and gays in the military, came out of hundreds of interviews conducted with servicepeople at all levels of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps and intense research uncovering thousands of documents resulting in a unique history of gays in the military as well as the persecution of gays in the military. *Conduct Unbecoming* will leave readers moved and imbued

with a better understanding of the pressing situation in our nation's military (*From the Publisher, www.barnesandnoble.com*).



Crime and Criminals (Opposing Viewpoints)
Edited by James D. Torr

Topics covered range from racial profiling to the war on drugs to gun control. Since these are fairly standard subjects for research, students (and teachers and librarians) will find themselves reaching often for this book. A bibliography appears on the first page of each article, so the author's bias and the copyright date are immediately apparent. The extensive index makes searching for points of law and jargon easier. Discussion questions are included as well as a list of relevant organizations; students will find the Web sites particularly helpful for further research. (*School Library Journal*)



Fred C. Pampel

Drugs and Sports **By Fred C. Pampel**

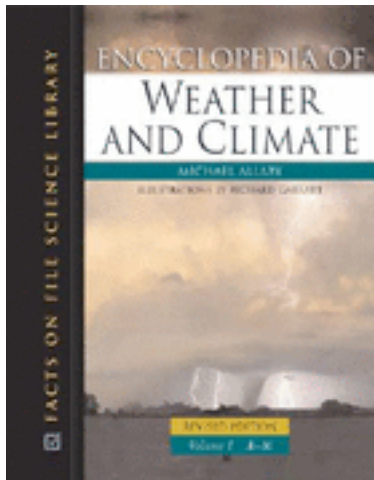
This accessible, well-done volume presents a thorough overview of the subject. The focus is on abuse of drugs in youth and in American sports but there is also discussion of the global problem that includes the Olympics, cycling, and bodybuilding. Cases from the Supreme Court, Federal Appeals Court, Federal District Court, and State Court are listed with background information, legal issues, and the decision. Appendixes contain the Anabolic Steroid Control Acts of 1990 and 2004, a transcription from the Supreme Court case that was lodged against Vernonia School District in Oregon for its drug-testing policy for student athletes, and the 2000 report issued by the National Institute on Drug Abuse on anabolic steroids. A detailed chronology lists scientific discoveries, new testing policies, and instances of performance-enhancing drug use. Essentially half of the book is given over to biographical sketches of "athletes, sports leaders, scientists, and politicians who have participated in important events and controversies involving drugs and sports"; a glossary; an annotated bibliography; and a list of organizations and agencies. There is a commitment here to provide students with research skills and information; however, the very nature of the subject matter means that the book will be quickly dated. (*School Library Journal*)



Encyclopedia of Juvenile Violence

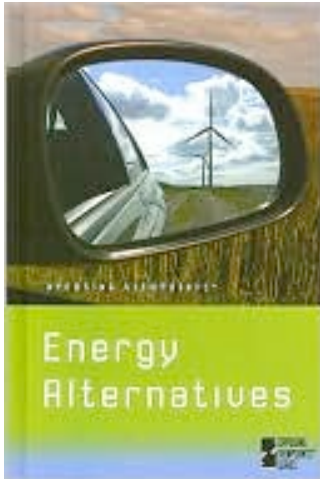
Edited by Laura L. Finley

This volume is a clear, concise attempt at defining a complex and disturbing subject. "A Chronology of Key Events" from 1642 to 2005 gives readers an excellent frame of reference for the development of the phenomenon over time. Contributors come from the fields of sociology, psychology, education, history, social work, political science, policing, and education. The alphabetically arranged, one- to three-page selections give enough information to spur research on just about any aspect of child and adolescent violence. Some articles discuss theories, while others give accounts of infamous individuals, pivotal court cases, or descriptions of extreme incidents. Each one is followed by a further-reading list that has print resources and, occasionally, Web sites. There is no reference book in print that covers the topic in as much detail as this work. Somewhat disappointing is the suggestion of Wikipedia as a resource in "Juvenile Violence 1600–1800 (Colonial Era)." Other than that, the book is readable and useful in whole, or in part. (*School Library Journal*)



Encyclopedia of Weather and Climate (Science Encyclopedia) By Michael Allaby

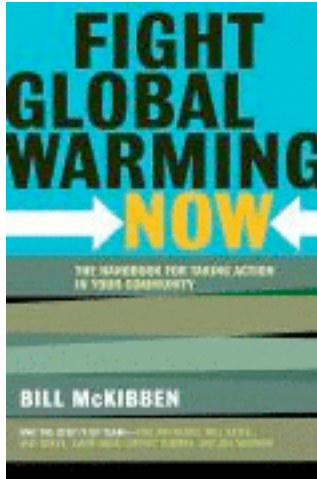
A much-needed resource that does not disappoint. Nearly 3000 alphabetically arranged entries offer explanations of how the atmosphere works, how weather forms, instruments, important contributors to the advancement of the atmospheric sciences, and more. Allaby's entries range from a few words to essays of several paragraphs. The articles are written in a readable style that requires no background knowledge, though a pronunciation guide is lacking. The set is profusely illustrated with black-and-white maps, diagrams, drawings, and photographs-all captioned. Tables and graphs are scattered throughout. Bold entry headings and guide words at the top of each page facilitate access, while generous type size aids readability. There are a number of cross- and see-references. Many articles include Web addresses; an appendix rounds them all up. A bibliography of books and articles, chronologies of disasters and discovery, a geological time scale, and a listing of tornadoes of the past are also included. There is a comprehensive index in both volumes. This set will be a useful source for all those weather-related questions, for report material, and for general interest. (*School Library Journal*)



Energy Alternatives (Opposing Viewpoints Series)

Edited by Barbara Passero

With an introduction reminding readers that Americans represent five percent of the world's population but consume 26 percent of its oil, this volume examines the possibilities of alternative energy sources. Each of the four chapters focuses on a question: "Are Alternative Energy Sources Necessary?"; "Is Nuclear Power a Viable Energy Alternative?"; "What Renewable Energy Sources Should Be Developed?"; and "Should Alternatives to Fossil Fuels Be Pursued?" The chapters begin with a preface, followed by five or six brief articles, the majority of which were published between 2004 and 2006, that argue for or against the question. Each article commences with a brief summary and information about the author. Highlights of the volume are the questions preceding the articles, which guide readers' analysis, and the periodical bibliography located at the end of each chapter. The "For Further Discussion" section includes questions that can be used for debates or as a springboard for further research. An annotated list of organizations and a bibliography of books conclude the volume. Sidebars, graphs, and illustrations are scattered throughout. A timely addition (*School Library Journal*).

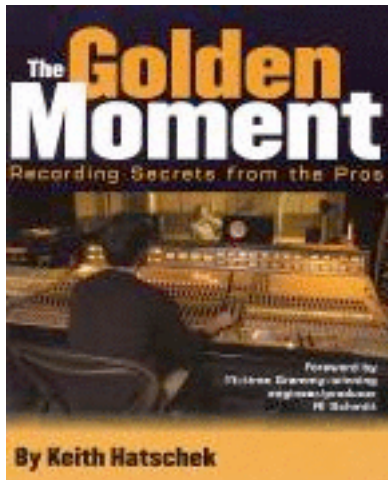


Fight Global Warming Now: The Handbook For Taking Action in Your Community

By Bill McKibben

Hurricane Katrina. A rapidly disappearing Arctic. The warmest winter on the East Coast in recorded history. The leading scientist at NASA warns that we have only ten years to reverse climate change; the British government's report on global warming estimates that the financial impact will be greater than the Great Depression and both world wars—combined. Bill McKibben, the author of the first major book on global warming, *The End of Nature*, warns that it's no longer time to debate global warming, it's time to fight it.

Drawing on the experience of Step It Up, a national day of rallies held on April 14, McKibben and the Step It Up team of organizers provide the facts of what must change to save the climate and show how to build the fight in your community, church, or college. They describe how to launch online grassroots campaigns, generate persuasive political pressure, plan high-profile events that will draw media attention, and other effective actions. This essential book offers the blueprint for a mighty new movement against the most urgent challenge facing us today. *(Product Description)*



The Golden Moment: Recording Secrets From the Pros By Keith Hatschek

An enlightening guide to recording studio techniques and practices, this book collects ten years of interviews and articles edited by Keith Hatschek for the authoritative quarterly Pro Studio Edition. The book provides tips and insider information on all facets of the recording process, from studio acoustics, mixing, and microphones to digital recording, vintage equipment, and working with bands. Notable engineers and producers from a wide array of backgrounds share the tricks of the trade, including Joe Barresi (Melvins, Bad Religion), Mitch Easter (REM, Suzanne Vega), Richard Dodd (Wilco, Green Day), and Ed Cherney (Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton). *(Product Description)*



Human Smoke: The Beginnings of World War II, the End of Civilization

By Nicholson Baker

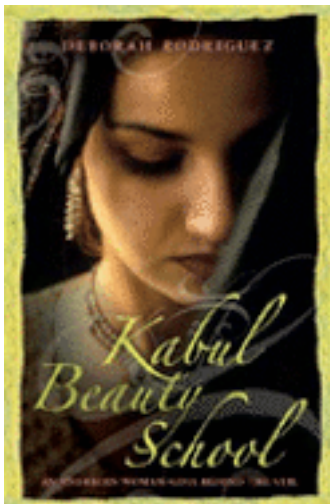
"Burning a village properly takes a long time," wrote a British commander in Iraq in 1920. In this sometimes astonishing yet perplexing account of the destructive futility of war, NBCC award-winning writer Baker (Double Fold) traces a direct line from there to WWII, when Flying Fortresses and incendiary bombs made it possible to burn a city in almost no time at all. Central to Baker's episodic narrative- a chronological juxtaposition of discrete moments from 1892 to December 31, 1941-are accounts from contemporary reports of Britain's terror campaign of repeatedly bombing German cities even before the London blitz. The large chorus of voices echoing here range from pacifists like Quaker Clarence Pickett to the seemingly cynical warmongering of Churchill and FDR; the rueful resignation of German-Jewish diarist Viktor Klemperer to Clementine Churchill's hate-filled reference to "yellow Japanese lice." Baker offers no judgment, but he also fails to offer context: was Hitler's purported plan to send the Jews to Madagascar serious, or, as one leading historian has called it, a fiction? Baker gives no clue. Yet many incidents carry an emotional wallop-of anger and shock at actions on all sides-that could force one to reconsider means and ends even in a "good" war and to view the word "terror" in a very discomfiting context. (*Publishers Weekly*)



Immigration (Social Issues Firsthand)

Edited by Karen Miller

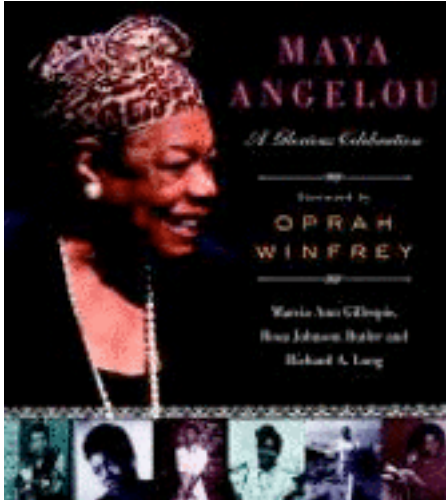
In this collection of previously published selections, 14 people from Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Africa share their experiences of leaving their countries to make a home for themselves in the United States. Many of the writers are still learning English, so the quality of the writing varies from essay to essay. Both legal and illegal experiences are included; Africa is slightly underrepresented. A general introduction puts the pieces in context, and each one is introduced with some information about the author's life. While this book will provide qualitative material for homework assignments, it will also be of interest to immigrant populations. (*School Library Journal*)



Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil

By Deborah Rodriguez

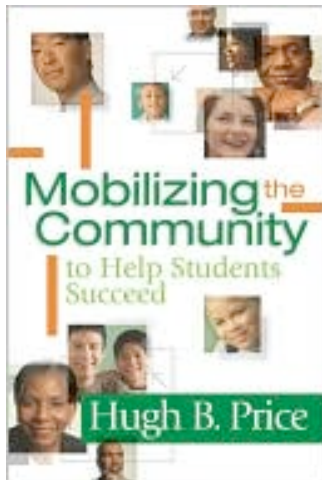
Riveting from the start, Rodriguez's account tells the story of one Michigan woman's quest to help women in Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban the best way she knows how: by opening a beauty school. Indeed, when beautician Rodriguez opens her salon and school, she doesn't realize how desperately Kabul, especially the women of Kabul, need her. After spending a couple of years in her adopted city, she realizes that she is giving women the power to earn both money and autonomy, and fights fiercely to keep the school open. Refreshingly charismatic and gossipy, Rodriguez's voice is endearingly unguarded, just like that of a chatty hairdresser. The women she meets are described in loving detail, and it is hardly a surprise when "Miss Debbie" marries an Afghani man and settles into a rocky but ultimately encouraging marriage. Rodriguez's are Western eyes, and it is easy to imagine an Afghan woman being offended by some details she divulges, but underneath the culture clash is genuine care, respect, and juicy storytelling. *(Booklist)*



Maya Angelou: A Glorious Celebration

By Marcia Ann Gillespie

From the publication of her celebrated memoir, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, to her reading of her poem *On the Pulse of Morning* at Bill Clinton's first presidential inauguration, Maya Angelou (née Marguerite Johnson) has been an inspirational figure. In celebration of her 80th birthday (April 4, 2008), her friends Gillespie and Long, and her niece Butler, honor her life and accomplishments with a biographical tribute chock-full of photographs and snippets of Angelou's own writings. The authors trace her life from the self-imposed silence after her rape at eight through her voracious reading and the stream of words that began when she was 14 at the coaxing of an adult friend. After marrying Tosh Angelos, and bearing her son, Clyde, she ventured successfully into acting (when she changed her name to Maya Angelou) and activism alongside Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, but always harbored the desire to write. As this book makes abundantly clear, Angelou's friends view her as a woman whose arms and home are always open and a loyal friend who respects others and loves good food and roaring laughter. (*Publishers Weekly*)

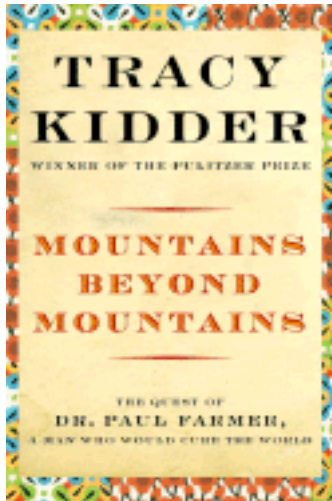


Mobilizing the Community to Help Students Succeed By Hugh B. Price

In *Mobilizing the Community to Help Students Succeed*, Hugh B. Price shares the lessons learned while helping to do just that during his tenure as president of the National Urban League. Here, find out how educators can apply some of the same tactics to inspire and award academic achievement in even the most challenged school districts. Using real-life examples and shared wisdom from successful educators and community organizers coast to coast, Price describes ways to

- Create initiatives such as community-based honor societies, parades, and rallies to motivate students and reward achievement
- Include parents in motivational efforts to rekindle students' natural curiosity and enthusiasm for learning
- Enlist the support of businesses and other community partners for both financial support and volunteer help
- Maximize use of the media to publicize student accomplishments; and
- Set up programs that honor student achievement year-round.

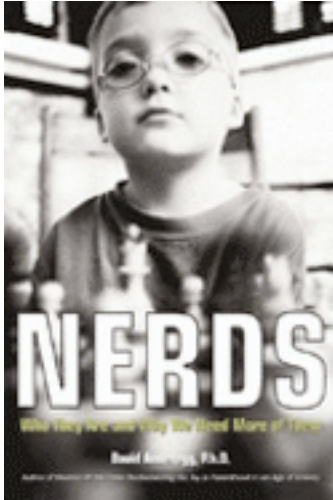
According to Price, a highly informed and engaged community is essential to closing the achievement gap. This book underscores that community-based efforts to motivate student success can be effective because they have been effective. The message for educators, parents, business and civic leaders, and members of the general public is that their consistent and creative involvement will result in invigorated youngsters, inspired to achieve in school and in life. *(From the Publisher, www.barnesandnoble.com)*



Mountains Beyond Mountains: Healing the World: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer

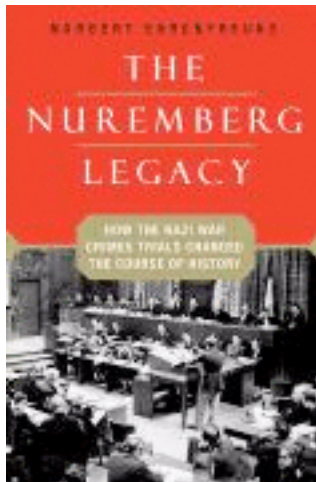
By Tracy Kidder

Kidder, a master documentarian, has primarily practiced his art on his home turf, Massachusetts, proving that one small place abounds in amazing stories. Now, in his most compelling chronicle to date, this Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner investigates a far harsher world in the company of Paul Farmer, a radical public health reformer devoted to providing medical care to the poor, mainly in Haiti. A Harvard-educated medical anthropologist, TB expert, and MacArthur "genius" gifted with an unshakable moral imperative, an ardent imagination, and limitless energy, compassion, and chutzpah, Farmer created Partners in Health, a renegade yet hugely influential organization. A powerful presence, this uncompromising visionary is too spectacularly impressive not to be disconcerting, and Kidder shares his puzzlement over and occasional discomfort with this charismatic and tirelessly giving man who eschews personal comfort to care for the "underdogs of the underdogs." As Kidder accompanies Farmer on his exhausting and risky daily routines and epic travels, he parses the cruel realities of deep poverty and the maddening politics of international health care. Most importantly, Kidder portrays a genuinely inspired and heroic individual, whose quest for justice will make every reader examine her or his life in a new light. (*Booklist*)



Nerds: Who They Are and Why We Need More of Them **By David Anderegg**

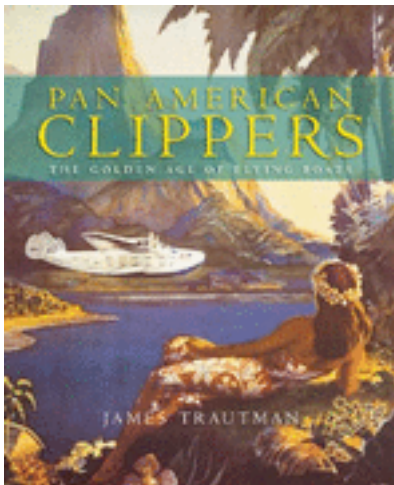
In this intriguing treatise, child therapist and psychology professor Anderegg takes a wry and well-rounded look at the legacy of everyone's (least) favorite schoolyard epithet, getting deep into the history of an idea as well as the nuts and bolts of childhood "stereotype acquisition." Beginning with a "Field Guide to Nerds" ("or Why Nerds are So Gay"), Anderegg considers typical nerd traits (and includes a "Nerd Test" copied from "Deluxe NERD Glasses" package copy), parses out the subtle but important differences between "nerd" (emphasizing appearance) and "geek" (emphasizing intelligence), looks at the cultural history and rising profile of American anti-intellectualism, from Ichabod Crane and Ralph Waldo Emerson to Seinfeld and Beauty and the Geek, as well as more recent developments in nerd-related medical diagnoses like autism and Asperger's. Knowledgeable, charming and self-deprecating throughout, Anderegg is at his best when discussing the specific cases of children he's worked with, but readers should be happy to tag along as he occasionally wanders off point (contemplating, say, the Freudian implications of his subject). For educators, therapists and others interested in child psychology, this makes an insightful, if perhaps overstuffed, resource. *(Publishers Weekly)*



The Nuremberg Legacy: How the Nazi War Crimes Trials Changed the Course of History

By Norbert Ehrenfreund

Sixty years have passed since the Nuremberg trials of the major Nazi war criminals, but that event still stands as the foundation of international justice. Nuremberg not only ignited a revolution in international law but affected domestic law as well with its simple but profound principle that every individual accused of crime is entitled to a full and fair hearing. This book reveals how the precedents set at Nuremberg have affected human rights, race relations, medical practice, big business and even Germany's post-war development. It also examines the Nuremberg trials' influence on the modern war crimes trials of tyrants like Slobodan Milosevic and Saddam Hussein. *(Product Description)*



**Pan American Clippers: The Golden Age of Flying Boats
By James Trautman**

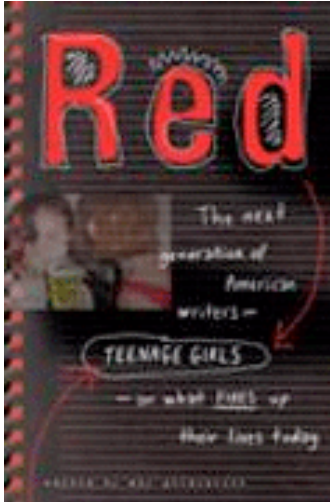
Recapturing the fabulous era of flying boats.

For a world coming out of economic depression in the 1930s, the Pan American Airways Clipper "flying boats" symbolized elegance and luxury, adventure and romance. Illustrated with rare period photographs, vintage travel posters, magazine ads and colorful company brochures, this fascinating book covers every aspect of the fabulous era of Pan American's graceful clippers.

Like their maritime namesakes, the Clippers used the oceans to form a vast global network of travel routes. Pan Am founder Juan Trippe was a visionary who saw the importance of international travel to a changing world. His Clippers would play a key role in the evolution of transoceanic flight, setting time and distance records over the Atlantic and Pacific, providing airmail delivery between countries, and eventually serving the Allies as troop and cargo transports during World War II.

Pan Am Clippers permanently changed the world's concept of time and space by dramatically reducing travel time and opening up international air travel to the general public.

This fascinating, informative and richly illustrated book brings back another time and way of life. *(Product Description)*



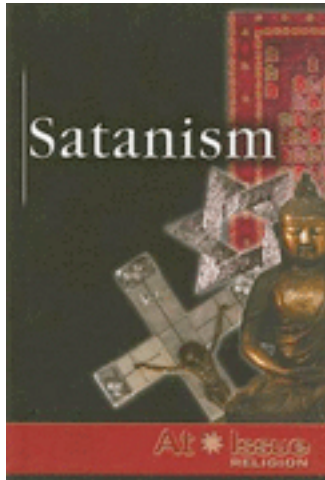
Red: The Next Generation of American Writers --Teenage Girls— On What Fires Up Their Lives Today
By Amy Goldwasser

If you're a teenage girl today, you live your life in words—in text and instant messages, on blogs and social network pages. It's how you conduct your friendships and present yourself to the world. Every day, you're creating a formidable body of personal written work.

This generation's unprecedented comfort level with the written word has led to a fearless new American literature. These collected essays, at last, offer a key to understanding the inscrutable teenage girl—one of the most mislabeled and underestimated members of society, argues editor and writer Amy Goldwasser, whose work has appeared in *Seventeen*, *Vogue*, *The New York Times*, and *The New Yorker*. And while psychologists and other experts have tried to explain the teen girl in recent years, no book since *Ophelia Speaks* has given her the opportunity to speak for herself—until now.

In this eye-opening collection, nearly sixty teenage girls from across the country speak out, writing about everything from post-Katrina New Orleans to Johnny Depp; from learning to rock climb to starting a rock band; from the loneliness of losing a best friend to the loathing or pride they feel about their bodies. Ranging in age from 13 to 19, and hailing from Park Avenue to rural Nevada, Georgia to Hawaii, the girls in *Red*—whose essays were selected from more than 800 contributions—represent a diverse spectrum of socioeconomic, political, racial, and religious backgrounds, creating a rich portrait of life as a teen girl in America today.

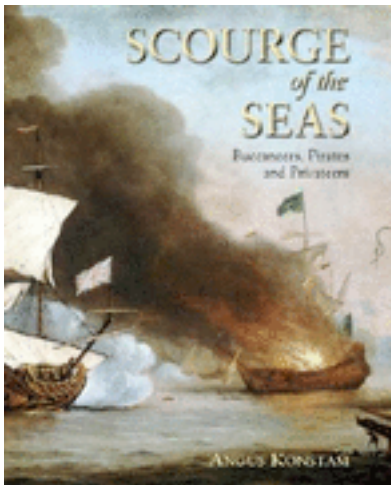
Revealing the complicated inner lives, humor, hopes, struggles, thrills, and obsessions of this generation, *Red* ultimately provides today's teen girl with much-needed community, perspective, and validation-and helps the rest of us to better understand her. (*Product Description, Amazon.com*)



Satanism – At Issue Series

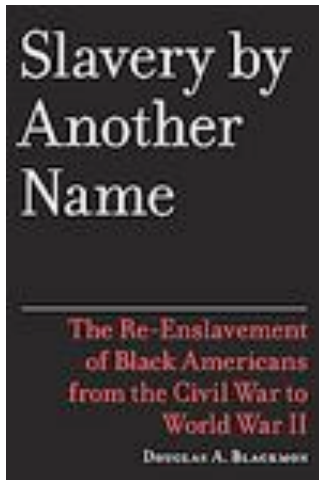
Edited by Allen Gaborro

This is a well-constructed collection of essays on Satanism and its role in modern society. The introduction stays neutral, and the essays present a broad range of opinion, from Christian views to secular views and Satanist views. The 11 articles were all originally published within the past seven years and the end matter contains a diverse list of organizations. This book would be an excellent starting point for reports as it provides a well-balanced view of the topic. (*School Library Journal*)



**Scourge of the Seas: Buccaneers, Pirates and Privateers
By Angus Konstam**

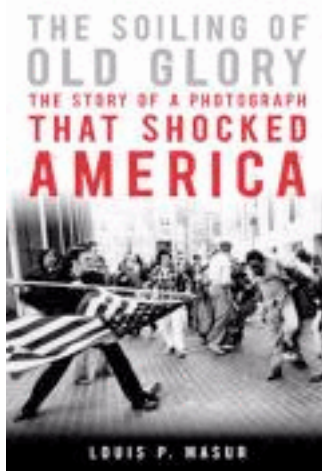
Although Jack Sparrow is not mentioned, teens interested in learning more about the real lives of the men and women who were maritime raiders should find this book most appealing. The introduction describes the differences among pirates (they attacked any ship, regardless of nationality), privateers (persons or vessels under contract to a government), and buccaneers (mainly English and French raiders of the Spanish Main). In the next three sections, Konstam carefully describes each group's culture and traditions: dress; hygiene (they were "clearly exceptionally smelly"); organization; weapons; and tactics in war, battles, and while fighting at sea. Short biographies of famous individuals follow. Some readers may be surprised to learn how important privateers were to the American Revolution. Since the Colonies had fewer than 50 warships, they depended on letters of marque to fight the British. Many well-reproduced prints, diagrams, charts, and maps help make the subject come alive and add to readers' understanding of this swashbuckling time in history. (*School Library Journal*)



Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II

By Douglas A. Blackmon

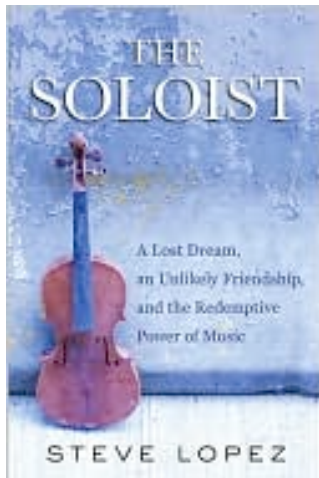
Wall Street Journal bureau chief Blackmon gives a groundbreaking and disturbing account of a sordid chapter in American history—the lease (essentially the sale) of convicts to commercial interests between the end of the 19th century and well into the 20th. Usually, the criminal offense was loosely defined vagrancy or even changing employers without permission. The initial sentence was brutal enough; the actual penalty, reserved almost exclusively for black men, was a form of slavery in one of hundreds of forced labor camps operated by state and county governments, large corporations, small time entrepreneurs and provincial farmers. Into this history, Blackmon weaves the story of Green Cottenham, who was charged with riding a freight train without a ticket, in 1908 and was sentenced to three months of hard labor for Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad, a subsidiary of U.S. Steel. Cottenham's sentence was extended an additional three months and six days because he was unable to pay fines then leveraged on criminals. Blackmon's book reveals in devastating detail the legal and commercial forces that created this neoslavery along with deeply moving and totally appalling personal testimonies of survivors. Every incident in this book is true, he writes; one wishes it were not so. (*Publishers Weekly*)



The Soiling of Old Glory: The Story of a Photograph That Shocked America

By Louis P. Masur

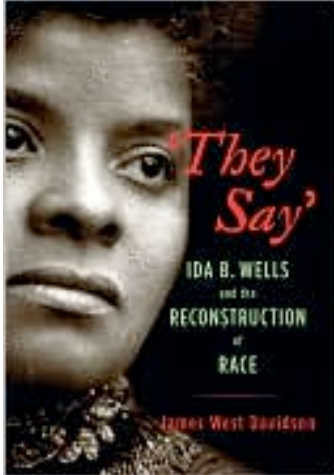
Historian Masur (*1831: Year of Eclipse*) has written a gem of a book based on an iconic, Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph by Stanley Forman. Taken on April 5, 1976, at a Boston rally against forced school busing, it's a stark, frightening image of an angry white teenager brandishing an American flag at a well-dressed African-American man, apparently trying to impale him. Published on the front page of newspapers across the country, the photo crystallized the complex issues that enflamed Boston during the city's school busing crisis. Masur addresses the source of the picture's power on a multitude of levels, bringing uncommon wisdom and explanatory skills to his analysis of the collision of the Civil Rights movement, racism and community concerns about court-ordered busing programs. Masur is superb when deconstructing the photo, pointing out the elements of its composition that infused it with meaning, while at the same time asking provocative questions that illuminate how the interpretation of a photograph can affect our perception of an event. Equally compelling is Masur's discussion of the shifting and potent historical symbolism of the American flag, which stands at the metaphorical center of the photo. (*Publishers Weekly*)



The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music

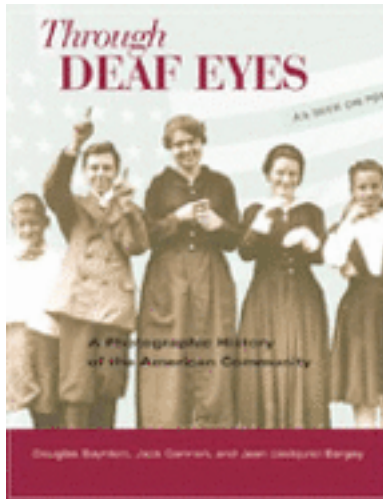
By Steve Lopez

By turns harrowing, winsome, and inspiring, this work by novelist (*In the Clear*) and *Los Angeles Times* columnist Lopez relates the first two years of his friendship with Nathaniel Anthony Ayers. A budding string genius at Juilliard in the early 1970s, Ayers succumbed to paranoid schizophrenia and became homeless, yet he continued to play the violin as a way to keep the demons at bay. With the help of Lopez and others who responded to his columns, Ayers took steps to recovery, residing in a group facility, making trips to Disney Hall for concerts, and achieving the dream of having his own music studio. The tangle of mental health policies and government priorities comes in for a thorough drubbing, as does the callous disregard for students' personal situations at many elite institutions, at least at the time Ayers was enrolled. Lopez's newspaper experience serves him well, and both he and his subject come across as fully developed individuals. A deeply moving story; highly recommended for all collections and of special interest to those dealing with the intersections of music and psychology or therapy. (*Library Journal*)



‘They Say’: Ida B. Wells and the Reconstruction of Race By James West Davidson

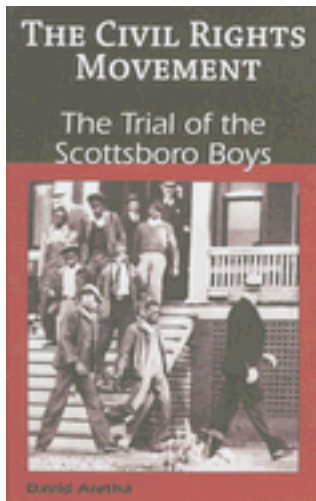
Despite the title, this is not a biography of journalist, teacher, and speaker. However, researchers looking for valuable insight into the changing definitions of race in post-Emancipation America will find a wealth of information here. Davidson immediately draws readers in by including a postcard photograph in which African Americans are posing on a bridge above the dangling bodies of a lynched mother and son. Using the first 30 years of Wells's life as a backdrop, the author chronicles the evolving standards that governed race relations in the southern United States during Reconstruction. Many of the detailed accounts of lynchings, forced exiles, and other dehumanizing acts against African Americans are presented through first-person statements, thereby eliciting a deeper sense of injustice from readers. Other events, such as the discrimination blacks experienced on train cars, are revealed through Wells's diary and other writings. While the scope of this work is limited, the depth will provide students with valuable primary sources related to race relations during this period. The book may require some hand selling, but teens looking for in-depth accounts of the changing racial climate during Reconstruction will not be disappointed. (*School Library Journal*).



Through Deaf Eyes: A Photographic History of an American Community

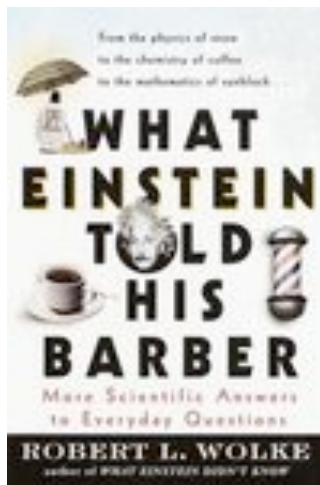
By Douglas Baynton

This book is a companion to a public television documentary and a Smithsonian Institution exhibit. Most books about deafness revolve around Helen Keller; Deaf Eyes mentions her once, in relation to Alexander Graham Bell. He became a proponent of a philosophy that advocated the end of American Sign Language and warned against the dangers of a deaf race with deaf marrying deaf. Bell is not painted as a villain, but as an example of any outsider at odds with a minority that is trying to organize and grow stronger. Deafness cuts across all cultures, and the authors show how deaf people have had to fight to be recognized as intelligent and useful members of society. The photographs of individuals, schools, societies, and heroes bring their struggles and victories to life. This is the perfect resource for teens writing reports or those just wanting to learn about this condition that could affect anyone. (*School Library Journal*)



**The Trial of the Scottsboro Boys (The Civil Rights Movement)
By David Aretha**

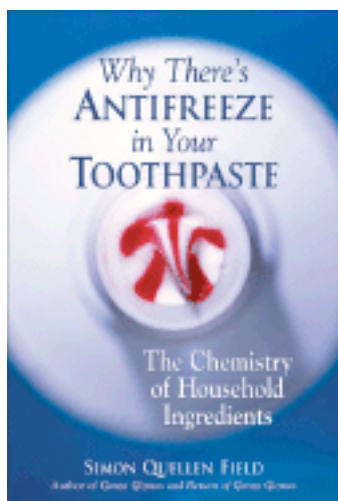
The case of the Scottsboro Boys was a racial cause célèbre in the 1930s. Nine young black men between the ages of 13 and 20 were accused of rape by two white women. They were immediately arrested, tried by an all-white male jury in Alabama, and sentenced to death. Aretha writes clearly, with objectivity and compassion, allowing for the many flaws of the poorly educated young men themselves and highlighting the background infighting of those purporting to be on their side. The book is organized around the case's progression through the various appeals courts. In the process, the author helps readers understand the plight of the defendants, who languished in jail under barbaric conditions. Historical photographs are included throughout, and a time line helps clarify some of the more confusing events. A must for libraries seeking to enhance their African-American history collections. (*School Library Journal*)



What Einstein Told His Barber: More Scientific Answers to Everyday Questions

By Robert L. Wolke

What makes ice cubes cloudy? How do shark attacks make airplanes safer? Can a person traveling in a car at the speed of sound still hear the radio? Moreover, would they want to...? Do you often find yourself pondering life's little conundrums? Have you ever wondered why the ocean is blue? Or why birds don't get electrocuted when perching on high-voltage power lines? Robert L. Wolke, professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh and acclaimed author of *What Einstein Didn't Know*, understands the need to...well, understand. Now he provides more amusing explanations of such everyday phenomena as gravity (If you're in a falling elevator, will jumping at the last instant save your life?) and acoustics (Why does a whip make such a loud cracking noise?), along with amazing facts, belly-up-to-the-bar bets, and mind-blowing reality bites all with his trademark wit and wisdom. If you shoot a bullet into the air, can it kill somebody when it comes down? You can find out about all this and more in an astonishing compendium of the proverbial mind-boggling mysteries of the physical world we inhabit. *(From the Publisher, www.barnesandnoble.com)*



Why There's Antifreeze in Your Toothpaste: The Chemistry of Household Ingredients

By Simon Field

A Selection of the Scientific American Book Club

Explaining why antifreeze is a component of toothpaste and how salt works in shampoo, this fascinating handbook delves into the chemistry of everyday household products. Decoding more than 150 cryptic ingredients, the guide explains each component's structural formula, offers synonymous names, and describes its common uses. This informative resource can serve curious readers as a basic primer to commercial chemistry or as an indexed reference for specific compounds found on a product label. Grouped according to type, these chemical descriptions will dissolve common misunderstandings and help make consumers more product savvy. *(Product Description)*