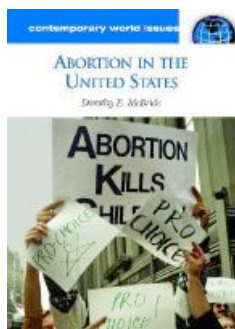


New Non-Fiction May 2009



30,000 Years of Art: The Story of Human Creativity Across Time and Space
Phaidon Press Limited

The universality of the creative impulse is vividly documented in this ultra and ultimate art survey. An international cast of several dozen museum curators, academics, and archaeologists managed to distill the entire, many-faceted history of art down to 1,000 reverberating works from around the world. Beginning with a father figure, the 11-inch carved ivory Lion Man of Hohlenstein-Stadel, and the urmother, the famed Venus of Willendorf, each subsequent page spread presents two intriguingly juxtaposed descendants, ranging in size from the minute to the mammoth and in execution from the delicate to the audacious. Each is a distinct expression of humankind's perception of the universe and ourselves. The commentary is succinct and informative, the reproductions excellent, and the astonishments legion as materials and craft evolve, religious influences coalesce and fade, the fascination with nature endures, styles come and go, and artist unknown is slowly replaced by individual names only after the fourteenth century. Here, in this magnificent art pageant, is proof of the ingenuity and grace, imagination and emotion, and variety and consistency of the human endeavor. *(Booklist)*

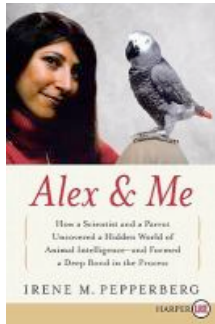


Abortion in the United States (Contemporary World Issues)

By Dorothy E. McBride

McBride covers the pro-life, pro-choice, and other opinions of the subject evenhandedly. She presents current opinion and law from around the world as well as the historic and political views from the many court cases and public figures that have forced the issue into the public arena. A good collection of biographical sketches, bibliography, and chronology and statistics makes this title in the

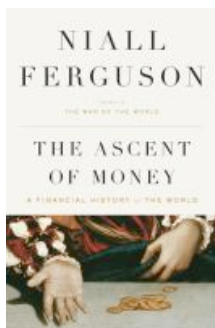
Contemporary World Issues series an excellently balanced choice for most reference collections. (*Booklist*)



Alex & Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Uncovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence—and Formed a Deep Bond in the Process

By Irene M. Pepperberg

Alex, an African gray parrot, died suddenly in his 30s and was mourned the world over. Pepperberg, Alex's owner and researcher, limns the importance of Alex's life and her work with him on the subjects of intelligence, cognition, and language. Pepperberg started her academic career pursuing a doctorate in chemistry, but she changed her focus to animal communication. Choosing to work with an African gray, due to their reputations as clear talkers, the author had the pet store choose a bird for her so that the choice would be random. The result was Alex, a parrot that would forever change the way science looked at the cognitive abilities of birds. In this highly readable, anecdotal book, Pepperberg describes the training techniques she and her assistants used with Alex, the breakthroughs he made, and his growing fame as word began to spread about the brainy parrot who could differentiate colors, count, and describe objects accurately and in human language. The flip side of Alex's fame was the resistance Pepperberg faced from the entrenched scientific community. (*Booklist*)

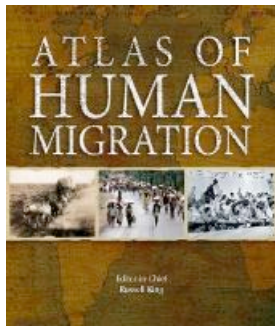


The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World

By Niall Ferguson

British historian Ferguson follows *Empire* (2003), his provocative take on British history, and his equally provocative take on the American empire in *Colossus* (2004), with a not so much provocative as fresh look at the history of money and its ramifications on how modern life has evolved, since to him money is the root of most progress. One of his basic premises cannot be argued with: most people in the

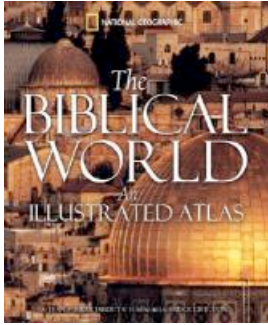
English-speaking world are woefully ignorant of things financial. To that end, Ferguson, in his desire to educate the general public, presents the history of money within these contexts: the rise of money and the history of credit, and the histories of the bond market, the stock market, insurance, the real-estate market, and international finance. There is an ease to his prose that leaves this complicated subject interesting to and approachable by any general reader. For the history and social-science side of the public library business collection. *(Booklist)*



Atlas of Human Migration

Editor-in-Chief Russell King

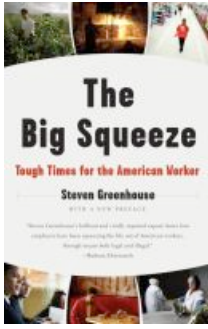
This lavishly illustrated guide to the history of migration has no stated audience but would be appropriate for high-school and undergraduate as well as most public libraries. Arranged chronologically, each section is subdivided into chapters that focus on different migrations of that era. For example, the section entitled The Ancient World includes chapters on the Jews of the Old Testament period, the Polynesians, the Greeks, and the Romans. Each chapter has a map illustrating the subject and a time line. Most chapters are only four to six pages long. Since these pages include maps and photos, there is no space for in-depth examinations of each topic. However, the authors' summaries of the research and explanations of what is known about the events influencing the movement of each group of people are well written and interesting. The photos and their captions enhance the text and serve to draw in a browser. The majority of the maps are accurate but simplified, with only the outlines of the land masses, bodies of water, and rivers indicated. Emphasis is on the lines and arrows that indicate migrations and the shadings in different colors that show ranges of settlement or conquest. The legends are fairly simple, and the symbols on the map are clear. Each map is self-explanatory to some extent, but reading the text is necessary to fully understand many of them. This book serves as an excellent introduction to the history of human migration. *(Booklist)*



The Biblical World: An Illustrated Atlas (National Geographic)

By Jean-Pierre Isbouts, Foreword by Bruce Chilton

The scope of the biblical world is large, but this mass of history is concisely packaged in *The Biblical World: An Illustrated Atlas*. Like most National Geographic material, the work is professional, thorough, and geared not to scholars but to the average person. Readers will enjoy the balance between the visual and the verbal. The visual component includes photos, artwork, archaeological images, and, of course, maps. The photos are prolific and in full color. The maps, numbering slightly more than 45, are typically large, with plenty of detail. Like many biblically based atlases, the verbal portion of the volume consists largely of a retelling of scripture, with occasional insights that a scholar can offer. The atlas is organized by biblical chronology, complete with a running time line across the bottom of roughly half the pages. The time line spans from about 9000 BCE to 392 CE. Numerous sidebars are scattered throughout the volume, highlighting topics related to the corresponding text. Among the subjects addressed in the sidebars are Assyrian astronomy, the secret of Hezekiah's Tunnel, the dating of the Exodus, and what Jesus may have looked like. The volume concludes with an index of moderate length and a list of further-reading suggestions for each of the book's 11 chapters. The tone and appearance of the atlas suggest an audience that may not wish to get bogged down in technical information. Its photos and maps are pleasing to the eye and serve to break up (and complement) the text in a well-balanced manner. This combination makes *The Biblical World* a user-friendly tool for a nonacademic library collection. Those looking for a wider selection of maps even those highlighting less-significant biblical events may prefer *The Carta Bible Atlas*, previously, *The Macmillan Bible Atlas* (1993), which boasts more than 250 maps. (*Booklist*)



The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for the American Worker

By Steven Greenhouse

Greenhouse, labor correspondent for the New York Times, offers up a bleak picture of the current workplace environment. Violations of child labor laws and forced slave labor conditions associated with Third World countries or the robber baron era are occurring on a wide scale right here in America, expanding the ranks of the working poor. This isn't just some hidden sweat shops; it's happening in our largest corporations, such as Wal-Mart. Factory workers are forced to ramp up production to a pace rivaling that of Charlie Chaplin in *Modern Times*; others are fired for menial violations, such as going to the bathroom during their shifts; and anyone daring to organize a labor movement is brutally harassed and humiliated.

Meanwhile multimillion-dollar CEOs such as Al Chinsaw Dunlap and Jack Neutron Welch have become the models for corporate success by laying off hundreds of thousands while Wall Street cheered. Greenhouse did find businesses that treat workers fairly, such as Costco and Timberland, which pay higher wages but are rewarded with worker loyalty and higher productivity. He also offers up ways to solve the current crises in wage stagnation, health care and retirement shortfalls.

This is a real call to arms a stark, jaw-dropping exposé with the usual, but inspiring, glimmers of hope. (*Booklist*)



The Book of Dead Philosophers

By Simon Critchley

Dismayed by the devolution of philosophy into a dry academic specialty, Critchley reconnects his discipline with the most universal of human concerns. For it is in pondering death that serious thinkers have discovered the wellsprings of wisdom. Seneca is thus voicing a persistent philosophical motif when he insists, He will live badly who does not know how to die well. However, because death refuses to shrink

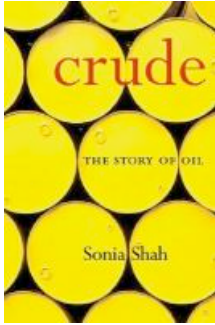
into a tidy intellectual construct, Critchley scrutinizes not only what prominent philosophers have thought about the subject but also how they have actually died. Readers thus contemplate the dying Augustine reading the Hebrew psalms in tears; the doomed Nietzsche rushing into the street to embrace a horse, so signaling a final descent into syphilitic madness; the heroic Bergson contracting his fatal illness by voluntarily joining fellow Jews forced into the bitter cold of midwinter to register with Nazi authorities. Scholars may complain about the scrapbook style of (dis)organization, as the deaths and death thoughts of almost 200 philosophers pass in quick review. But most readers will recognize the aptness of the rapid-fire summary, each entry a piquant reminder of the brevity of life and a forceful rejection of the illusions of intellectual progress. A work that makes philosophy matter again. *(Booklist)*



Coming Clean: Breaking America's Addiction to Oil and Coal

By Michael Brune

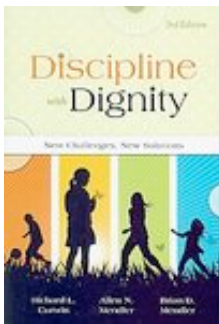
Although it is certainly laudable that the average person has become more amenable to replacing incandescent lightbulbs with compact fluorescents and trading in the family SUV for a fuel-efficient hybrid, it is equally deplorable that our nation's corporate and government leaders have failed to demonstrate a similar commitment in the battle to stop climate change. The dynamically committed executive director of Rainforest Action Network, Brune has been at the forefront in efforts to identify and incorporate technological innovations and demonstrate and promote environmentally responsible lifestyle adaptations. Through creatively inspired grassroots and guerilla activities targeting high-profile industries, RAN has persuaded many recalcitrant corporate officials to adopt new energy policies and practices. Yet there is still work to be done, and Brune artfully exposes the shameless tactics employed at every level of the energy supply chain by those intent upon maintaining the status quo. Sharing proven methods to jump-start the necessary paradigm shift away from fossil-fuel dependency, Brune offers an enlightened yet impassioned manifesto on how to achieve clean energy. *(Booklist)*



Crude: The Story of Oil

By Sonia Shah

Independent journalist Shah examines the role of oil in the world's history, economy, politics, and environment. She first describes the science of oil and sketches a brief history of how it came to eclipse coal as the primary energy source of the industrial world. Over the course of subsequent chapters she discusses such aspects of oil as the way it distorts the economies of exporting countries, its role in U.S. policy in the Middle East, the environmental dangers of its exploitation, and the dire implications of the thought that we have reached or will shortly reach the peak levels of production possible at a time of exploding demand. (*Synopsis, Barnesandnoble.com*)



Discipline with Dignity: New Challenges, New Solutions (3rd Edition)

By Richard L. Curwin, Allen N. Mendler, and Brian D. Mendler

Discipline with Dignity details an affirming approach to managing the classroom that promotes respect for self and others. This completely updated 3rd edition offers practical solutions that emphasize relationship building, curriculum relevance, and academic success. The emphasis is on preventing problems by helping students to understand each other, work well together, and develop responsibility for their own actions, but the authors also include intervention strategies for handling common and severe problems in dignified ways.

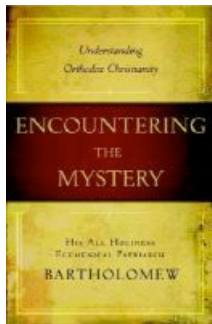
Filled with real-life examples and authentic teacher-student dialogues, *Discipline with Dignity* is a comprehensive and flexible system of prevention and intervention tools that shows how educators at all levels can

--Be fair without necessarily treating every student the same way.

--Customize the classroom to reflect today's highly diverse and inclusive student population.

- Seek students' help in creating values-based rules and appropriate consequences.
- Use humor appropriately and effectively to respond to abusive language.
- Fine-tune strategies to resolve issues with chronically misbehaving students and "ringleaders" or bullies.

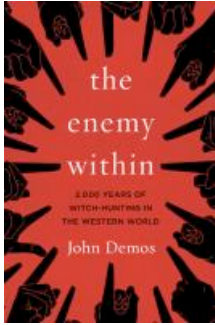
This book is not simply a compendium of strategies for dealing with bad behavior. It is a guide to helping students see themselves in a different way, to changing the way they interact with the world. The strategies innate to this approach help students make informed choices to behave well. When they do, they become more attuned to learning and to understanding how to use what they learn to improve their lives and the lives of others--with dignity. *(From the Publisher, Barnesandnoble.com)*



Encountering the Mystery: Understanding Orthodox Christianity Today

By His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

As patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew (né Demetrios Archondonis) is the ecumenical patriarch of the Orthodox Church, its spiritual leader and chief ambassador to the world. From the beginning of his patriarchate in 1991, Bartholomew has stressed dialogue among Christians and between Christianity and other religions, and environmental issues, and discussion of both bulks large in this book. Opening the book is a brief exposition of Orthodoxy and its distinctions, consisting of a historical précis and explanations of Orthodox architecture, liturgy, and icons; theology; monasticism; and spirituality and sacraments. Bartholomew's four pages on the sacraments as a means of encounter and communion with God are perhaps the most brilliant in an illuminating book. Moving on to his environmental message, Bartholomew stresses human relations with nature as a manifestation of sacramental living that is indisseverable from just social relations that encompass rights of conscience, personal freedom, tolerance, the mitigation of poverty, and peacemaking. Since the collapse of communism in much of Orthodoxy's homeland, Western interest in it has burgeoned. This rich book can only augment and focus that interest. *(Booklist)*



The Enemy Within: 2,000 Years of Witch-Hunting in the Western World

By John Demos

For each of four instances of witch-hunting in Europe, early America, Salem (Massachusetts), and contemporary America, Demos provides the stories of two persons affected by it and an excellent overview of what historians know about each incidence and how they interpret documentary and other evidence. He presents several theories about witch-hunting, but as the title implies, he believes witch-hunting is a way of purging from within, specifically aimed at women and only collaterally at men connected to the targeted women. A witch-hunt, by Demos' definition, finds women who represent something unsettling to society and punishes or kills them to cleanse the society. That witch-hunting is a form of misogyny is central to Demos' argument, and when he examines recent witch-hunting episodes, he finds the term applicable only as a metaphor. Controversially, he argues that persecution of female day-care operators in the 1980s for alleged Satanism was witch-hunting, since at the time women needed day care because they were entering the workforce in numbers that constituted a socially destabilizing movement. Compelling, impressively researched history and argumentation.

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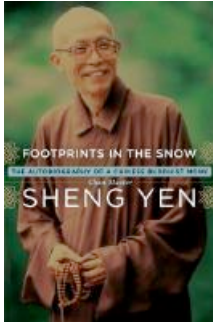


Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China

By Leslie T. Chang

To American girls, the term going out means dating; to their Chinese counterparts, however, it means leaving their remote villages and migrating hundreds of miles to industrial cities to find work within the closed societies of assembly-line factories. Of Chinese ancestry herself, Wall Street Journal reporter Chang was allowed nearly unprecedented access to the sweatshops where the majority of the world's consumer goods are produced. Following several young women as they move from job to job, Chang reveals a world of naked ambition and abject loneliness, of grueling

hours and spartan living conditions, of moral compromise and ethical ambiguity. In spite of such harsh conditions, however, these young women prefer the freedom factory life provides, and fail to return to their villages to fulfill their traditional roles as wives and mothers. Making it nearly impossible to blithely use a mobile phone or strap on a pair of running shoes ever again, Chang's portrait underscores the reality that the global economy rests on some very slender shoulders. *(Booklist)*



Footprints in the Snow: The Autobiography of a Chinese Buddhist Monk

By Chan Master Sheng Yen

The author is a master of Chan Buddhism, the Chinese antecedent of Zen Buddhism that is not nearly as well known as Zen and other Buddhist schools that have migrated to the West. The Chan master's story is less Buddhist dharma and more history of his homeland. Born in 1930, he had a ringside seat for China's Communist revolution. In 1949, he left his Buddhist schooling to join Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist army, spending more than 10 years in military intelligence. That experience was but one of many teachers along his spiritual path, along with a few bizarre Chan masters. Sheng Yen has also traveled, spending some time teaching in America. His efforts, however, have been concentrated in Taiwan, where he has developed the fourth-largest Buddhist organization in that area. This book is timely, given that China is opening to the West this year on account of the Olympics in Beijing. China is also becoming more open to religious practices, especially its own distinctive Buddhism. This son of China is a distinguished teacher with a revealing, simply told story. *(Publishers Weekly)*

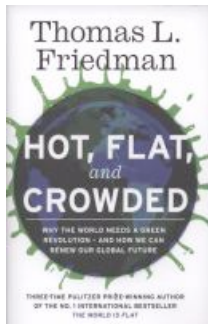


Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why

By Phyllis Tickle

Long an astute observer of religion, Tickle examines a phenomenon she refers to as the Great Emergence, a once-every-500-years trend within Christianity, in which a

new and more vital form of the religion emerges. She believes such a development is happening now. To make her case, she examines the complex history of Christianity from Copernicus' heretical idea that the earth circled the sun to the sixteenth-century Great Reformation to the Catholic Counter-Reformation. She also examines the effect on religion of great nineteenth- and twentieth-century cultural and social upheavals including those wrought by Darwin's *Origin of Species*; Faraday's field theory, which became foundational for the technology we all take for granted today; and the theories of Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, Albert Einstein, and Joseph Campbell. She explores the impact that the rise of the automobile has on Christian worship and church service while also making brief forays into the origins of Pentecostalism, the influence of Karl Marx, Buddhism, Alcoholics Anonymous, recreational drug use, and the changing roles of women and, hence, the notion of the traditional family, in society since World War II. Somehow all these diverse strands come together in a seamless fabric that, at fewer than 200 pages, is small but full of big ideas, a remarkable achievement of synthesis and thoughtful reflections. (*Booklist*)

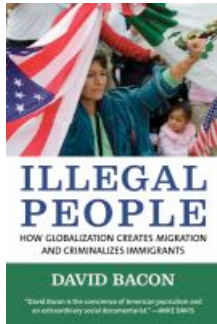


Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why the World Needs a Green Revolution – And How We Can Renew Our Global Future

By Thomas L. Friedman

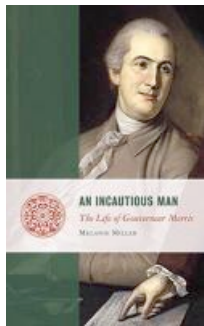
Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist Friedman (*The World Is Flat*) is still an unrepentant guru of globalism, despite the looming economic crisis attributable, in Friedman's view, to the U.S. having become a "subprime nation that thinks it can just borrow its way to prosperity." Friedman covers familiar territory (the need for alternate energy, conservation measures, recycling, energy efficiency, etc.) as a build-up to his main thesis: the U.S. market is the "most effective and prolific system for transformational innovation.... There is only one thing bigger than Mother Nature and that is Father Profit." While he remains ostensibly a proponent of the free market, he does not flinch from using the government to create conditions favorable to investment, such as setting a "floor price for crude oil or gasoline," and imposing a new gasoline tax (\$5-\$10 per gallon) in order to make investment in green technologies attractive to venture capitalists: "America needs an energy technology bubble just like the information technology bubble." To make such draconian measures palatable, Friedman poses a national competition to "outgreen" China, modeled on Kennedy's proposal to beat the Soviets to the moon, a race that required a country-wide mobilization comparable to the WWII war effort. Recognizing the looming threat of "petrodicatorship" and U.S. dependence on

imported oil, this warning salvo presents a stirring and far-darker vision than Friedman's earlier books. (*Publishers Weekly*)



Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants
By David Bacon

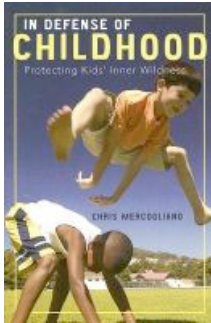
The persistence in calling undocumented workers illegal signifies the political forces that mean to demonize workers who are not U.S. citizens. But it also aptly describes the gross lack of legal rights for these workers and their families. Bacon, an award-winning photojournalist, labor organizer, and immigrant-rights activist, follows the lives of undocumented workers at the Westin Suite Hotel in California and a Smithfield meatpacking plant in North Carolina, who travel back and forth from Mexico to the U.S. He examines the economic and social forces in both countries that lure workers to a market where they can earn higher wages but are vulnerable to exploitation. Bacon goes on to analyze guest-worker programs and other developments meant to balance the needs of U.S. employers and workers. He ties together interviews, personal histories, and political analysis to provide a vivid image of what life is like for workers with little rights or protections in an increasingly globalized economy. A fascinating look at trade and immigration policies and the people directly affected by them. (*Booklist*)



An Incautious Man: The Life of Gouverneur Morris
By Melanie Randolph Miller

The polar opposite of Luther Martin, Bill Kauffman's subject in *Forgotten Founder, Drunken Prophet* (reviewed in this issue), Morris (1752-1816) favored an even more centralizing charter than what came out of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. His experience paying the Revolution's debts had convinced him a strong chief executive was necessary and that equal representation of the states, rather than of the citizenry, would be fatal to the union. Miller makes sure we appreciate his role in

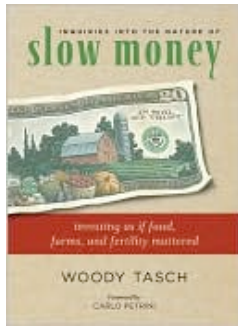
creating the Constitution and then trumps that achievement in the succeeding traversal of Morris' diplomatic service in Paris during the French Revolution. Morris advised Louis XVI, finessed American neutrality as government rapidly succeeded government, sprung Americans from jail, and gave money (his own) and shelter to many in dire straits, including an ungrateful Tom Paine. He also managed a memorable love affair and kept, until the Terror loomed, a diary that is a major resource to scholars and, Miller asserts, good reading. With this keenly attractive profile, Miller joins Kauffman in brilliantly launching the *Lives of the Founders* series. *(Booklist)*



In Defense of Childhood: Protecting Kids' Inner Wildness

By Chris Mercogliano

The essence of the human spirit has always been a great topic for philosophers. The Greeks called it daimon; Freud dubbed it the id. For Mercogliano, the director of an inner-city alternative school, it is "inner wildness," and children naturally possess it. Unfortunately, the author argues, this autodetermination has been eroding since the end of the 19th century, when the structured school system was developed and child labor was abolished. At the same time, the creation of adolescence pushed back adulthood and resulted in the need for more organized activities. To boot, technologies like video games, cell phones, and the Internet have further domesticated childhood by offering mindless stimulations and submitting youth to a superficial and marketed view of adulthood. Mercogliano well supports his analysis with references to great psychologists and researchers in the field of child development. His biases can be irritating-e.g., his negative views of conventional education-yet this book will ultimately provoke discussion among parents about what is taken for granted in children's lives today. Recommended for academic libraries and large child development collections in public libraries. *(Library Journal)*



Inquiries Into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms, and Fertility Mattered

By Woody Tasch

There are green business books and there are green business books. There are books about ethical investing and corporate governance and shareholder activism and local economies and local currencies. Then there is *Funny Money Honey* and *Other Flights of Finance*...the first honeybee's-eye view of the world of small business, capital markets and sustainability.

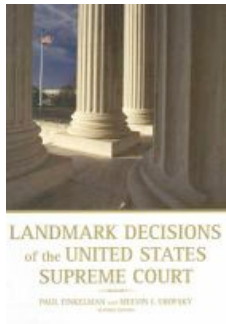
Is it possible to reinvent the relationship between companies and bioregions, and between investors and companies? Can *Slow Money* begin to heal the wounds of globalization? Yes, argues *Funny Money Honey*--if you can call its blend of poetry, non-fiction and fiction an argument.

No, this is ordinary polemic. It is a joyous and unpredictable search for the epiphany that can awaken today's investors to the new purpose of their capital.

The disappearance of the bees is both disturbing symptom and exquisite metaphor. Even as our wealth piles up around us, we are disoriented, displaced, dizzied by the spectacular power of global markets. Our dollars, and the businesses they finance, lose their connection to place. Our imagination, as global citizens and as investors, requires a new kind of pollination.

How can we be so rich and so poor? How can we be so powerful and so vulnerable? Can we find the courage to step off the treadmill of false progress? Can we ever find our way back home?

The answer, dear fellow 6.4-billionth-participant in the global human drama of the early 21st century, is buzzing right outside your window, right inside your heart and somewhere around page 168 of this extraordinary foraging expedition across the boundaries of nature, imagination and finance. *(From the Publisher, Barnesandnoble.com)*



Landmark Decisions of the United States Supreme Court (Second Edition)

By Paul Finkelman and Melvin I. Urofsky

More than 1,000 of the Court's most important decisions are discussed in this title. The cases selected for inclusion fall into three categories: decisions recognized as the most important (*Dred Scott v. Sandford*, *Roe v. Wade*); cases that are significant but of lesser impact; and those that were narrow in influence. Cases in the latter group include some of the first decisions made in the eighteenth century. The length and depth of the case explications reflect the importance of a decision in terms of its impact on American society. Summaries are preceded by the type and date of the decision, the vote of each justice, and the authors of the majority and dissenting opinion. The summaries give the background, relevant legal points, and impact of each decision. Underlying principles are clearly explained. References to additional resources and related cases are also included. In addition to an alphabetical case index, there is a subject index that offers a useful way for a researcher to find a justice's voting patterns and positions on specific topics. Appendixes list Supreme Court nominations by president and Court members by chief justice. The seating chart of the court is also provided. A glossary would have been useful. Although they will need to turn elsewhere for the actual text of a decision, students and researchers without a legal background who are seeking an overview of a Supreme Court decision can't go wrong with this resource. It covers considerably more cases than CQ's *Illustrated Great Decisions of the Supreme Court* (2000) or *The Oxford Guide to Supreme Court Decisions* (1999). Recommended for public and academic libraries. (*Booklist*)



Leading Change in Your School: How to Conquer Myths, Build Commitment, and Get Results

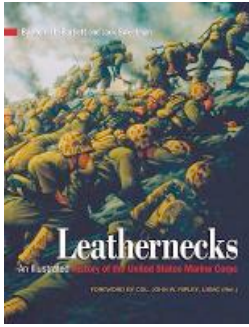
By Douglas B. Reeves

Guiding schools through significant change is one of the toughest challenges educational leaders face, but learning from the examples of those who have succeeded can make it less daunting. In *Leading Change in Your School*, distinguished author and researcher Douglas B. Reeves offers lessons learned through his work with educators in thousands of schools around the world and presents real-life examples of leaders who have met the challenge of change head-on—with impressive results for their schools and districts. Readers will also find practical resources for engaging their colleagues in change initiatives.

Expanding on a number of his columns in the journal *Educational Leadership*, Reeves offers insights and recommendations in four areas:

- Creating conditions for change, including assessments to determine personal and organizational readiness for change;
- Planning change, including cautionary notes about strategic planning;
- Implementing change, including the importance of moving from rhetoric to day-to-day reality; and
- Sustaining change, including the need to reorient priorities and values so that individual convenience gives way to a shared sense of the greater good.

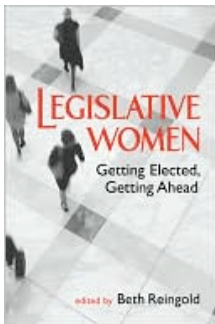
The change leaders—both teachers and administrators—whose stories Reeves tells come from varied districts, but they share a passion for creating schools that work for all students. They are, Reeves says, "people like you, sharing similar challenges but perhaps with different results." (*Synopsis, Barnesandnoble.com*)



Leathernecks: An Illustrated History of the United States Marine Corps

By Merrill L. Bartlett and Jack Sweetman, Foreword by Col. John W. Ripley, USMC (Ret.)

Two accomplished historians, one of them a career marine, join forces in this outstanding one-volume history of the U.S. Marine Corps. The marines have distinguished themselves in every American war except, possibly, the Civil War, and are currently proving their mastery of infantry combat in Iraq. But the book also covers periods, such as the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when the marines were closer to being extinguished than distinguished, and their flubs and failures as well as their epic heroism in some of the toughest battles in American history. The post-Vietnam coverage includes uncertain weapons systems (e.g., the Osprey tilt-rotor), the integration of women and minorities (a work still in progress), and the marines' frustrating use as a diversionary force in the Gulf War. The whole book is, as the subtitle promises, lavishly illustrated with a variety of photographs, posters, and paintings that enhance its already high value for both scholars and browsers. *(Booklist)*

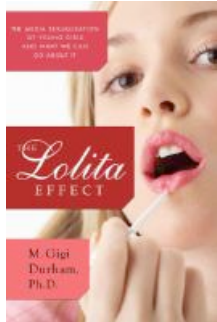


Legislative Women: Getting Elected, Getting Ahead

Edited by Beth Reingold

In a presidential election that has seen two women, Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin, in prominent positions, this book is a particularly timely examination of the rapidly changing landscape for women in politics. Political scientist Reingold points to Nancy Pelosi as the first woman Speaker of the House, 86 women in Congress, 8 women governors and 10 lieutenant governors, and women constituting 30 percent of the legislative membership in 13 states as indicators of progress. Reingold offers detailed research by political scientists nearly all of whom are women on women in state legislatures across the country as well as in the U.S. Congress. Contributors

explore issues from competition in primary races, campaign fund-raising money, the extent to which the presence of women energizes campaigns, whether or how women address women's issues once elected, to the prospects of women for advancement. They found that women tend to pay more attention to their constituents and have more cooperative leadership styles but conclude that there is no singular, quintessential, or universal woman in politics. *(Booklist)*



The Lolita Effect: The Media Sexualization of Young Girls and What We Can Do About It

By M. Gigi Durham, Ph.D.

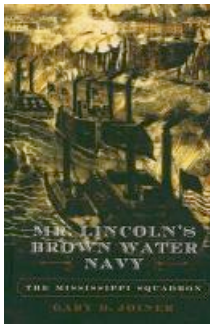
In this intensely researched exploration of the media's exploitation of girls, Durham exposes the links between destructive teenage self-images and the popular, highly sexed, and negative representations of girls in magazines, television programs, and movies. Considering everything from suggestive Halloween costumes for little girls to the relentless onslaught of articles about how to get a guy in teen publications, Durham makes her persistent way across the media landscape. Seventeen magazine in particular bears the weight of her analysis, and the results are both shocking and disturbing. By pointing to specific articles, she exposes a pattern of teaching girls to attract and please the opposite sex while minimizing serious conversations about sex or equal gender roles in relationships. In her conclusion, she asserts that this cumulative Lolita effect is a major factor in the high rates of teen pregnancy and STDs in the United States and many other countries. Durham's provocative and erudite study of the demeaning way society views girls serves to both alarm and educate; consider it required reading for parents and their daughters. *(Booklist)*



Military Draft: Opposing Viewpoints

Viqi Wagner, Book Editor

This *Opposing Viewpoints* title presents various views of a topic of direct relevance to many young people today, through the series' signature assortment of short, previously published essays. The draft isn't the only issue brought up; related topics, such as gays in the military and the use of military contractors, are also covered. (The use of military contractors probably doesn't receive enough coverage, given the topic's recent prominence in the news.) Some of the essays come from major newspapers or magazines, but most are position papers from think tanks or special-interest journals. All of the essays were written in the past few years, when news about the overstretched military has come to the fore. As often happens with this series, the writing can be dry, but there is enough substance here to support reports or debate-team research. A long list of additional articles for further reading accompanies each of the book's four sections, and the back matter includes discussion questions, a bibliography, and organizations to contact. (*Booklist*)

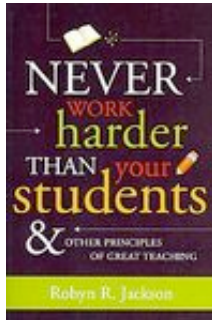


Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy: The Mississippi Squadron

By Gary D. Joiner

The riverine warfare on the Mississippi during the Civil War was an essential component of ultimate Union victory but frequently gets lost in general histories and even broader naval histories. The Mississippi system was vital for Southern commerce and also for penetrating into the Southern heartland. The Union began with two important advantages, for it possessed most of the shipbuilding and metallurgical industries, and its military leadership had keener eyes for strategy (Joiner gives Grant much well-deserved credit). Fighting on the heartland rivers continued after the capture of Vicksburg, but the Red River campaign was a sideshow, and Confederate guerrillas were no more than an annoyance. Clearly

written and well researched, Joiner's sound study also offers a superior selection of photographs of the weird and wonderful craft that won the rivers for the Union.
(Booklist)



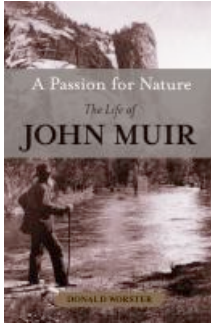
Never Work Harder Than Your Students & Other Principles of Great Teaching

By Robyn R. Jackson

Is great teaching a gift that only a few of us are born with, or is it a skill that can be learned? *In Never Work Harder Than Your Students*, Robyn Jackson makes a radical assertion: Any teacher can become a master teacher by developing a master teacher mindset. The master teacher mindset can be achieved by rigorously applying seven principles to your teaching until they become your automatic response to students in the classroom. The more you practice these seven principles, the more you begin to think like a master teacher:

1. Start where your students are.
2. Know where your students are going.
3. Expect to get your students to their goal.
4. Support your students along the way.
5. Use feedback to help you and your students get better.
6. Focus on quality rather than quantity.
7. Never work harder than your students.

Using these principles, Jackson shows you how to become a master teacher no matter where you are in your practice. Each chapter provides a detailed explanation of one of the mastery principles, the steps you need to take to apply them to your own practice, and suggestions for how you can begin practicing the principle in your classroom right away. Jackson offers stories from her own teaching practice, as well as from other teachers she has helped, to show you how each principle works. Teaching is a hard job, but using Jackson's principles will help you and your students reap the rich rewards of that hard work. *(From the Publisher, Barnesandnoble.com)*

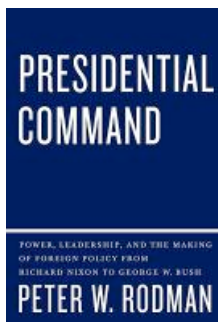


Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir

By Donald Worster

It's not enough to say that John Muir was the world's leading advocate for wilderness or that he was instrumental in the creation of Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Club. Worster, who has also written a biography of John Wesley Powell, knows that to fully appreciate Muir as an inspired and influential naturalist and pacifist who wrote indelible essays articulating a pragmatic approach to conservation, one has to understand his struggle to push beyond his father's harsh evangelical Christian orthodoxy and open himself to the beauty of nature. Born in Scotland, raised in Wisconsin, Muir possessed a remarkable mechanical aptitude but was happiest wandering in the wild. Worster avidly chronicles Muir's inaugural walk from Indianapolis to Florida and his subsequent journeys around the world, but it was his ecstatic, often reckless, yet profoundly illuminating explorations of the Sierras and Alaska's glaciers that gave weight to his call to value and preserve natural resources. Worster gives equal weight to Muir's inner and outer journeys in this marvelously fluent portrait of the man who sought to establish an ethic of environmental restraint a century ago and whose powerful arguments still hold.

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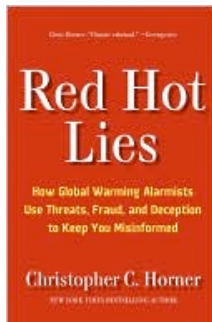


Presidential Command: Power, Leadership, and the Making of Foreign Policy from Richard Nixon to George W. Bush

By Peter W. Rodman, Introduction by Henry A. Kissinger

The late Rodman held high-level national security posts in every Republican administration since Nixon's, and this posthumous work is his analysis of a president's foreign-policy apparatus. Nominally, the CIA and the Departments of State and Defense are executive instruments, but in reality, they have institutional outlooks and agendas that can conflict with a president's policies. Control of these bureaucracies, then, is Rodman's topic, in which the statutory steering wheel the

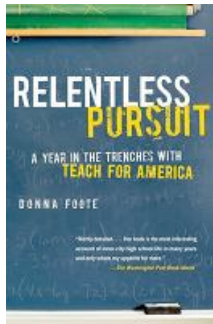
National Security Council and its staff looms large. Taking each president since Nixon in turn, Rodman appraises the personal interactions of foreign-policy chieftains with each other and with their chief executive, underlining whether comity or confusion reigned at the top. Rodman argues that a president's fortunes in foreign policy depend on his clarity and decisiveness and on his inclination to work through the bureaucracies or to bypass them. Given the author's judgment that a president's national-security appointments presage whether he becomes their leader or their captive, observers of the new Obama administration and its inaugural moves in foreign affairs should find lessons in Rodman's experienced outlook. *(Booklist)*



Red Hot Lies: How Global Warming Alarmists Use Threats, Fraud, and Deception to Keep You Misinformed

By Christopher C. Horner

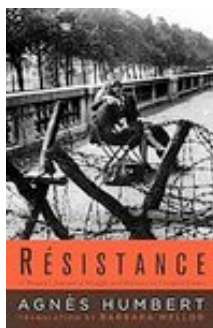
Liars--Al Gore, the United Nations, the New York Times. The global warming lobby, relentless in its push for bigger government, more spending, and more regulation, will use any means necessary to scare you out of your wits--as well as your tax dollars and your liberties--with threats of rising oceans, deadly droughts, and unspeakable future consequences of "climate change." In pursuing their anti-energy, anti-capitalist, and pro-government agenda, the global warming alarmists--and unscrupulous scientists who see this scare as their gravy train to federal grants and foundation money--resort to dirty tricks, smear campaigns, and outright lies, abandoning scientific standards, journalistic integrity, and the old-fashioned notions of free speech and open debate. In *Red Hot Lies*, bestselling author Christopher Horner--himself the target of Greenpeace dirty tricks and alarmist smears--exposes the dark underbelly of the environmental movement. Power-hungry politicians blacklist scientists who reject global warming alarmism. U.S. senators threaten companies that fund climate change dissenters. Mainstream media outlets openly reject the notion of "balance." The occasional unguarded scientist candidly admits the need to twist the facts to paint an uglier picture in order to keep the faucet of government money flowing. In the name of "saving the planet," anything goes. But why the nasty tactics? Why the cover ups, lies, and intimidation? Because Al Gore and his ilk want to use big government at the local, state, federal, and global level to run your life, and they can brook no opposition. But the actual facts, as *Red Hot Lies* makes clear, aren't nearly as scary as their fiction. *(From the Inside Flap)*



Relentless Pursuit: A Year in the Trenches with Teach For America

By Donna Foote

After a mere five weeks of training, four Teach for America recruits are air-dropped into one of the toughest schools in one of the worst public school districts in the nation, Locke High School in South Central Los Angeles, to do battle against illiteracy, racial and gang violence, low expectations, and teacher apathy. Journalist Foote chronicles the experiences of Rachele, Phillip, Hrag, and Taylor as they confront the complexities behind those factors and journey through trials and triumphs, along with the usual phases of teaching, including disillusionment and rejuvenation. Foote also takes a broader look at TFA, created in 1990, as a phenomenal nonprofit enterprise and as a catalyst in the national debate on educational reform. She traces how TFA has grown and evolved, just as she traces the individual growth of the four recruits. Facing skepticism from their colleagues and their own self-doubts, the recruits find they need more than TFA's mantra of relentless pursuit of results and the ego boost that comes with being among the select 2,500 of 20,000 applicants the organization takes on each year. They also discover the efficacy of TFA's objective: that beyond their two-year commitment, they would remain committed in other ways throughout their lives to the mission of educational equity. A candid and completely fascinating look at a daring enterprise and the individuals behind it. *(Booklist)*



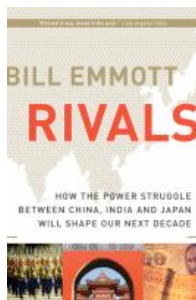
Resistance: Memoirs of Occupied France

By Agnes Humbert

Translated from the French and with notes by Barbara Mellor

From the very first word of this spellbinding diary, readers are transported to Paris, June 1940, with a bright and articulate founder of the Resistance movement. An art historian, Humbert joined forces with her colleagues, creating and bravely distributing an underground newspaper they named Resistance. Through her

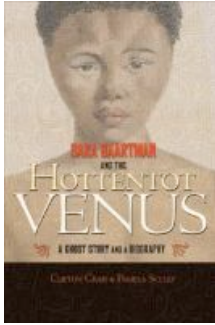
detailed and intimate diary entries, the author gives a mesmerizing, day-to-day picture of the movement. After being betrayed to the Germans, she was put in a stark, cold cell in a French prison, where she was interrogated; she never betrayed her colleagues, several of whom, she learned, were executed. After many months, she was taken to a labor camp and forced to work for years in horrific conditions on starvation rations, with increasingly poor health. Humbert exhibited spirit, courage, and determination to resist the Germans, sabotaging whatever she was forced to make in the factories they turned into labor camps, never losing sight of her fellow prisoners' needs as she struggled to keep up hope and survive. After being liberated by the Americans, she put herself in charge of her former captors and helped the Americans deal with the initial horrors left by the Germans. The book includes a detailed appendix of documents on the Resistance and 32 pages of translator's notes that put the author's comments in historical context. Humbert's wit and bravery, her charisma, will draw teens into this remarkable account. *(School Library Journal)*



Rivals: How the Power Struggle Between China, India and Japan Will Shape Our Next Decade

By Bill Emmott

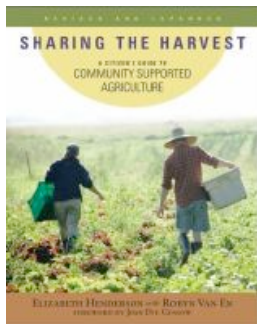
Seasoned in international affairs, former Economist editor Emmott discusses foreign relations among China, India, and Japan, as seen through the lens of economics. Author of previous current-events soothsaying (*20:21 Vision*, 2003), Emmott takes a big-picture approach that, framing the trio's burgeoning economic growth, will acquaint readers with the major frictions among the three countries. Examining each country in turn, Emmott reviews reforms that have spurred the torrid economic pace or, in Japan's case, overcome depression in the 1990s. The strains created by phenomenal growth, both internationally in competition for raw materials and domestically in politics, bear on the author's main concern: the possibility of war between these nations. While not alarmist, Emmott assesses historical antagonisms, such as territorial disputes between India and China (who battled in 1962) and China's resentment of a Japan deemed insufficiently apologetic for World War II, as latent flashpoints. Factoring in the influence of the U.S. and ultimately proposing nine policies to help ensure peace, Emmott displays an informative grip and strategic fluency benefiting those tracking trends in Asian economics and politics. *(Booklist)*



Sara Baartman and the Hottentot Venus: A Ghost Story and a Biography

By Clifton Crais & Pamela Scully

Sara Baartman, a young South African woman brought to London in 1810 and displayed seminude to show off her ample bottom, was named the Hottentot Venus by her captors and managers. Historians Crais and Scully examine the cultural context of Baartman's exploitation in Europe as Westerners grappled with issues of race and sex and later racialized science. Baartman attracted the attention of prominent British abolitionists and French scientists as well as voyeurs. After five years of researching archives and libraries and conducting genealogical research to uncover some of Baartman's relatives, the authors also look beyond Baartman's life as a curiosity and an exhibit to explore her life as a woman. Crais and Scully place Baartman's contributions in such areas as the rights of the unlawfully detained, global feminism, and later when her body was returned to South Africa from France the politics of indigenous identity. Readers who enjoyed *African Queen* (2007), by Rachel Holmes, will appreciate this further examination of the life of an extraordinary woman. *(Booklist)*

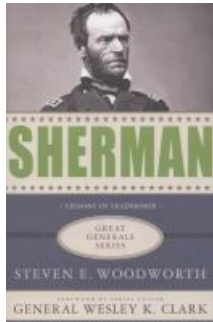


Sharing the Harvest: A Citizen's Guide to Community Supported Agriculture (Revised and Expanded)

By Elizabeth Henderson with Robyn Van En

Since the first edition of this title was released in 1997, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and the locally grown food movement have become much more mainstream. This heavily revised, excellent new edition will surely cement the title's reputation as a bible for interested growers and consumers alike. Each chapter is extensively updated with new data, case studies, and quotes, but the general overview maintains the first edition's mix of both the highly practical (*Money Matters for CSAs*) and the more philosophical, in sections that explore the connections between biodiversity and social diversity. Each chapter, illustrated with

small black-and-white photos and graphs, closes with source notes, and a lengthy resource section, highlighting organizations and publications for further research, concludes the volume. Those interested in starting a new CSA will find useful ideas, but this is intended more as a comprehensive survey of the subject for all readers who are concerned about the food industry and the future of agriculture. Suggest to readers of Michael Pollan's *In Defense of Food* (2008). (*Booklist*)



Sherman: Lessons in Leadership (Great Generals Series)

By Steven E. Woodworth

In his contribution to the *Great Generals* series, Woodworth sketches several nonmilitary aspects of Sherman's life, too. Raised after his father's death by a family friend, he strove hard thereafter not to depend on his benefactor. At West Point he receive demerits for, among other things, cooking in his quarters. He was a prudent and honest bank president in San Francisco and New York, but the panic of 1857 cashiered that career. He had six children with devoutly Catholic Minnie Ewing, a temperamental spouse insufficiently careful with household expenses. Woodworth neatly lays out Sherman's Civil War service, from appointment as a colonel in May 1861 to Durham Station, North Carolina, in 1865, when Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered to him 17 days after Appomattox. During the infamous march to the sea, Sherman made efforts to prevent looting and arson, yet was unwilling to diminish combat readiness for the sake of guard detail. War is Hell, and you cannot refine it, he later wrote. An excellent brief life of a major and controversial figure. (*Booklist*)

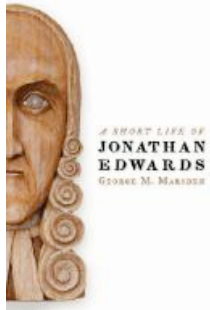


Shoot an Iraqi: Art, Life and Resistance Under the Gun

By Wafaa Bilal and Kari Lydersen

Iraqi artist Bilal immigrated to the U.S. after Desert Storm, and channeled his haunting experiences into his performance pieces, culminating in *Domestic Tension*.

For 31 days and nights, Bilal was the target of a paintball gun controlled by online participants who were invited to shoot an Iraqi. Video cameras recorded Bilal's struggle to retain his composure if not his sanity as he interacted with shooters and viewers via a chat room and YouTube. Now he writes about his art and his life in Iraq, revealing overlooked daily struggles of existence under a dictator, in war, and during a long-term occupation. Ultimately the death of his brother back home via an unmanned American drone compelled Bilal to make his greatest artistic statement yet against all that makes the war in Iraq unreal to most outsiders. Recounting his own traumatic journey and the long-ranging effects of his bold installation makes for a powerful and demanding read that is, frankly, a literary punch to the gut. Bilal discloses all the risks he has taken with his art and asks why Americans are not willing to take their own chances and uncover the dirty truths about the Iraq War. *(Booklist)*

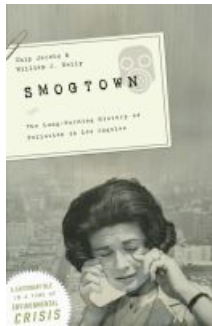


A Short Life of Jonathan Edwards

By George M. Marsden

The author of the magisterial *Jonathan Edwards* (2003) has written an entirely new book for Eerdmans' Library of Religious Biography. It's a work of grace, lit by affection for the great clergyman and understanding of his place and time: prerevolutionary New England, considering itself more British than colonial, still an ecclesiastical regime, in which a parson held as much or more authority than any secular officeholder. A scion of ministers, Edwards was upper crust, yet he became the chief apologist of the Great Awakening, which challenged local pastors and encouraged democracy among church members. Astonishingly busy and productive, he had 11 children, wrote voluminously, directed missions to the Indians, and faithfully attended church conventicles. A rigorous Calvinist and a keen student of nature, he believed in a personal God whose love required reciprocal love from the believer, not least because of the glorious gift of Creation. Marsden calls him a towering figure . . . of the first American revolution, the spiritual revolution of the awakening. Reading his lovely précis of Edwards is believing that assessment.

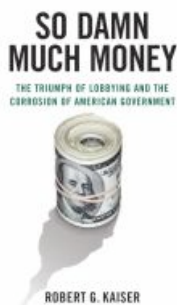
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Smogtown: The Lung-Burning History of Pollution in Los Angeles

By Chip Jacobs & William J. Kelly

Remember those great 1950s horror movies, when some superpowerful creature menaced a city while the citizens panicked, law enforcement officials bumbled, politicians pontificated, and plucky scientists worked at a fever pitch to find something, anything, to kill the monster? That's pretty much the feel of this remarkably entertaining and informative chronicle of the birth and so far inexorable evolution of smog. On July 8, 1943, smog attacked Los Angeles without warning (well, not much warning). People didn't know what to make of this gray mist that blanketed the city, and when it didn't go away (or went away and then came back), the citizenry began to react in strange ways: there were rumors, for example, that this smelly cloud was some sort of chemical attack by the Japanese less than a year after Pearl Harbor, this claim didn't sound so silly. By 1947, when it looked like smog was here to stay, the governor of California created the country's first smog agency. The following year, a documentary about smog was released in theaters, animated by some guy named Walt Disney, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter was writing investigative pieces about the stinky mist. Later, smog helped launch Ralph Nader's crusading career, and today it's a central theme in the environmentalism movement. This book is just amazing, a gripping story well told, with the requisite plucky scientists (including Arie Haagen-Smit, a Dutch biochemist who was the Elvis of his field), hapless politicians, and a nebulous biochemical villain who just will not be stopped. *(Booklist)*

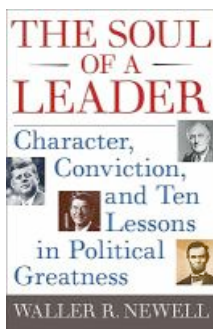


So Damn Much Money: The Triumph of Lobbying and the Corrosion of American Government

By Robert G. Kaiser

Kaiser, associate editor and senior correspondent for the Washington Post, takes a long look at the history of political lobbying in Washington, D.C., as seen through the

career of Gerald Cassidy, owner of one of the most powerful and influential lobbying firms in Washington. Lobbying, or petitioning members of Congress to influence the enactment of legislature favorable to a special-interest group, is legal and has been around in one form or another since our government was formed, but in the past 30 years it has become a major industry unto itself. Massive amounts of money from various corporate, academic, and religious special interests have created a system of legalized bribery that has a stranglehold over our political process, because politicians are forced to follow the money to ensure their campaign coffers remain full. Despite the conflicts of interest and shaky moral ground on which his subject treads, Kaiser does not delve into heavy-handed recrimination but rather offers a detailed, matter-of-fact perspective that explores many facets of the influence-peddling industry. *(Booklist)*



The Soul of a Leader: Character, Conviction, and Ten Lessons in Political Greatness
By Waller R. Newell

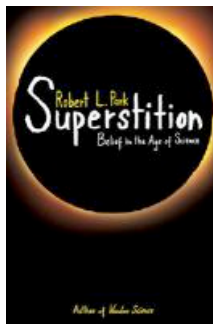
Readers with an interest in philosophies of leadership as manifested in American presidents have plenty to ponder in Newell's disquisition on politics. Newell, a scholar at Canada's Carleton University, reveals a back-to-basics viewpoint in his presentation, which analyzes Thucydides and illustrates the Athenian's political principles in illustrations of the use of power by well-known leaders in world history. Perhaps Newell's concentration on fundamentals derives from his conceived audience, the post-cold war generation that he characterizes as cynical about actual political leaders, apt to follow celebrities in their stead, and prone to value global concerns as superior to national interests. Newell's subliminal message to this generation is, get real: there are timeless facts of politics, both domestic and international, with which a democratic leader must contend, and which idealism can inform but not wish away. Arguing his case with examples of American presidents from John Kennedy to George W. Bush, Newell readies readers for appraising the leadership qualities that events will reveal about President Obama, just as they have for his predecessors. *(Booklist)*



Spycraft: The Secret History of the CIA's Spytechs From Communism to Al-Qaeda

By Robert Wallace and H. Keith Melton

Wallace is well positioned to write this organizational and operational history of the CIA's Office of Technical Service; he was OTS director from 1998 to 2002. The tales he tells are not out of school (the CIA permitted this book's publication), but they will lure readers fascinated by the cloak-and-dagger aspects of espionage. Regaling readers with the paraphernalia CIA case officers use in running their agents--audio devices, miniature cameras, secret writing, disguises, codes, dead drops, etc.--Wallace and his coauthors well capture the spy-versus-spy dynamic. Tapping cold war battles between the CIA and the KGB, the authors' narratives show how spy gear must be tailored to specific locations and the agent's personality. The ingenuity this tasking has required of the OTS constitutes the pride and soul of Wallace's presentation, which describes the custom designs delivered to the field for various operations. Amply illustrated with photographs and diagrams, Wallace's work conveys the critical minutiae of clandestine activity, where one slipup can kill an agent, to spy buffs and CIA applicants alike. (*Booklist*)

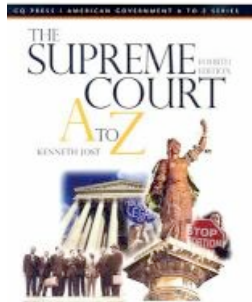


Superstition: Belief in the Age of Science

By Robert L. Park

For Princeton physicist Robert Park, science serves as a rapier for skewering all beliefs not sustained by empirical proof. Predictably, religion heads the list of targets. And much to Park's credit, he engages some of the most scientifically respected exponents of scriptural faith, including fellow physicist Charles Townes and pioneering geneticist Francis Collins. Park particularly challenges the religious argument that the cosmos reflects a divine purpose and that the human moral sense ultimately depends upon sacred revelations. Devout readers may resist Park's reasoning, but his refreshingly lucid style ensures that all will understand its internal logic. That logic pits experimental rigor not only against the creeds of

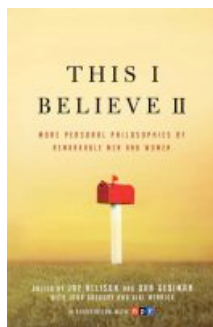
antiquity but also against the irrationality of New Age gurus who evangelize for alternative medicines or extrasensory perception. Strong when crusading against others' credulity, Park leaves unanswered questions when he begins extolling the liberating virtues of his own atheism. In particular, readers may wonder why he never addresses the problem of free will within his life-is-just-chemistry metaphysics. Sure to spark sharp debate. *(Booklist)*



Supreme Court, A to Z (Fourth Edition)

By Kenneth Jost

We liked the easy-to-understand language and the A-Z arrangement of the first edition, published in 1993. This edition is updated to 1997-98 and includes new articles on the Internet and gay rights. There is also a section on how to obtain Supreme Court information online. *(Booklist)*



This I Believe II: More Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women

Edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman, with Jay Gregory and Viki Merrick

In the second collection derived from the extraordinarily popular and influential National Public Radio program *This I Believe*, pithy, personal, and stealthily affecting essays grapple with life's big questions from myriad perspectives and with refreshingly positive energy. Professional skateboarder Tony Hawk tells us to do what we love. James Loney, a peace activist held hostage in Iraq, believes that there are many ways we can hold one another captive. Nature writer David Gessner believes in wildness. Readers will also discover what invaluable life lesson neurobiologist Jimmy Liao learned from studying fish in turbulent waters, why Susan Cooke Kittredge believes in mending, and what strange blessings a woman whose family lost their home to Katrina gleaned. Other voices include war veterans, a Muslim immigrant, and a poet who became addicted to crack. Beauty, duty, forgiveness, and remembrance all are considered in 75 earnest and revealing

credos, which, as astute series editor Allison observes, are not sermons but, rather, the results of soul-searching in the wake of anguished experiences. Infused with gratitude and hope, these declarations are at once grounding and uplifting.

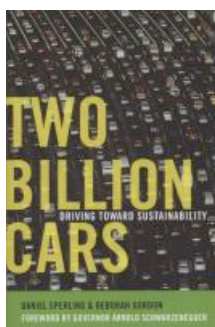
(Booklist)



The Triple Bind: Saving Our Teenage Girls from Today's Pressures

By Stephen Hinshaw, Ph.D.

Drawing on more than 30 years of experience working with teen girls and a recent, focused 10-year study, Hinshaw, chair of the Department of Psychology at UC Berkeley, offers this highly readable, fascinating account of the lives of contemporary young women. The title refers to the triple, contradictory expectations held out to teen girls: they should adhere to traditional feminine qualities (nice, kind, pretty); they should adhere to traditional masculine qualities (competitive, high-achieving); and they should funnel these qualities into narrow personality types that leave little room for individuality, exploration, or mistakes. In probing chapters that deftly synthesize sobering statistics, case anecdotes, and personal observation, Hinshaw makes a strong case that teen girls are in crisis. With extensive examples from film, television, and books (*Gossip Girls* and its sister series are quoted extensively), Hinshaw cites ways that contemporary culture puts girls at risk; and a final chapter looks at possible solutions. With a full appendix of resources, this balanced, thorough, compassionate title is required reading for parents, teachers, and teens of both sexes. *(Booklist)*

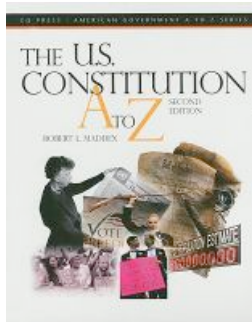


Two Billion Cars: Driving Toward Sustainability

By Daniel Sperling & Deborah Gordon, Foreword by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

With statistical data, charts, graphs, and erudite analysis, Sperling and Gordon present the most thorough study of the automobile industry general readers could

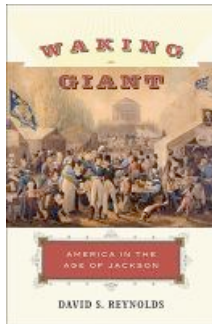
hope to find. The authors, with a foreword from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, summarize the history of the Big Three automakers and then expand their scope to include Toyota, Honda, and others. Social scientists will appreciate the pages devoted to America's long-established car culture while futurists will be intrigued by evidence that we have exported that culture to other countries, placing the entire planet at risk. Far from simply an environmental anti-car tome, however, this volume summarizes alternatives to our current reliance on oil and explains in detail why alternatives have not been utilized. (Fans of the electric car should take special note.) Automobile industry wonks will find much to consider, but the book's audience should also include those with an interest in U.S. labor history and the political relationship between oil giants and Detroit. This is an American story with international ramifications, and mandatory reading in the current economic crisis. *(Booklist)*



The U.S. Constitution A to Z (Second Edition)

By Robert L. Maddex

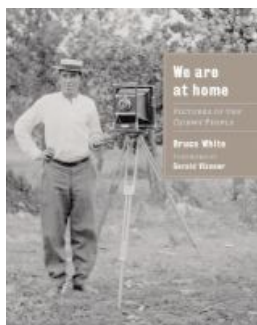
A chronology of legal milestones, 510 B.C.E. to C.E. 2003, is just the beginning of this finely crafted volume that describes how the U.S. Constitution continues to shape the laws and lives of our citizenry. The alphabetically arranged entries cover a wide variety of topics such as abortion, the electoral college, gun control, minorities, religion, slavery, and the Watergate scandal. Many specific Supreme Court cases and their ramifications are explained; updates include developments relating to the September 11th attacks and gay marriage. "Framers of the Constitution" features a state-by-state biography of each contributor. Extensive cross-references take the form of "More on this topic" boxes, and "see" entries, both in-text and following articles. Quotation and "Closer Look" sidebars add information and insight to the text, which is also enhanced by well-captioned black-and-white photographs, tables, and a few graphs. The encyclopedia section is followed by a collection of primary sources-the First Charter of Virginia, the Mayflower Compact, the Ratification of the U.S. Constitution by the State of Delaware-many of which might be found in a variety of scattered resources, but this volume provides one convenient location. This excellent title also boasts a table of Supreme Court cases and an extensive index. Though the opening chronology is not as up-to-date as it might be, this work is a must for any library supporting an American Government class. *(School Library Journal)*



Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson

By David S. Reynolds

The contrast in American society between 1815 and 1848 is remarkable enough for the period to vie as the most consequential in the country's history. In this fluid narrative, Reynolds recounts how politics, religion, art, literature, and economics jostled in forming a distinctively national American culture. Throughout his account of democratization, continental expansion, and social experimentation and reform, Reynolds incorporates contemporary viewpoints of those emboldened by or aghast at the rambunctious spirit of the age, often through pithy portraits. These naturally include politicians from Henry Clay to James Polk, but Reynolds' depictions of social reformers and religious revivalists especially express the ferment in American society. An astonishing range of prophets or protesters gained adherents for their ideas, not all of which persisted--the Millerites folded after Christ's no-show in 1844 invalidated their prediction of the Second Coming--but individualistic spiritual experience and social action took deep root in the antebellum decades. Exemplified by the intensification of feelings over slavery, the tensions in American society become vibrantly manifest in the eminent hands of Reynolds, biographer of *John Brown, Abolitionist* (2005). (*Booklist*)

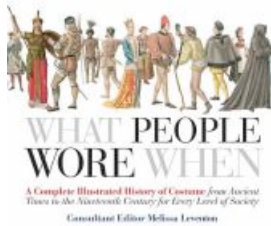


We Are at Home: Pictures of the Ojibwe People

By Bruce White

From the mid-19th to the mid-20th century, photographers, most of them white, took thousands of pictures of the Ojibwe people of northern Minnesota. Anthropologist White's book reproduces hundreds of these photographs and describes the circumstances under which they were taken and the background and approach of the photographers. White people, he argues, while not ill-intentioned, photographed the Ojibwe in a way that reinforced the photographer's cultural view of Indians as exotic others, while Ojibwe photographing their own people provided

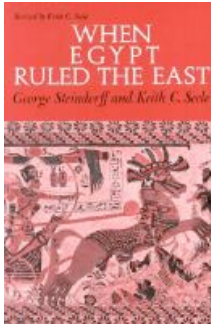
a more accurate cultural context. The author provides interesting insights into Ojibwe/white relations, although an occasional bit of turgid prose suggests the book's connection to his doctoral dissertation. The major attraction for teens will be the beautifully reproduced photographs that document, however imperfectly, the lives of the Ojibwe during a century of change. A worthy addition to libraries that support Native American studies, especially those in the upper Midwest. (*School Library Journal*)



What People Wore When: A Complete Illustrated History of Costume from Ancient Times to the Nineteenth Century for Every Level of Society

Consultant Editor Melissa Leventon, featuring the classic artworks of Friedrich Hottenroth & Auguste Racinet

This attractive book will appeal to teens looking for quick answers for a last-minute assignment, and it will also be of interest to budding fashionistas and social historians. Leventon has combined current research on costume and dress through the ages with the detailed beauty of the work of two 19th-century illustrators, Auguste Racinet and Friedrich Hottenroth, to provide a historical and thematic examination of fashion and dress that is both comprehensive and readable. The volume works first and foremost as a reference book, and it is full of informative sidebars and copious cross-references. But it is worth browsing through because it is also full of gorgeous color pictures as well as silhouettes that show the changing shape of clothing and style through time. There is a lot of attention to detail, both visually and textually. The result is an exhaustive, entertaining tome that will be put to good use in reference departments and circulating collections alike. (*School Library Journal*)

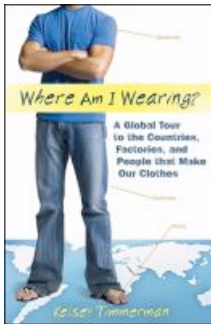


When Egypt Ruled the East

By George Steindorff and Keith C. Seele

Here, adequately presented for the first time in English, is the fascinating story of a splendid culture that flourished thirty-five hundred years ago in the empire on the Nile: kings and conquests, gods and heroes, beautiful art, sculpture, poetry, architecture.

Significant archeological discoveries are constantly being made in Egypt. In this revision Professor Steele has rewritten whole chapters on the basis of these new finds and offers several new conclusions to age-old problems. (*Synopsis, Barnesandnoble.com*)

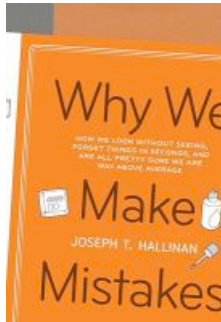


Where Am I Wearing: A Global Tour to the Countries, Factories, and People that Make Our Clothes

By Kelsey Timmerman

Journalist Timmerman travels the globe in search of the factories that manufactured his clothing. Tracking a T-shirt, underwear, jeans, and flip-flops leads him from Honduras to Bangladesh to Cambodia and China. It is not surprising that he encounters heart-wrenching poverty or gains an eye-opening view of how much the average piece of American apparel is marked up. What is unexpected is the revelation of just how much harm is done to workers when overseas manufacturers are boycotted. Timmerman's interviews with numerous factory workers make it clear that taking away their jobs is akin to creating a poverty tsunami. Yet, as Timmerman confesses, "There isn't a single worker who makes my clothes who lives a life that I would find acceptable." Like most of us, he wants a simple solution to the problem, rather than be faced with the paralyzing morass that is global poverty, and so he suggests some costly, if important solutions. The injustices of the global

clothing industry must be more thoroughly researched and addressed. Timmerman's heartfelt, if somewhat disjointed, chronicle is a good beginning. *(Booklist)*



Why We Make Mistakes: How We Look Without Seeing, Forget Things in Seconds, and Are All Pretty Sure We Are Way Above Average

By Joseph T. Hallinan

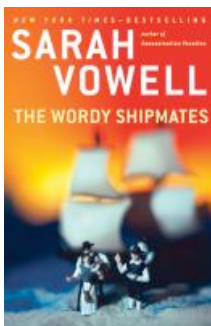
What an eye-opener! If you're someone who has trouble remembering the names of people (or common objects), if you seem to forget things almost immediately after you learn them, if your memory of past events frequently turns out to be drastically at odds with the facts, relax: you're not alone. It's a truism that we all make mistakes, but Hallinan is more interested in why we make them, in what quirks of our mental makeup allow and even frequently encourage us to misremember important events, forget passwords, mistake strangers for friends, buy more groceries than we actually need, fall for optical illusions, and so on. Turns out these aren't sign of illness. Just the opposite: our minds behave this way because our brains are wired this way. Hallinan cites numerous studies and experts (there is a lengthy bibliography), but he keeps the book from becoming a stodgy recitation of facts and statistics through the frequent use of illustrative examples and snappy prose. He also throws in a few big surprises, such as the revelation that multitasking is a myth (we don't do several things at once we switch between various tasks without really focusing on any of them). A vastly informative, and for some readers vastly reassuring, exploration of the way our minds work. *(Booklist)*



The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Francis Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience

By Kirstin Downey

Much of the social reform that has made President Franklin D. Roosevelt so beloved Social Security, fair labor practices, minimum wage were actually ideas conceived and pushed by his labor secretary, Frances Perkins, the first female cabinet member and a woman constrained by the sexism of the era as well as her personal circumstances. Drawing on extensive archival research, Downey offers a riveting portrait of a determined social reformer who pushed a shrewd politician to make substantive changes in the American workplace. Early in her career as a social worker, Perkins witnessed the Triangle shirt factory fire that killed 146 workers. It was a pivotal point for her as she went on to lobby in Albany on behalf of workers, very consciously adopting a plain and dour look to remind the male legislators of their mothers and win more sympathy for her cause. Perkins was a politically savvy woman, able to adapt to Tammany Hall, New York Governor Al Smith, and, later, Governor Roosevelt, all along managing the boss's wife as well as the boss himself. As part of FDR's cabinet, she championed workers' rights through the Great Depression and World War II, helping to keep alive the International Labor Organization. As the nation struggles through its current economic crisis, this compelling biography is particularly timely. *(Booklist)*



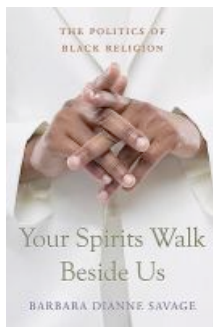
The Wordy Shipmates

By Sarah Vowell

Although Puritanism is conflated with modern religious fundamentalism and its disregard for any learning that doesn't come from the Bible, Vowell argues passionately that Puritans were as enamored of wisdom and knowledge as religious virtue. Focusing on the Puritans who settled in 1692 in the Massachusetts Bay

Colony, Vowell laments the image of Puritans as boring killjoys when in fact they were fascinating killjoys who, aside from their belief that Catholics were going to hell, were much more open to new ideas than we've been led to think. Drawing on letters, essays, and sermons, Vowell offers a penetrating look at the tensions between John Winthrop, John Cotton, Roger Williams, Anne Hutchinson, and others as they argued about the role of religion in government and everyday life. They saw themselves as God's chosen people, a credo that set the tone for American history and notions of manifest destiny that have led to all manner of imposition on other lands and cultures. But they also vehemently debated separation of church and state and founded Harvard, even as they pondered the destiny of what Winthrop referred to as the shining city on the hill. A book dense with detail, insight, and humor.

(Booklist)



Your Spirits Walk Beside Us: The Politics of Black Religion

By Barbara Dianne Savage

The debate about the role and relevance of religion in the social and political lives of African Americans has raged since the days of slavery. Historian Savage focuses on the period from the turn of the twentieth century, a time of tension between science and faith as more and more black Americans sought education and as racial inequalities and exploitation left black Americans as much in need of spiritual succor as ever. As black Americans adjusted to life in urban areas, and to the attendant racial discrimination and segregation, the black church became the only indigenous institution with the stability and influence to effect change within and outside the community, giving rise to the notion of the black church despite what was actually a great diversity of religious institutions. Savage focuses on diverse figures from the early 1900s through the current day, including Marcus Garvey, sociologist W. E. B. DuBois, and activist Marian Wright Edelman. She explores changes in how religion has been viewed and how it has been used as a political and social engine as much as for spiritual uplift. *(Booklist)*