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ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

1. Forsyth, Ann.
Reforming suburbia : the planned communities of Irvine, Columbia, and The Woodlands / Ann Forsyth. University of California Press, ©2005. 379 p. 307.768 FOR

The "new community" movement of the 1960s and 1970s attempted a grand experiment in housing. In *Reforming Suburbia*, Ann Forsyth examines the planned new towns of Irvine Ranch in Southern California, Columbia in Maryland, and The Woodlands in the suburbs of Houston, Texas, through dozens of interviews with developers, designers, and residents as well as extensive archival research. She wonderfully captures the idealistic spirit and traces the evolution, the successes, and the shortcomings of these experiments in urban innovation. The book offers important insights for today's planners, designers, developers, civic leaders, and others interested in incorporating new forms of development into their designs. *Reforming Suburbia* is a fascinating book and is a must read for anyone interested in the practice of American urban development. -- M

2. Mallgrave, Harry Francis.
Modern architectural theory : a historical survey, 1673-1968 / Harry Francis Mallgrave. Cambridge University Press, 2005. 503 p. REF 720.1 MAL

Modern Architectural Theory attempts to present a comprehensive survey of architectural theory during the three centuries of development. In doing so, Harry Francis Mallgrave restricts his focus mainly to Europe and the United States, where he contextualizes architectural discourse within its social and political atmosphere. He further explores the philosophical and conceptual evolution of its ideas, the relation of theory to the practice of building, and the words of the architects themselves as they contentiously shaped Western architecture. *Modern Architectural Theory* challenges many assumptions about architectural modernism and unveils many new dimensions of the debates about modernism. -- (For use only in the Library) M

THE ARTS

3. Grover-Friedlander, Michal.
Vocal apparitions : the attraction of cinema to opera / Michal Grover-Friedlander. Princeton University Press, ©2005. 186 p. 791.436 GRO

Powerful intertwining of cinema and opera paved the foundation on which Michal Grover-Friedlander has built up *Vocal Apparitions*. In this enormously engaging book, she explores the extreme attraction of cinema to opera, and delves deep into the aftermath of projection of one medium onto the other. In the process, she finds striking affinities between film and opera. The book further reveals the impossibility of a direct transformation of the operatic into the cinematic. Paradoxically, cinema at times can be more operatic than opera itself. With an eye on how cinema has been influenced by opera, *Vocal Apparitions* unfolds new perspectives about each medium. -- M

4. Honthaner, Eve Light.
Hollywood drive : what it takes to break in, hang in & make it in the entertainment industry / Eve Light Honthaner. Focal Press, ©2005. 380 p. 791.430293 HON

Hollywood Drive is an essential guide for anyone seriously interested in a career in film and television. Written by a successful Hollywood insider, this book gives the much needed edge to the aspiring youngsters to pave their way through the intense competition. Few newcomers, entering the job market, understand how the business actually works or how to land a first job, nor do they have any notion about how to go a long way and truly succeed in the industry. *Hollywood Drive* realistically explores the best and worst aspects of the industry, various career options, effective job search strategies, what to expect on a first job, the importance of networking and building solid industry relationships, and how a production office and set operate. The unique feature of this book is that it explores the wide variety of possible career paths. It helps understand what to expect from the industry. It guides the newcomers in defining their goals and making plans to achieve them. -- C/CH/M/ND

5. Kindred, Dave.
Sound and fury : two powerful lives, one fateful friendship / Dave Kindred. Free Press, ©2006. 368 p. 796.83 KIN

Despite glaring differences of religion, complexion and looks, Muhammad Ali and Howard Cosell shared loud mouths, humble beginnings, relentless ambition, and healthy egos. Veteran sportswriter Kindred seeks to "recover Muhammad Ali from mythology and Howard Cosell from caricature" with interlocking portraits that trace the rising careers of the boxer and the sportscaster to their first meeting in the early 1960s and then through the creation of one of television's most popular bantering couples. Their on-air playfulness didn't necessarily translate into full friendship. Kindred carefully notes that while Cosell supported the heavyweight champion's right to refuse induction into the army during Vietnam; he never expressed support for Ali's actual position. Likewise, Ali also knew exactly how the relationship benefited them both. Kindred's close relationships with both men inform the story without overwhelming it. *Sound and fury* effectively shows how each man helped create the legend surrounding the other. -- C/CH/M/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2006)

6. Ledgin, Stephanie P.
From every state : images of America's root music / Stephanie P. Ledgin ; with a foreword by Charles Osgood. University Press of Mississippi, 2005. 146 p. REF 781.64 LED

From Every Stage: Images of America's Roots Music is a lavishly illustrated photo narrative book, capturing the emotion, excitement, and energy of performances by greats and up-and-comers in the broad spectrum of roots-derived music in America. This exhilarating collection of 200 black & white and color photographs focuses on the musicians, singers and dancers of folk music, encompassing bluegrass, blues, Cajun, Celtic and country. The sounds of fiddle and banjo are nearly audible as one flips through shots of Roy Acuff's Smoke Mountain Boys from the late 1970s, David "Dawg" Grisman on stage at the Bottom Line in 1985, and a spontaneous bluegrass jam in a hotel lobby in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2003. Ledgin has captured both famous musicians like Béla Fleck, Arlo Guthrie, Emmylou Harris, Wynona Judd, Pete Seeger, Doc Watson etc., and the aspiring ones. Interviews with figures like Bill Monroe shed light on the musicians' motivations for playing the music. The dance photos are striking. These photos, taken over the past 30 years, pay tribute to a quintessential American art form. -- (For use only in the Library) C/CH/M/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2005)

7. Parks, Gordon.
A hungry heart : a memoir / Gordon Parks. Atria Books, 2005. 346 p.
770.92 PAR

Gordon Parks (1912-2006) was a groundbreaking African-American photographer, musician, poet, novelist, journalist, activist and film director. Because of his exceptional photographic skills, he went on to become the first black photojournalist with *Life* magazine. Prior to that he photographed fashion for *Vogue* and *Glamour*. As a celebrated photojournalist and fine art photographer, his work is emblematic of American culture. In *A Hungry Heart*, he goes down the memory lane to recount his survival through the challenges and crisis of life in the face of racism. Readers would find an inspiring perspective of life in this title. -- C/CH/M/ND

8. Roberts, David.
On the ridge between life and death : a climbing life reexamined /
David Roberts. Simon & Schuster, ©2005. 414 p. 796.522 ROB

In *On The Ridge Between Life And Death*, mountaineer David Roberts looks back at the entirety of his climbing experience. It opens with his recounting the horrific 1961 fall of his high school friend and climbing partner, Gabe Lee. In spite of this tragedy, Roberts continues to climb and slowly becomes what other climbers call a "hard man," an unsentimental mountaineer who can block out tragedy and focus on getting to the top. In appropriately rugged prose, Roberts details his increasingly dangerous ascents as he begins to pioneer new routes on various Alaskan peaks. In one of the best chapters, he tells the story of his team's 1965 climb of Mount Huntington, a "slender triangular pyramid" nine miles southeast of Mount McKinley in Alaska, and their "giddy celebration" upon reaching the top. The feeling doesn't last, though. As they descend, one of the team falls off a narrow precipice with just a "scraping sound, and a spark in the night." This balance of joy and terror is what makes Roberts's book such an exhilarating read and an intense appraisal of a life spent on the edge. -- C/CH/M/ND (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly*, ©2005)

9. Tawa, Nicholas E.
Supremely American : popular song in the 20th century : styles and singers and what they said about America / Nicholas Tawa. Scarecrow Press, ©2005. 331 p. 782.42164 TAW

Supremely American examines how popular lyrics and music relate to American life. In this accessibly written volume, Nicholas Tawa traces the rise of the popular song in twentieth-century America. Songs of the Jazz Age and Swing Era are considered primarily in terms of their relationship to the times, while coverage of the post World War II era focuses on the diversity of styles that emerged. The public's idolization of particular singers such as Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra is also discussed. Tawa also offers insight into the changing musical styles with the changing time period. -- M (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2004*)

10. Williams, Robert.
Art theory : an historical introduction / Robert Williams. Blackwell, ©2004. 310 p. REF 709 WIL

Art Theory: An Historical Introduction is an introductory account of the history of thought about art. It provides a concise overview of Western thought about art. The coverage extends from the ancient times to the end of the twentieth century. The historical and chronological approach of the book contributes to the understanding of the history of art as a whole. Although the title is aimed primarily at the beginning students of studio art and art history, it would be of interest to all who have some basic familiarity of art history. To help delve deeper, a full bibliography is included, which serves a useful and up-to-date guide to the primary sources and secondary literature. -- (For use only in the Library) CH

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

11. Cunill, Onofre Martorell.
The growth strategies of hotel chains : best business practices by leading companies / Onofre Martorell Cunill. Haworth Hospitality Press, ©2006. 213 p. 647.94068 CUN

The hotel industry has witnessed both economic and social transformation. It has undergone a lot of diversification and specialization

resulting in the emergence of many worldwide hotel chains. In *The Growth Strategies of Hotel Chains*, Cunill has successfully attempted to cover the theories and practices behind this success. An overview of the hotel chains' growth strategy, this book explains the factors leading to the success of the largest worldwide hotel chains in gaining their contemporary status. In addition to this, it also looks into the direction of the future developments of the industry. A number of charts, tables and figures further facilitate understanding of this complex information. -- C

12. Dym, Barry.
Leadership in nonprofit organizations / Barry Dym, Harry Hutson. Sage Publications, ©2005. 236 p. 658.4092 DYM

Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations is about exemplary leadership as found in both corporate and nonprofit organizations. The authors take a fresh approach to the study of leadership. The book explores contemporary versions of leadership as embedded in American culture. It develops the concept of good fit between the leader and circumstances in which she or he must lead. It reveals predictable leadership dynamics and cycles and explains how leaders can increase the readiness for change in their organizations. -- C/CH

13. E-commerce and the digital economy / Michael J. Shaw, editor. M.E. Sharpe, ©2006. 300 p. 658.800285 ECO

This volume in the *Advances in Management Information Systems* series focuses on the electronic commerce (e-commerce) in today's networked information society. *E-commerce and the Digital Economy* offers a state-of-the-art survey of information systems research on electronic commerce. Scholars in the field attempt to explore contemporary trends in business, upcoming opportunities and obstacles, developments taking place in electronic business, and the digital economy. It helps understand the future direction of electronic commerce. The contents are divided into four parts. The first part deals with the fundamental issues of information technology standards and the transformation of industry structure. The second part focuses on business-to-business (B2B) commerce, while the third part explores management of mobile and information technology infrastructure. The fourth part includes trust, security, and legal issues. The book offers a research perspective on many of the factors of e-commerce and digital economy and would be of special interest to the researchers, students, practitioners, and anyone interested in the current issues and future direction of e-commerce. -- ND

14. Gitlow, Abraham L.
Corruption in corporate America : who is responsible? : who will protect the public interest? / Abraham L. Gitlow. University Press of America, ©2005. 175 p. 174.4 GIT

In order to engage in corrupt practices, "imperial" corporate executives must obtain the cooperation and silence of their boards of directors as well as of the gatekeepers supposedly guarding against corruption such as auditors, legal advisors, financial analysts, investment bankers, and regulatory bodies. Gitlow looks at the corporate role of each of these actors and analyzes how they become involved in corruption. He also discusses the prospective impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 on corporate corruption in America. *Corruption in Corporate America* seeks to answer some of the investigating queries on this issue and also explores the needed actions to prevent such instances in future. -- M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005)

15. Goodwin, Cliff.
The hospitality supervisor's survival kit / Clifford Goodwin, Albert B. Squire III, Elwood Chapman. Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005. 223 p. 647.94068 GOO

Cut-throat competition in today's hospitality industry calls for excellent customer services. But at the same time the organizations also have to assure that their employees get their dues in terms of both credit and rewards. Thus the role and skills of the supervisors become pivotal. This survival kit takes care of this need of today's hospitality industry's supervisors. It contains various tools to develop human relations skills, understand labor and management relations, and enhance customer service skills, which are essential for superior customer and employee management and supervision. -- C/CH/M/ND

16. Michaelson, Gerald A.
Sun Tzu strategies for marketing : 12 essential principles for winning the war for customers / Gerald A. Michaelson with Steven W. Michaelson. McGraw-Hill, ©2004. 244 p. 658.8 MIC

In *Sun Tzu Strategies for Marketing*, Gerald Michaelson explores application of ancient Chinese military genius Sun Tzu's classic battle strategies to today's aggressive marketing scenario. Sun Tzu was the author of *The Art of War*, which is an influential ancient Chinese book on military strategies. Michaelson restates these timeless ideas as "The Principles of the Marketing

War." Further he illustrates the principles with strategic and tactical applications drawn from the most successful marketing campaigns. The strength of the title is its simplicity and clarity of thought content. Specially targeted for the marketing professionals, this book has the potential of grooming them, and helping them become a master at the art of winning. -- C/CH/M/ND

17. Post, Karen.
Brain tattoos : creating unique brands that stick in your customers' minds / Karen Post ; foreword by Jeffery H. Gitomer ; afterword by Michael Tchong. AMACOM, ©2005. 187 p. 658.827 POS

Effective branding is all about leaving a positive and virtually indelible impression in the mind of the target customers. *Brain Tattoos* offers a practical approach to maximize one's brands. It is packed with tools that would help identify brand's purpose, personality, promise, and point of difference. -- C/CH/M/ND

18. The psychology and management of workplace diversity / edited by Margaret S. Stockdale and Faye J. Crosby. Blackwell Publishing, ©2004. 377 p. 658.3008 PSY

The Psychology and Management of Workplace Diversity examines the processes involved in the management of diversity at work and in the creation of multicultural work organizations. Written by prominent scholars in specific domains, the coverage includes the demographic forces and legal developments facilitating a need for diversity management; advantages and disadvantages of workplace diversity; models describing and explaining diversity management; how diversity has, does, and should work with respect to gender, race/ethnicity, age, disability, obesity, sexual orientation, and social class; strategies for organizational change; and diversity management issues around the globe. -- CH (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2003*)

19. Scott, David Meerman.
Cashing in with content : how innovative marketers use digital information to turn browsers into buyers / David Meerman Scott. Information Today/CyberAge Books, 2005. 256 p. 658.872 SCO

We are living in an information era that is characterized by the growth of World Wide Web and electronic commerce. Organizations like The Wall

Street Journal Online, Weyerhaeuser, Alcoa, United Parcel Service, Tourism Toronto, and CARE USA have successfully harnessed the new web-based tools to effectively market their products and services. At the same time there are many organizations that have failed to make the best possible use of it. According to David Meerman Scott, what matters most is the content on the web. Even an award winning site may not be able to attract its potential customers. To turn web browsers into buyers, the content of the site has to be informative. A potential customer primarily looks for product information rather than fancy graphics and the advertisements. Scott has established the importance of compelling content with the help of interviews with 20 of today's most innovative Web marketers. The book is practical in approach with real-life marketing lessons. -- C/CH/M/ND

20. Time management : increase your personal productivity and effectiveness. Harvard Business School Press, ©2005. 152 p. 650.11 TIM

This guide for business managers describes practical time management tools. It opens with a discussion about the importance of setting and prioritizing workplace goals. Other topics include making the most of PDAs and day-planners, delegating tasks to subordinates, avoiding common distractions, and coping with a time-wasting "bottleneck" boss. Some ways of maintaining balance between work and personal life are also described. Managers would specially find this guide useful to maximize their personal productivity and that of their organizations. -- C/CH/M/ND (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006*)

21. Vogel, Craig M.
The design of things to come : how ordinary people create extraordinary products / Craig M. Vogel, Jonathan Cagan, Peter Boatwright. Wharton School Publishing, ©2005. 237 p. 658.575 VOG

Vogel, Cagan and Boatwright suggest that we are in an era not of invention but of innovation, oriented toward the changing needs and desires of the consumer. In *The Design of Things to Come*, they introduce specific innovators who listened to consumers and motivated their companies to meet consumer needs with designs, or redesigns, of products that solve problems, add value, or even help consumers live out their fantasies. The book suggests how businesses can introduce new thinking and new levels of innovation to their existing organization without bringing in consultants. The lesson of listening to

the consumer applies to marketing, customer service, and even engineering. The book is written by experts in industrial design, but it provides an integrated look at all relevant issues. -- C/CH/M/ND (Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2005)

COMMUNICATION

22. The future of media : resistance and reform in the 21st century / edited by Robert W. McChesney, Russell Newman, and Ben Scott ; with a foreword by Bill Moyers. Seven Stories Press, 2005. 376 p
302.23 FUT

The Future of Media is a comprehensive book about the status quo of media in the United States and it explores the possibility of changing it. Journalists, academics, activists, and government officials detail the full-blown journalistic crisis they see in the United States, and optimistic signs of resistance to the cheerleading war news, the consolidating media ownership, the corruption of lawmakers by big media, and the increasing political censorship. They cover the threat to a free press; systematic marginalization; media regulation in the public interest; the politics of convergence, new media, and innovation; and the future of media in a global age. -- C/CH/M/ND (Adapted from *Book News, Inc.*, ©2004)

ECONOMICS

23. After Enron : lessons for public policy / edited by William A. Niskanen. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, ©2005. 397 p.
338.6 AFT

In *After Enron*, Niskanen assesses the major policy lessons to be drawn from the collapse of the energy giant Enron. This collection of 20 papers considers broader issues of corporate governance and regulation, including accounting problems and their alternatives, the failure of the entire Enron auditing chain, provisions of the tax code that influence the character of executive compensation and promote the conditions leading to bankruptcy, and corporate governance rules that have shifted power to corporate managers relative to shareholders over the past few decades. -- C/M/ND (Adapted from *Book News, Inc.*, ©2004)

24. Bernstein, William J.
The birth of plenty : how the prosperity of the modern world was created / William J. Bernstein. McGraw-Hill, ©2004. 420 p.
339.2 BER

Bernstein's premise is that prosperity will flow once a society acquires the four crucial factors – property rights, scientific rationalism, capital markets, and modern transportation and communication. In the first of three sections, the author covers the sources of growth. He chronicles the history of property ownership, technological invention and its impact on prosperity, the roots of the capital markets, and the benefits of machines to production. Then he profiles countries that have been historically considered economically successful, such as Holland and Japan, and he theorizes about why some areas, such as Africa and Latin America, have been left behind. Bernstein then applies the concepts discussed to modern-day life. He discusses such issues as the way in which prosperity contributes to a country's well-being and what inequalities can result from economic growth. This fascinating, well-written book looks at how the concept of prosperity has evolved over centuries. -- ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2004)

25. Budd, John W.
Employment with a human face : balancing efficiency, equity, and voice / John W. Budd. Cornell University Press, 2004. 263 p.
331 BUD

In *Employment with a Human Face*, John W. Budd advocates giving a “human face” to the employment. He rules out the traditional practices based on purely economic relationship between the employer and the employee. Employment is more than just an economic activity. Apart from the economic aspect, it is also a fully human activity. Budd recommends fair treatment of the employees and importance of their role, and input in decision making. He proposes efficiency, equity, and voice as the underlying objectives for modern democracies. His analyses lay a foundation for reforming employment practices, social norms, and public policies. -- CH/M

26. Hughes, Kent H.
Building the next American Century : the past and future of American economic competitiveness / Kent H. Hughes. Woodrow Wilson Center Press : Distributed by Johns Hopkins University Press, ©2005. 542 p. 330.973 HUG

Building the Next American Century looks into the past and future of American economic growth. Kent Hughes has an optimistic vision of the United States' economic future. Tracing the economic history of America back to the formation of competitiveness strategy in the late 1970s, which became national policy in the 1990s, the book seeks to provide a framework for future prosperity. It investigates the driving forces behind American economic policy, which was enhanced by deeper government and private sector partnership. -- CH/M/ND

27. John Kenneth Galbraith and the future of economics / edited by Blandine Laperche and Dimitri Uzunidis. Palgrave, 2005. 252 p. 330 GAL

John Kenneth Galbraith had an unconventional approach to economics that offers important insights to the challenges facing both industrialized & developing economies. This book illustrates how his approach to economics aids to our understanding of the contemporary economics and economic policies. It discusses the intellectual and political life of John Kenneth Galbraith and his political economics in the context of today's economics. The new perspective attempts to answer the economic challenges being faced by both industrialized and developing economies. -- C/CH/M/ND

28. Levitt, Steven D.
Freakonomics : a rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything / Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. William Morrow, ©2005. 242 p. 330 LEV

Economist Levitt and Dubner team up in this intriguing, quirky look at life and how to understand better the world in a new way. Levitt looks at a variety of data and finds in the math underlying answers to difficult questions that have a freakish quality. Chapters include the commonality between schoolteachers and sumo wrestlers, why drug dealers still live with their mothers, and what makes a perfect parent. The crisp, bright narration by Dubner enlivens this title. Readers with economics background will find this title of special interest. -- ND (*Adapted from Library Journal, ©2005*)

29. Prahalad, C.K.
The fortune at the bottom of the pyramid / C.K. Prahalad. Wharton School Publishing, ©2005. 401 p. 339.46 PRA

In *The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid*, C.K. Prahalad identifies the market potential at the bottom of the pyramid (BOP), which consists of billions of people worldwide, who have immense purchasing power. With the help of 12 case studies from various countries including India, Prahalad emphasizes the potential of the BOP market. He identifies the business opportunity in the developing countries and also the possibility of helping and serving millions of the world's poorest people, and that too profitably. -- C/CH

30. Toffler, Alvin.
Revolutionary wealth / Alvin Toffler and Heidi Toffler. Knopf, 2006. 492 p. 339 TOF

Alvin Toffler and Heidi Toffler have once again peered into the future. The subject this time is how a knowledge-based economy (i.e., an economy based on brain power rather than physical labor) will help create new wealth in the future. The book surveys the rise of a new economic group called "prosumers" (a new breed of producers who are also consumers), and seeks to answer how this new group will become even more prevalent. While building a convincing case that the acquisition of new knowledge will benefit these prosumers as well as others, they pay less attention to what might happen if the newly created knowledge is either misunderstood or badly utilized. Though the authors may seem overly pessimistic at times, the overall thrust of their book is optimistic. It suggests how using newly created knowledge might create revolutionary wealth and dramatically transform the world. -- C/CH/M/ND
(Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2006)

31. The United States and the world economy : foreign economic policy for the next decade / edited by C. Fred Bergsten. Institute for International Economics, 2005. 454 p. 337.73 UNI

Bergsten presents this volume to provide an agenda for the United States foreign economic policy. Thirteen contributions provide an overview and then discuss the policy context – global integration, China's emergence in the global economy, and the U.S. in relation to large emerging-market economies. Subsequent topics in the "key issues" section include sustaining global growth while reducing external imbalances, energy, U.S. trade policy, offshore

outsourcing, immigration policy, international financial architecture, and fostering development. -- C (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2004*)

EDUCATION

32. Porter, Lynnette R.
Developing an online curriculum : technologies and techniques /
Lynnette R. Porter. Information Science Publishing, ©2004. 316 p.
378.1734 POR

Developing an Online Educational Curriculum: Techniques and Technologies is a guidebook for the teaching community especially those looking for support with their online education programs. It provides excellent guidelines for academicians working with online tools, developing course materials for online courses, exploiting Internet as a medium of education and other daily activities including evaluating assignments, communicating with students etc. It also provides administrative support in recruiting, training and retaining online teachers, online education and evaluation of online materials. --
ND

ENVIRONMENT

33. Nadeau, Robert.
The environmental endgame : mainstream economics, ecological
disaster, and human survival / Robert L. Nadeau. Rutgers University
Press, ©2006. 211 p. 304.28 NAD

Despite the fact that a global environmental crisis was foreseen long back, not much has been done in this direction. Although the scientific community and environmental enthusiasts have set the ball rolling, there has not been any serious political will to support and join them in their endeavor. Robert L. Nadeau warns that we are at the edge of a global environmental catastrophe. It is high time we took the threat seriously, and took some meaningful steps in this direction to avoid this. Nadeau opines that the ecological concern has to percolate beyond scientific community. It should become a real-life, tangible concern of the people around the globe. *The Environmental Endgame* seeks to change the way we think about our economy, government, and the environment.

Anyone who cares about planet Earth and is willing to take initiative in this direction will find this book meaningful. -- C/CH/M/ND

HISTORY & CIVILIZATION

34. Bordewich, Fergus M.
Bound for Canaan : the underground railroad and the war for the soul of America / Fergus M. Bordewich. Amistad, ©2005. 540 p. 973.7115 BOR

Countless black and white Americans operated the Underground Railroad, defying slaveholders and the federal government to escort fugitive slaves over land or by sea to freedom, and risking severe punishment, if captured. Bordewich covers six decades of the Underground Railroad, from its inchoate beginnings to its height, when it boasted a complex network of individuals determined to eliminate slavery from a nation proclaiming to be the land of liberty. Similar in scope to David W. Blight's *Passages to Freedom*, this work takes into account the many parties involved at all levels of the Underground Railroad. Bordewich draws mainly from primary sources to craft a rich, spellbinding, and readable narrative. -- C/CH/M/ND (*Adapted from Library Journal*, ©2005)

35. Dole, Robert J.
One soldier's story : a memoir / Bob Dole. HarperCollins Publishers, ©2005. 287 p. 940.5481 DOL

In April 1945, three weeks before Germany surrendered in World War II, 21-year-old Lt. Robert Dole suffered near-fatal wounds to his shoulder and spinal cord from German machine-gun fire as he tried to pull his radioman to safety. In this book, based on the 300 letters Dole exchanged with his family, he tells the story of his three-year ordeal to relearn how to walk and use his arms. In addition, he describes his childhood in Russell, Kansas, and his years as an athlete at Kansas University. While being treated at Percy Jones Army Medical Hospital in Michigan, he began lifelong friendships with fellow war heroes Phillip Hart and Daniel Inouye, who would become fellow senators as well. Dole largely attributes his remarkable recovery, which included two near-death infections and nine operations, to his faith, the values instilled by his parents, and his sense of humor. -- C/CH/M/ND (*Adapted from Library Journal*, ©2005)

36. Guelzo, Allen C.
Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation : the end of slavery in America /
Allen C. Guelzo. Simon & Schuster, ©2004. 332 p. 973.714 LIN

This impressive work is a splendid history of the genesis, issuance and aftermath of Lincoln's epoch-making Emancipation Proclamation. It focuses on the President, whom Guelzo presents in all his prudent, acute genius. As is well known, the recovery of the Union, not emancipation, was always uppermost in Lincoln's aims. Therefore, he had to convince himself that options other than emancipation – principally treating escaping slaves as contraband of war or compensating slaveholders for their freed slaves – were unworkable and likely to retard Northern victory before concluding that the slaves' emancipation would advance the cause of war as well as end an evil. The history of how Lincoln convinced himself is Guelzo's main subject. The political and legal reasoning behind Lincoln's series of hugely difficult decisions has never been presented so well before nor in such authoritative detail. And rarely has Lincoln's cautious approach seemed, paradoxically, so fit and so bold. His ability both to listen to others and to explain with clarity and eloquence why he had taken the decision he did stands out, as does his firmness of resolve in the face of violent criticism. In this fast-paced and riveting work, the president stands forth not so much as the deeply compassionate and thoughtful man he was but rather as a man of inordinate understanding of his fellow citizens and of the needs of his fractured nation. -- CH (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly*, ©2003)

INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

37. Mueller, Scott.
Upgrading and repairing servers / Scott Mueller, Mark Edward Soper,
Barrie Sosinsky. Que, ©2006. 1106 p. REF 005.7585 MUE

Price of servers has gone down remarkably. Owing to this many small and medium-sized businesses are compelled to provide their own server setup, maintenance and support, without the expensive training enjoyed by their big corporate counterparts. *Upgrading and Repairing Servers* is the first line of defense for small and medium-sized businesses, and an excellent go-to reference for the experienced administrators. Its in-depth coverage of server design, components and implementation qualifies it as an excellent reference tool. -- (For use only in the Library) C

38. Swedin, Eric Gottfrid.
Computers : the life story of a technology / Eric G. Swedin and David
L. Ferro. Greenwood Press, ©2005. 166 p. 004 SWE

Swedin and Ferro recount the origin and development of electronic computers, with an initial chapter on how people have sought and found mechanical aids to computation through the ages. World War II provided the impetus for the development of the electronic digital computer whereas the Cold War security and defense needs of the United States drove the development of computing technology. *Computers: The Life Story of a Technology* presents a complete picture of the dynamic changes in the computer technology from ancient times to the present day. -- C/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005)

39. Wilson, A. Paula.
100 ready-to-use pathfinders for the Web : a guidebook and CD-ROM /
A. Paula Wilson. Neal-Schuman Publishers, ©2005. 247 p.
REF 001.420285 WIL

This guidebook, with an accompanying CD-ROM, aims to reach and serve users before they are physically at the library. The book is divided into two complementary parts namely *Creating Pathfinders* and *100 Ready-to-Use Pathfinders*. The finding aids are educational and practical. The very helpful CD-ROM has cascading style sheets for easy upload to the library Web site. Libraries can copy or modify the pathfinders, create new ones, or customize them from the disc. The author emphasizes that the library Web site should be a functional tool, and pathfinders provide a starting point, facilitate research, and promote awareness. Many practical tips and exemplary finders are provided. The focus throughout is to make it easy for the librarian to serve the user. -- (For use only in the Library) C/CH/M/ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2005)

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

40. Daugherty, William J.
Executive secrets : covert action and the presidency / William J. Daugherty ; foreword by Mark Bowden. University Press of Kentucky, ©2004. 298 p. 327.1273 DAU

In *Executive Secrets: Covert Action and the Presidency*, Daugherty provides an overview of the nature and proper use of covert action as a tool of presidential statecraft and discusses its role in transforming presidential foreign policy into reality. The book addresses the public perceptions about the use of covert action. Daugherty rules out the public perception of the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) as a rogue agency that initiates unsanctioned, risky covert action programs, and produces evidence to disapprove this public notion. He advocates covert action as a legitimate foreign policy option and that the C.I.A. has always worked at the behest of the president. -- M

41. Jervis, Robert.
American foreign policy in a new era / Robert Jervis. Routledge, 2005. 184 p. 327.73 JER

In *American Foreign Policy in a New Era*, Robert Jervis refers the era following September 11, 2001 as the "new era". He provides several snapshots of world politics over the past few years. He analyzes factors that have transformed international politics and American foreign policy including the "war on terrorism"; the Bush Doctrine and its policies of preventative war and unilateral action; and the promotion of democracy in the Middle East and around the world. He perceives U.S. "war on terrorism" as one of the major emergent factors defining contemporary international politics. At the backdrop of these events and policies lies the fact that leading countries of the world no longer contemplate war with each other. Anyone interested in understanding the policies and events that have shaped and are shaping U.S. foreign policy in a rapidly changing world would find this book appealing. -- C/CH/M/ND

42. Mandelbaum, Michael.
The case for Goliath : how America acts as the world's government in the twenty-first century / Michael Mandelbaum. Public Affairs, ©2005. 283 p. 327.73 MAN

The United States' use of its enormous power has often been under criticism. In *The Case for Goliath*, Michael Mandelbaum convincingly demonstrates that the United States plays an unprecedented positive international role. Unlike the great powers of the world and even the superpowers of the past, United States has willingly and ably assumed the role of world governance. Mandelbaum opines that the United States is erroneously perceived to be an empire. He highlights the role of American power in international security and prosperity, and also analyzes the implication of the world's acceptance and resentment on America's global role. Even countries that criticize America's global role accept the benefits it provides. This book offers a fresh approach to an issue of universal concern. Mandelbaum's profound understanding of America and the world is reflected in his convincing clear views that have been driven home logically and convincingly. -- C/CH/M/ND

43. Mitchell, David.
Making foreign policy : presidential management of the decision-making process / David Mitchell. Ashgate, ©2005. 271 p. 327.73 MIT

Mitchell develops the Advisory Systems Decision Framework to investigate how a U.S. president's choice of management style influences the American government's foreign policy decision-making process and decision outcomes. Foreign policy analysts have addressed the relationship, he says, but have failed to take seriously into account centralization as a key variable in determining the nature of the decision-making process, and have dealt only superficially with the connection between the process and its outcomes. He argues that the unstructured solutions the president and advisers use to resolve disagreements have implications on the outcome. -- C/M/ND (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2004*)

44. Nassar, Jamal R.
Globalization and terrorism : the migration of dreams and nightmares /
Jamal R. Nassar. Rowman & Littlefield, ©2005. 143 p. 303.625 NAS

Nassar attempts to define the concept of terms globalization and terrorism, and gives a historical and political treatment to the same. He explores the relationship linking these two most prominent, yet contested, concepts within the contemporary international politics. International terrorism and globalization are linked through what he calls the migration of dreams and the migration of nightmares. He develops two key cases – Palestine and Northern Ireland – and applies their lessons to other examples including the Congo, Chechnya, and Colombia in an effort to elaborate how globalization and terrorism operate in a variety of contexts. Finally, a chapter on Middle East Islamist terrorism illustrates incisiveness with balance. Nassar conveys his respect and hope for an enlightened global interdependence – embracing the power of the dream over the nightmare. -- C/M

45. Nuclear transformation : the new U.S. nuclear doctrine / edited by
James J. Wirtz and Jeffrey A. Larsen. Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
288 p. 355.0217 NUC

For a while it looked like nuclear war was becoming less and less likely. American relations with Russia and China seemed to stabilize, and the "nuclear club" was reassuringly small in membership. In this collection of 18 articles, contributors describe the context behind the changes advocated by the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) and its new nuclear missions, its implementation in a changed environment, its relationship to controlling the strike complex, and international reactions from the perspective of NATO, Russia, South Asia, Northeast Asia, and the Middle East. They cover a wide variety of topics including the Bush strategy in historical perspective, the "new triad" of international nuclear weapons control, intelligence, and conflicts between U.S. national security strategy and global nonproliferation efforts. -- M/ND
(Adapted from *Book News, Inc.*, ©2005)

46. A practical guide to winning the war on terrorism / edited by Adam
Garfinkle. Hoover Institution Press, Stanford University, ©2004. 230 p.
303.625 PRA

While agreeing that the military, "kinetic" side of the "war on terrorism" is a necessity, Garfinkle stresses that the "nonkinetic" aspects of it,

such as public diplomacy, are equally necessary. He has asked the contributors to think of themselves as addressing policy makers in their advice on how to conduct these "nonkinetic" activities. The authors nearly uniformly reject the idea that United States policy is to blame for Arab and Muslim antipathy towards the United States, instead suggesting more culturally sensitive communications, cultural and scientific exchanges, promoting pro-Western indigenous forces, and other such strategies. -- C/CH/M/ND (Adapted from *Book News, Inc.*, ©2004)

LAW

47. Amar, Akhil Reed.
America's constitution : a biography / Akhil Reed Amar. Random House, ©2005. 657 p. 342.73029 AMA

This book is a useful resource for learning about the intellectual and political origins of the Constitution. Amar has written a lucid and truly engaging history of the U.S. Constitution and its amendments. The opening chapter reviews the history of the Constitutional Convention and ratification process with all the drama of Catherine Drinker Bowen's *Miracle at Philadelphia* or Richard B. Morris's *Witness at the Creation*. The remaining chapters review each article or amendment, section by section and occasionally word by word, and explain the ideas behind the words, that is, the historical, intellectual, and political knowledge that the framers drew upon and incorporated in the document. In many ways, the work is like an annotated version of the American Constitution itself but in essay form. -- C/CH/M/ND (Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2005)

48. Dershowitz, Alan M.
America on trial : inside the legal battles that transformed our nation / Alan M. Dershowitz. Warner Books, ©2005. 586 p. 349.73 DER

In his 21st book, Dershowitz describes 63 famous trials in American history and offers his pointed opinions about the quality of justice. The book is arranged chronologically and includes the Salem witchcraft trials, the 1868 impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, the impeachment trial of President Clinton, and *Bush v. Gore*. What is remarkable about the book is Dershowitz's ability to distill the essence of a case into three or four pages, including excerpts from the trial transcripts. The writing

is sparkling and places the trials in their historical context. The book is a blend of fact and commentary, as shown by the author's occasional jibes at current Supreme Court justices. Dershowitz deftly explains his legal positions and does an excellent job of separating myth from reality in American legal cases. -- C
(Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2004)

49. Privacy in the 21st century : issues for public, school, and academic libraries / Helen R. Adams ... [et al.] ; foreword by Judith Krug. Libraries Unlimited ©2005. 247 p. 342.730858 PRI

Privacy is an important concern in librarianship today, and this well-timed volume brings together information and further resources on confidentiality and privacy for public, school, and academic librarians. It offers in-depth discussion of the American laws affecting personal privacy and privacy in library settings with special attention to the USA Patriot Act. Beginning with an overview of privacy in the United States, the book explores issues of emerging technologies; privacy concerns specific to public, K-12 school, and academic libraries; resources for educators and librarians, as well as discussing the future of privacy in libraries. Appendices include core documents relating to privacy in libraries, privacy audit guidelines, and privacy and confidentiality policies of the United States. -- C/M (Adapted from *Book News, Inc.*, ©2005)

50. Sarat, Austin.
Mercy on trial : what it means to stop an execution / Austin Sarat. Princeton University Press, ©2005. 325 p. 345.773 SAR

Mercy on Trial is yet another thoughtful and compelling work on death penalty by Austin Sarat. The book comprehensively focuses on executive clemency and is an important contribution to death penalty jurisprudence. Sarat skillfully analyzes some recent examples of clemency to illustrate the illusion of mercy in the clemency process. He explores the circumstances in which executive branch of government should use clemency with respect to the death penalty. He concludes by acknowledging the risks associated with mercy followed by arguments that justify those risks. -- CH/M

LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

51. Adolescent literacy research and practice / edited by Tamara L. Jetton, Janice A. Dole. Guilford Press, 2004. 468 p. 428.407 ADO

This impressive book tries to catch-up with the literacy needs of the middle school and secondary students. Scholars from the United States and Canada contribute 20 chapters on the role of literacy instruction in enhancing content-based learning in grades 5-12. The book covers analyses of content-area instruction as the general academic organization of middle and secondary schools; assessment and intervention for struggling adolescent readers and writers; student motivation; the special needs of English-language learners; culturally sensitive pedagogy; the new media and technology; and implications for training, policy, and future research. -- C (Adapted from *Book News, Inc.*, ©2004)

52. Albee, Edward.
Stretching my mind / Edward Albee. 1st Carrol & Graf ed. Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2005. 294 p. 814.54 ALB

Stretching My Mind is a collection of Edward Albee's essays and interviews, the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer of *A Delicate Balance* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*. The volume includes his writings on such topics as theater, literature, and the political and cultural battlegrounds that have defined modern life. Many of the selections are drawn from Albee's private papers, and almost all previously published materials – dating from 1960 to the present – have never been reprinted. Topics include Samuel Beckett, Eugene Ionesco, Sam Shepherd, as well as autobiographical writings about Albee's life, work, and worldview. -- C/CH/M/ND

53. An American vein : critical readings in Appalachian literature / edited by Danny L. Miller, Sharon Hatfield, and Gurney Norman. Ohio University Press, ©2005. 400 p. 810.9 AME

An American Vein is the first general collection of Appalachian literary criticism. It intends to create a foundational text for further scholarship on Appalachian writing. This collection incorporates 29 critical reviews that include thematic surveys on the reasons why Appalachian authors are becoming considered worthy of academic criticism and the history of the regional genre as

well as commentary on specific authors and works. Various works by different authors have been included for example Harriette Arrow's *The Dollmaker*, Mary Lee Settle's autobiographies, Lee Smith's use of language in *Oral History*, and many more. This book is a good resource for anyone interested in Appalachian literature. -- M (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2004*)

54. The Cambridge companion to American modernism / edited by Walter Kalaidjian. Cambridge University Press, 2005. 333 p. 810.9 CAM

The Cambridge Companion to American Modernism is an authoritative illustration of American literary modernism from 1890 to 1939. Twelve distinguished international scholars' original essays provide the achievements of American literary modernism in its social and cultural contexts. The essays of the individual scholars cover American fiction, poetry and drama, American Modernism and the New Negro Renaissance Jazz, Visual Culture, and the avant-grade phase of American modernism. Essays also address gender and sexuality, regionalism, and social representation. Finally the companion concludes with a chapter on modern American criticism. Further, a chronology of key events and publication dates covering the first half of the twentieth century in the United States, is also provided. For those who wish to explore more, a current bibliography for further reading organized by chapter topics, is also included. This book would be an invaluable introductory as well as reference guide for students interested in the history and criticism of the 20th century American literature. -- C/ND

55. King, Stephen.
Cell : a novel / Stephen King. Scribner, ©2006. 355 p. KIN

Stephen King has an axe to grind and he employs the tools of his trade to accomplish the task. Clayton Riddell is in Boston to meet with publishers in hopes of selling his graphic novel series. Portfolio in hand, success within reach, Clay stops to watch the people flocking around a Mister Softee truck. Within moments the world is changed as a mysterious signal reaches cell phone users, turning them into zombies. Clay, who is cell-less, soon teams up with others who have eluded the evil transmission. They embark on a quest to save themselves from the violence and destruction wrought by the changed beings who once owned cell phones. Using the familiar streets of Boston and introducing Riddell minutes before the catastrophe occurs circumvents the need for the strong setting and character development found in the bulk of King's work. -- C/CH/M/ND (*Adapted from Library Journal, ©2006*)

56. Literacy research methodologies / edited by Nell K. Duke, Marla H. Mallette. Guilford Press, ©2004. 364 p. 428.407 LIT

This book presents thirteen methodologies commonly used in literary research. Each chapter describes a methodology, identifies the questions and claims for which it is suited, presents quality standards, and provides at least one exemplary study. The volume also includes a chapter on the role of theory and epistemology in methodology. Duke and Mallette conclude by identifying five core messages about methodology derived from the previous chapters. The book would be of special interest to the scholars wishing to streamline their literary research. -- C/M (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2004*)

57. Merwin, W.S.
Migration : new & selected poems / W.S. Merwin. Copper Canyon Press, ©2005. 545 p. 811.54 MER

W.S. Merwin, the most influential American poet of the last half-century, has redefined the vision of today's poetry. *Migration: New and Selected Poems* is the distilled collection of Merwin's five decades of poetic excellence that is not just elegant and evocative but also intellectually challenging. His persistent prominence makes it difficult to believe that this rich collection is work of a single person. The works included stretch from the earliest 1950s melancholy of Merwin to some of his recent works, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Carrier of Ladders" (1970). Scholars and students of English literature, who relish poetry and perceive beyond the traditional verse, will enjoy going through this collection. -- C/ND

58. Naylor, Gloria.
Conversations with Gloria Naylor / edited by Maxine Lavon Montgomery. University Press of Mississippi, ©2004. 198 p. 813.54 NAY

Conversations with Gloria Naylor is a collection of Gloria Naylor's interviews. It identifies her as one the most talented novelists of the previous two decades. Her debut, the critically acclaimed *The Women of Brewster Place* (1982), was the first in a quartet of novels built on a fictional universe of intertwined stories and characters. But at the time of its publication, Naylor did not see herself as a writer. By the time *Mama Day* was published in 1988, Naylor felt she had gotten her bearings as a writer. In this collection of 24 interviews, arranged chronologically from the publication of *The Women of*

Brewster Place to the publication of *The Men of Brewster Place* (2000), Naylor discusses her decidedly feminist and nationalist perspectives, and her impressions of magical realism, as well as her writing methods. -- ND
(Adapted from *Booklist*, ©2004)

59. Place in American fiction : excursions and explorations / edited by H.L. Weatherby and George Core. University of Missouri Press, ©2004. 265 p. 813.509 PLA

Place in American Fiction is a fascinating collection of literary reminiscences and provides insight criticism of the centrality of place in literary works of some of the most famous twentieth century American writers. Majority of the contributors hold the notion that literature especially short stories and fiction are essentially influenced by the place with which the authors have been associated. Emblematic nature of the local image is very often reflected in their writings. The context of local geography and culture of the authors' native place can be frequently identified. Various essays by different authors have been included in this collection, which go a long way in approving the authenticity of the dictum. -- C/CH/M/ND

60. Powers, Ron.
Mark Twain : a life / Ron Powers. Free Press, ©2005. 722 p. 818.409

Few American authors have attracted more biographical studies than Mark Twain. Many of those studies are excellent, though none has won recognition as the definitive biography. This new book by Powers is a strong contender for that title. It draws on many previously unused primary sources, offers both breadth and depth, and is elegantly written. Powers is a distinguished writer in his own right and has previously written three other books on Twain. As a native of Hannibal, Missouri – Twain's hometown – the author adds a unique feeling for place to his skills as a writer and his feel for American voices. The Twain he reveals here is a fully rounded human being, whose triumphs and failings are chronicled in rich detail. Literary scholars and students interested in Mark Twain would definitely consider reading this book. -- C/CH/M/ND
(Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2006)

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

61. Human rights and the world's major religions. Praeger, 5 v. ©2005.
REF 201.723 HUM

Using the 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a springboard, these five similarly structured volumes examine human rights within the context of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. The first part of each volume considers the historical development and analysis of the religion; the second is a selection of excerpts from relevant texts followed by brief biographies of the major thinkers mentioned and an annotated bibliography. Peter J. Haas considers the Jewish experience in America and modern Israel; Harold Coward and Robert E. Florida argue that the concept of human rights is really a Western one; and Muddathir Abd Al-Rahim looks at the compatibility of Islam and democracy. All of the volumes are written fairly objectively. In the volume on Christian tradition, for example, William H. Brackney includes material from the Vatican as well as from various Protestant sects. Raising important issues about religion and human rights, this clearly written set would appeal to the advanced students and also to the mature high school students. -- (For use only in the Library) M (*Adapted from Library Journal*, ©2005)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

62. Butler, Roger Lawrence.
Claiming the mantle : how presidential nominations are won and lost before the votes are cast / R. Lawrence Butler. Westview Press, 2004.
195 p. 324.273 BUT

In *Claiming the Mantle*, Butler addresses the process of selection of presidential nominees – both formal and informal. Examples from 2004 Democratic nomination have been drawn to discuss the informal process. Also explained are the outcomes of every contested presidential nomination since 1976. The book trails the evolution of presidential nomination process and explores the unwritten rules that lets one among many candidates to finally win the race. -- C/CH/M/ND

63. Gertzog, Irwin N.
Women and power on Capitol Hill : reconstructing the Congressional Women's Caucus / Irwin N. Gertzog. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2004. 197 p. 328.73076 GER

The book details the history of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues (CCWI), since its founding in 1977. Gertzog opines that the CCWI was the most effective bipartisan organization in the United States House of Representatives, until the Republican revolution of 1994 threatened its survival. He analyzes the origin, development, and dramatically changing influence of the Caucus, and explores how women associated with it have cast off their invisible veils and reasserted their roles in the American legislative process. -- M/ND (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2004*)

64. James, Michael Rabinder.
Deliberative democracy and the plural polity / Michael Rabinder James. University Press of Kansas, ©2004. 239 p. 321.8 JAM

In *Deliberative Democracy and the Plural Polity*, Michael Rabinder James integrates issues of social and religious justice and political stability through a model of deliberative democracy in plural polity. The book addresses the problems of democracy in pluralistic societies and provides a comprehensive insight into the empirical social science and normative political philosophy. It concludes by presenting a realistic but critical reform agenda that can animate struggles for justice in an enormously diverse world. -- M/ND

65. Jilson, Calvin C.
Pursuing the American dream : opportunity and exclusion over four centuries / Cal Jilson. University Press of Kansas, ©2004. 347 p. 973 JIL

Jilson is the author of several books on U.S. political thought. Here, he traces the development and evolution of the American dream over the past four centuries. He contends that the idea of the American dream shapes the national identity: the United States represents the land of opportunity, a chance for a better life, and social advancement that can be achieved through education, moral character, and hard work. Jilson explains that the dream endures despite the exclusion of certain groups at various times and asserts that government policy and legislation have been vital avenues for expanding the American dream, irrespective of race, gender, and ethnicity, into the 21st century. An

extensive bibliography of primary and secondary sources is also included. --
C/M (Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2004)

66. Waterman, Richard W.
Bureaucrats, politics, and the environment / Richard W. Waterman,
Amelia A. Rouse, and Robert L. Wright ; with a contribution by
Kenneth J. Meier. University of Pittsburgh Press, ©2004. 167 p.
351.01 WAT

The bureaucracy in the United States is highly influential and pervasive, and it regulates much of daily life in the United States. The literature of bureaucratic theory is loaded with contradictions and mysteries. *Bureaucrats, Politics, and the Environment* seeks to clarify some of these issues. Based on the analyzed results of the survey of workers at two agencies – enforcement personnel at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and employees of the New Mexico Environment Department – the authors put a face to the bureaucracy. -- C

PSYCHOLOGY

67. Griggs, Richard A.
Psychology : a concise introduction / Richard A. Griggs. Worth
Publishers, ©2006. 150 GRI

Psychology : a Concise Introduction is an introductory psychology textbook that explores the territory of the introductory psychology course with both brevity and clarity. It presents the core content in psychology in a concise yet explanatory format. Griggs, an award-winning teacher, draws on his own classroom experience and his extensive research on the introductory course in his careful choice of the content. The text is highly readable and is student-oriented. It gives a very good overall perspective of the field. To reinforce the concepts, both pedagogical aids and study guide exercises have been incorporated. Concept Checks within the chapters quiz students on material they have just read while Key Terms, Key Term Exercises, and a Practice Test (with answer key) conclude each chapter. While anyone interested in psychology will find this book tempting, the students and teachers of psychology would find the title of special interest. -- C

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

68. Genetically modified crops : their development, uses, and risks / G.H. Liang, D.Z. Skinner, editors. Food Products Press, 2004. 394 p. 631.5233 GEN

Genetically Modified Crops: Their Development, Uses, and Risks addresses the fear and anxiety of the society over biotechnologically modified foods, and discusses methodologies, advantages, and disadvantages of such agro products. U.S., Chinese, and Canadian researchers in plant science, agronomy, and genetics contribute to the public debate on the advantages and dangers of genetically modified crops. They consider mechanisms of transgene locus formation, transgenics of plant hormones and their potential application in horticultural crops, and the genetic engineering of wheat to enhance stress tolerance. The book is oriented towards the subject scholars as well as the general public interested in being informed of the methodologies and risks of genetically modified crops. -- M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2004)

69. Link, Kurt.
The vaccine controversy : the history, use, and safety of vaccinations / Kurt Link. Praeger Publishers, ©2005. 196 p. 614.47 LIN

This book examines the different aspects of vaccination – history, use, and safety. Drawing on his 30 years practice in internal medicine, Link worries not just about the usual adverse reactions to vaccines, which can be serious for some people, but also about children who are protected against all childhood illnesses not getting the stimulation needed to develop a mature immune system. Another concern is creating a highly susceptible population, and he points to smallpox as an example. He deals primarily with the current disease prevention vaccination practices in the developed nations, noting that these will soon be out of date as vaccines improve and expand. -- M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005)

70. Smith, Gina.
The genomics age : how DNA technology is transforming the way we live and who we are / Gina Smith. AMACOM, ©2005. 262 p. 577.16 SMI

The advent of DNA technology brought a revolution that has set the ball rolling for astounding scientific promises. At the same time, it has also posed some complex ethical issues. Written in plain language, this book is very informative. It provides the contemporary advances in applied genetics and explores the possibilities of winning over deadly diseases like cancer, customizing the genetic attributes of our children, application of DNA technology in forensic investigations, stem cell issues etc. -- C/CH/M/ND

SOCIOLOGY

71. Avant, Deborah D.
The market for force : the consequences of privatizing security / Deborah D. Avant. Cambridge University Press, 2005. 310 p. 363.289 AVA

This groundbreaking work of Deborah D. Avant sends an alarming message as she reveals the growth of private security companies and their penetration at corporate, non-governmental organization (NGO) and even national level. *The Market for Force* takes a close look at today's security industry – its growth, role, and impact on control of force. The arguments are based on the case studies drawn from the United States, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. The cases cover the wide range of services provided by the private security companies and the circumstances of their use. She seems to be concerned about the role private security companies play in the national establishments, and takes an interrogative look into the everyday working of the private military companies in the national military establishments. She also questions the political and democratic accountability in the light of recent shift in the security industry, and also the control of force. This is a thought-provoking book that redefines our perspective on the issue. -- M

72. Bishop, George F.
The illusion of public opinion : fact and artifact in American public opinion polls / George F. Bishop. Rowman & Littlefield, ©2005. 223 p. 303.38 BIS

In *The Illusion of Public Opinion*, George F. Bishop presents a rigorous critique of public opinion polling in the United States. According to him public polling and its interpretation by the media is often illusive and misleading. One of the reasons identified for this illusion is that the survey questions are quite often unstructured and vague leading to invalid conclusions. Bishop's profound investigation is based on a wide range of studies and practices implied, and also the way public opinion results are presented by the media. This is highly thought-provoking work especially for those associated with media and public opinion research. -- M

73. Blum, Arlene.
Breaking trail : a climbing life / Arlene Blum. Scribner, ©2005. 313 p. 796.52 BLU

In hiker's parlance, the person who "breaks trail" is one who leads others across difficult terrain, creating a path as they go. This aptly describes Blum's role, not only in her experiences as a climber, but also as a scientist doing innovative, groundbreaking work. In *Breaking Trail*, Blum covers a cross section of her life as a climber, from her first experience, as a college student in 1964, to 1993, when she semi-retired. Through climbing, she experiences a wide range of emotions, from exhilaration at success to grief over the death of friends. Interspersed between the climbing stories are scenes from her childhood that do much to explain the person she became. This is an engaging, well-written adventure that also serves as a social history of women's roles. It should be an inspiring reading for today's young women. -- C/CH/M/ND (*Adapted from Booklist*, ©2005)

74. Carr, C.
Our town : a heartland lynching, a haunted town, and the hidden history of white America / Cynthia Carr. Crown Publishers, ©2006. 501 p. 305.896073 CAR

In this beautifully written book, Carr has crafted a searing look at race in America that combines investigative journalism with an intensely personal family history. She uses the 1930 lynching of two African-American men in

Marion, Indiana, where her father and grandfather grew up, as a prism to examine not only the psychology of the lynch mob members but the thousands of bystanders, some of whom were immortalized in a revolting and haunting photograph, which shows townspeople gathering to stare at the mutilated corpses, still dangling from their nooses. Carr's discovery that her beloved grandfather belonged to the Ku Klux Klan and may have been involved in the hate crime leads her to return to Marion and ask questions that many on both sides of the racial divide find uncomfortable. Carr's sense that she bears a burden of guilt allows her an empathy that enables her to gain access to present-day Klan members, who talk freely about their ideology; her refusal to view herself as morally superior to them lends power to her observations, and her lack of self-righteousness is refreshing. -- C/CH/M/ND (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly*, ©2005)

75. The future of the family / Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Timothy M. Smeeding, and Lee Rainwater, editors. Russell Sage Foundation, ©2004. 296 p. 306.85 FUT

In *The Future of the Family*, late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan explores the changing orientation of the American family, where high divorce rate, single parenthood and non-marital cohabitation has become order of the day. The effect of this paradigm shift is evident – resulting in lower family income and significantly less time for family and children. This book highlights the impact of lower parent involvement on the American children, who are caught up in the vortex of family change. It looks into the possible family policies and steps that United States government could take for the superior development of the American children in the existing scenario. It presents the policy recommendations of both conservatives and liberals in sensible dialogue. The book presents an insight into the state of American family and the social changes it is undergoing. It also discusses the family policies in the United States. Further, it illustrates how the forces of changing society and the family policies affect each other. -- C/CH

76. Gooding-Williams, Robert.
Look, a Negro! : philosophical essays on race, culture and politics / Robert Gooding-Williams. Routledge, 2006. 188 p. 305.896 GOO

In *Look, a Negro!*, Robert Gooding-Williams raises the fundamental issue of race and racism in America. The book takes a deeper insight into the forces of race, culture and democracy in the United States. It explores the

cultural and political significance of racial identity and racial ideology in America. The essays engage the themes that have centrally occupied recent discussion of race and racial identity, among them the workings of racial ideology including the interplay of gender and sexuality in the articulation of racial ideology; the viability of social constructionist theories of race; the significance of Afro-centrism and multiculturalism for democracy; the place of black identity in the imagination and articulation of America's inheritance of philosophy; and the conceptualization of African American politics in post-segregation America. The book will be of interest to those wishing to update themselves on the continuing importance of race-consciousness to democratic culture in the United States. -- C

77. Rosen, Fred.
The historical atlas of American crime / Fred Rosen. Facts on File,
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