**Do Federal Social Programs Work?**  
By: Mulhausen, David B.  
HV95 .M845 2013

Review from: *Choice*  
November 1, 2013

Muhlhausen (research fellow, Heritage Foundation; adjunct professor, George Mason Univ.) reports and evaluates the results of large-scale, multisite studies of federal social programs published since 1990. These studies evaluated major programs such as Head Start, Upward Bound, Section 8 Housing, and abstinence education, as well as many job training and employment programs... Muhlhausen reports... that the half-trillion dollars that the federal government alone is spending on these programs represents a waste of money. For example, Head Start's annual cost is more than $8 billion, but the program had no statistically significant positive effects on academic ability... A provocative work on an important public policy issue.

**Mickey and Willie: Mantle and Mays, the Parallel Lives of Baseball’s Golden Age**  
By: Barra, Allen  
GV865. A1 B3239 2013

Review from: *Library Journal*  
February 15, 2013

Barra (Yogi Berra: Eternal Yankee) traces the rise of these two baseball icons of the Yankees and Giants, respectively, the two greatest players, he believes, from roughly 1951 through 1964. In that era the sports world centered on baseball more than it does today, especially on crosstown rivals. Barra recounts his one-time hero worship of both Mantle and Mays, and his coming to terms with the fact that prodigious athletic talent does not necessarily translate into personal heroism. He portrays Mantle, once referred to by a teammate as “a blond god,” and Mays, the “Say Hey Kid,” as virtually unsurpassed Hall of Fame talents with tortured souls and complex legacies. Their on-the-field feats are legendary, and chronicled again here, but Barra discusses their lives off the field (doomed marriages, financial failure, individual eccentricities).

**I Know Who You Are and I Saw What You Did: Social Networks and the Death of Privacy**  
By: Andrews, Lori  
HM851 .A66 2013

Review from: *Booklist*  
January 1, 2012

With 750 million members, Facebook has the power and reach of a nation, the third largest in the world. Andrews, legal scholar and expert on social media, examines the concept of social network as a nation in need of a constitution that protects the rights of its citizens. Law-enforcement agencies and repressive regimes alike are using information from Facebook pages to go after perceived wrongdoers. Similarly, school administrators and employers search Facebook for information. With the blurring of lines between government and social networks, Facebook and other social media are used to publicize what used to be private information on citizens that they have willingly or inadvertently made public... A fascinating look at social media and a valuable resource for Internet users to protect personal data.

**Governing at Home: the White House and Domestic Policymaking**  
By: Nelson, Michael, and Russell L. Riley  
JK516 .G68 2011

Review from: *Choice*  
April 1, 2012

Two leading presidency scholars gathered other scholars together with domestic policy advisers from past presidential administrations in 2009... to explore the complex and sometimes-mysterious world of domestic policy making in the US. Nine White House alumni joined the scholars for extensive discussions of how policy was made and the structures and processes through which decisions were made in various modern presidential administrations. The result was an excellent collaboration of scholars and practitioners that produced a valuable, important, and highly readable work that is certain to impact future presidential administrations as well as the study of policy making.

**The Woman Who Dared to Vote**  
By: Hull, N.E.H.  
GV863 .A1 O25 2013

Review from: *Library Journal*  
June 15, 2012

Hull (law & history; Rutgers Univ., Camden; Roscoe Pound and Karl Llewellyn: Searching for an American Jurisprudence) examines the 1873 trial of suffragist Susan B. Anthony for illegal voting as a pivotal moment in the quest for women's suffrage. With an effective use of detail and context, the author gives readers an up-close look at Anthony and her circle of colleagues. Readers will encounter ample background on the women's suffrage movement, its fascinating inner struggles, and its relationship with the abolitionists. Still, Hull focuses on the arrest and trial, examining the law, legal proceedings, and arguments after Anthony’s challenged vote. She references Anthony’s and fellow suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s own papers, contemporaneous reports, transcripts from the trial, and numerous other primary and archival sources.
Buying America from the Indians: Johnson v. McIntosh and the History of Native Land Rights
By: Watson, Blake A.
KF228 .J644 W38 2012

Review from: Choice March 1, 2013
Johnson v. McIntosh is one of the most important cases ever with regard to the relationship between the US and indigenous nations. As part of the "Marshall Trilogy," this case dealt with whether First Nations, which existed prior to the creation of the US, had title to land and the ability to engage in the sale of such land.... This single case did more to subjugate native people than perhaps any other, yet it is rarely discussed to the length that it is in this book. Watson (law, Univ. of Dayton) not only covers the case itself and the consequences, but examines the history and context leading up to the case and provides much greater insight into the relationships and mind-set that set the stage for the ruling. In this regard, the work provides something new.

The Alchemy of Teaching: the Transformation of Lives
By: Conway, Jeremiah
LB2331 .C645 2013

In his first book, Conway (philosophy, Univ. of Southern Maine) explores the possibilities of transformation for both teacher and student, using six episodes drawn from his 30 years of experience. Conway believes the art of teaching moves beyond the instruction of facts and into an experience of energetic and intellectual growth. The stories are at once highly personal, yet universal, showing moments of transformation through narratives describing a painful insight, a heartbreaking revelation, or a dedication to a personal calling that interrupts professional advancement. Conway doesn't offer inspirational how-tos; instead his stories allow readers to draw their own conclusions.

Good Prose: the Art of Nonfiction
By: Kidder, Tracy, and Richard Todd
PN145 .K466 2013

Review from: Library Journal November 15, 2012
This title is a gem in its category. Kidder (Strength in What Remains) and veteran editor Todd (The Thing Itself: On the Search for Authenticity), who have long worked together, have cowritten a treatise on writing nonfiction that not only focuses on art over craft, but rises to the level of art itself, while remaining accessible... The tricky issue of accuracy-facts vs. truth and creative license-is handled with a light but sure touch. The closing chapter contains separate reflections, first by Kidder on the experience of being edited and then by Todd on the delicate work of editing. A brief section of usage notes and a selected bibliography are included.

The Lady and Her Monsters: a Tale of Dissections, Real-life Dr. Frankensteins, and the Creation of Mary Shelley’s Masterpiece
By: Montillo, Roseanne
PR5698 .M57 2013

Review from: Booklist November 15, 2012
Scores of books and movies have retold the infamous tale of the ghost-story contest that gave rise to Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein, but Montillo digs deeper (so to speak) in this dual history of literature and science. Half the book is simply one of the most readable biographical portraits you’ll find of Mary Shelley the standoffish, spiteful, but brilliant daughter of a famous feminist mother and philosopher father, and whose torrid love affair with the wild poet Percy Shelley (aka Mad Shelley ) kicked off with premarital midnight sex in a cemetery and only got weirder from there. Alternating with Mary’s narrative is the hellacious history of the rock-star anatomists of the 1700s, who enthralled Percy, and, by extension, Mary, with their grotesque forays into galvanism, the manipulation of dead muscle via electrical current. Both plots come lumbering at each other like, well, monsters until that fateful summer in Geneva when Mary stitched her various influences together into a single literary beast. Montillo is an academic but unafraid of salaciousness, injecting into her tale an invigorating solution of sex, gore, and gossip as we reach both the end of Mary’s woeful life and the end of the anatomists’ grave-robbing free-for-all as it ceded to the Anatomy Act. Sick, smart, shocking, and spellbinding.

Math for the Frightened: Facing Scary Symbols and Everything Else that Freaks You Out about Mathematics
By: Pask, Colin
QA41 .P37 2011

Review from: Library Journal September 23, 2011
...This book, which might better be titled "Math for the Budding Scientist,"... introduces the reader to paradigm-shifting mathematic equations throughout history (e.g., the Pythagorean Theorem, Fibonacci sequences) and also presents the work-a-day application of mathematical language to modern technological tools and exploration. Writing in an engaging voice, he shares his joy in the scientific language that makes scientific thinking possible...