**Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for Lost Heroes of World War II**

By: Zuckoff, Mitchell  
D810 .S45 G839 2013

Review from: *Booklist*  
April 15, 2013

It sounds so implausible that you think it must be fiction: in 1942, a U.S. military cargo plane crashed in Greenland; soon after, a B-17 bomber, assigned to the rescue mission, also crashed; and, not much longer after that, a Coast Guard rescue plane carrying one of the B-17 survivors disappeared in a storm. Facts, not fiction. Nearly seven decades later, Lou Sapienza, a commercial photographer who documented an earlier effort to find lost WWII planes, put together an expedition to Greenland aimed at finding out what happened to that Coast Guard plane. Author Zuckoff... juggles the modern-day and historical stories adroitly, making us feel as though we are right there with the crash survivors, fighting against the bitter cold.

**The Caning: The Assault that Drove America to Civil War**

By: Puleo, Stephen  
E434.8 .P85 2012

Review from: *Publisher’s Weekly*  
August 20, 2012

In 1856, two days after a fiery speech by abolitionist senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, South Carolina representative Preston Brooks entered the Senate chamber and beat Sumner brutally with a heavy cane... the incident illustrated the murderous gulf that had opened between pro- and antislavery forces. More convincingly, Puleo emphasizes that the beating's enthusiastic approval throughout the South shocked Northern opinion more than the assault itself, persuading many moderates that slavery advocates might not be amenable to reason... Portraying his subjects as sincere if fervent, with Brooks the more sympathetic of the two, Puleo surrounds this skillful dual biography with a competent account of a hopelessly divided nation sliding toward bloody conflict.

**The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln Before the Civil War**

By: Stashower, Daniel  
E457.4 .S85 2013

Review from: *Booklist*  
January 1, 2013

Some of President Lincoln’s associates and some historians have questioned if the supposed conspiracy to assassinate him upon his arrival in Baltimore was serious. Stashower has no doubt that the plot was real, and he has written a convincing and well-researched chronicle of it and the successful effort to thwart it. His story has the necessary elements of a successful historical thriller, including a determined assassin; a wily, intrepid detective; a serpentine plot; and, in Lincoln, an important and sympathetic potential victim... The detective, the soon-to-be-famous Allan Pinkerton, is a relentless and clever sleuth, and the chief conspirator, a Baltimore barber named Ferrandini, is a formidable adversary. Despite some slow moments, the book generally succeeds as both a historical inquiry and a detective story.

**How to Keep Score in Business: Accounting and Financial Analysis for the Non-Accountant**

By: Follett, Robert  

Review from: *Choice*  
September 1, 2012

There is no such thing as a completely accurate financial report. Follett, an experienced CEO with no formal accounting education, clearly explains the rules for keeping score in business, covering the basics of business accounting (e.g., accrual not cash scores; key terminology; three chapters on the balance sheet; the income statement; return on investment; changes in cash flow; cash flow budgets; and ratio analysis tools). The author’s intent is to enable managers to read, understand, discuss, use, and analyze accounting reports written for nonaccountants... Follett succeeds in producing a short, readable, and thorough presentation of a frequently obtuse subject... A valuable resource for new managers, entrepreneurs, and general readers.

**The New Digital Age: Reshaping the Future of People, Nations, and Business**

By: Schmidt, Eric, and Jared Cohen  
HM851 .S263 2013

Review from: *PW Annex Reviews*  
April 22, 2013

This transformational work from Google's Schmidt and Cohen examines the boundaries of the physical world we currently inhabit and offers a vision into our digital future: a world where everyone is connected, and what it means for people, nations, and businesses... Schmidt and Cohen address global connectivity and the relationships between invasion of privacy and government's control over people's private information; such connectivity opens doors to identity theft and increases the risk for cyber warfare... Technology connects us all, but as we become more dependent on it, will it eliminate physical human contact altogether?
Fifty Minerals That Changed the Course of History
By: Chaline, Eric
QE359 .A1 C53 2012

Chaline continues the theme of his recent book, Fifty Animals that Changed the Course of History, in this compilation of anecdotal entries on the use of minerals throughout the world and through time. Obviously influential minerals like coal, gold, petroleum, and uranium are dutifully featured, while chapters covering minerals of apparently lesser import—talc, alabaster, and jade among them—read more like filler to hit the titular 50... The brief sections are consistently interesting, and plenty of supplemental illustrations and photos make this a handsome volume, but the title is mostly hyperbole—chapters should be taken with a grain of NaCl. Chaline’s effort is best-suited to curious kids and casual mineralogists.

The Viral Storm: The Dawn of a New Pandemic Age
By: Wolfe, Nathan
QR360 .W65 2011

Review from: Booklist October 1, 2011
Virologist Wolfe doesn’t want to alarm anybody, but viruses reproduce and evolve faster than any other organism on the planet, definitely faster than mere humans can even hope to control. Even though both mammals and viruses have cohabited for eons, the microscopic critters posed little threat until our prehuman ancestor butchered his own prey and sat down to lunch on its flesh. Then all heck broke loose as prehumans then ate the rabbit, and everything that the rabbit had ever eaten, especially viruses. With gashly images of bat droppings as pig food and more, Wolfe graphically illustrates how viruses can hitchhike their way from benign passenger to poison, from lone gunman to mass murderer... Though the squeamish may not enjoy this, Wolfe’s message is both compelling and timely.

Spillover: Animal Infections and the Next Human Pandemic
By: Quammen, David
RA639 .Q35 2012

Review from: Library Journal October 1, 2012
Zoonoses, most simply described as diseases transmitted from animals to humans, include exotic horrors like Ebola and far more common ailments such as influenza, HIV, and Lyme disease. Vividly describing the work of field biologists and laboratory scientists, Quammen (The Reluctant Mr. Darwin: An Intimate Portrait of Charles Darwin and the Making of His Theory of Evolution) takes readers on a series of journeys, including tracking gorillas in the jungles of Gabon and catching bats on the roof of a Bangladeshi warehouse. The researchers he interviews note that as human populations continue to grow, they will inevitably move into habitats with unfamiliar, dangerous microorganisms, and as international travel becomes more popular and more efficient, those microorganisms can be transmitted faster and farther than ever before.

The Addicted Brain: Why We Abuse Drugs, Alcohol, and Nicotine
By: Kuhar, Michael
RC564 .K84 2012

Review from: Choice June 1, 2012
...Kuhar (Emory Univ.) is a respected researcher and scholar with a strong pedigree in pharmacology and neuroscience who has distilled his knowledge into a format that should be well received by anyone seeking to understand substance abuse disorders. The first chapter provides an overview of the book’s content and why it is important. The next 12 chapters cover animal research implications for human behavior, neurophysiology and psychopharmacology, and issues related to stress, social status, gambling, sex, food, gender, and adolescence. Chapter 13 discusses what is currently known about the treatment and prevention of addiction. In the final chapter, "What Does the Future Hold?" ... This work is suitable for undergraduates in a variety of health-related disciplines, including psychology and social work...

Full of Heart: My Story of Survival, Strength, and Spirit
By: Martinez, J.R., with Alexandra Rockey Fleming
UB363 .M36 2012

TV star Martinez’s heartwarming memoir tells of his transformation from cocky, underprivileged kid to wounded soldier to household name. As a wet-behind-the-ears soldier in Iraq in 2003, he drove his Humvee over an anti-tank mine. In the blast, he writes, "My uniform had melted into my skin... Parts of my swollen face were scorched black." He describes the long painful journey back to health, including plastic surgery for his disfigured face. And in 2007, "the world of make-believe [came] calling—All My Children looking for an Iraqi war vet. Recently, he has become a father with a renewed sense of purpose. Part luck and part destiny, Martinez’s story of triumph over tragedy is related with humility, humor, and love. Part of Martinez’s appeal is that he doesn’t take his fame and success for granted. Readers will find it impossible not to love him, with some grateful reflections on their own lives in between.