**The Facts on File Dictionary of Clichés**

*By: Ammer, Christine*

*REF PE1689 .A48 2011*

*Review from: Booklist December 15, 2011*

Questions about the origins or meanings of words and phrases are among the most frequently asked in many libraries, and often those words and phrases are clichés. The latest edition of this helpful guide explains some 4,000 stock phrases, annoying expressions, and overworked words...Because language is fluid, and terms and expressions flow in and out of common usage, a number of entries from previous editions have been dropped to make room for the addition of contemporary expressions (e.g., Carbon footprint, Not so much, Bling)... 

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**Case Studies in Nursing Ethics**

*By: Fry, Sara T., Robert M. Veatch, and Carol Taylor*

*RT85 .V4 2011*

*Review from: Reference & Research Book News February 1, 2011*

The real-life case studies collected here, about 150 in all, shed light on how ethical theory is applied in actual nursing practice. Each case allows readers to develop their own approaches to resolving ethical conflict. The cases are grouped in sections on ethical issues in nursing, such as the just allocation of health resources, confidentiality, and the sanctity of human life, and special problem areas in nursing practice such as abortion and contraception, genetic engineering, psychiatry and the control of human behavior, experimentation on human beings, and the right to refuse treatment...

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**The Time of Our Lives**

*By: Brokaw, Tom*

*E839 .B69 2011*

*Review from: Booklist November 1, 2011*

...Drawing on interviews and observations, he [Brokaw] ponders how the U.S. has come to a point where the country is suffering from eroding confidence, a financial crisis, declining education, and fears about China’s progress. His own family roots in South Dakota inform a strong view of how Americans have changed from practicing thrift and frugality to engaging in the rampant materialism that helped fuel the housing crisis. Yet Brokaw also points to a revived spirit of public service and philanthropy in portraits of dot.com millionaires and the promising new opportunities of the digital age...With commonsense values, he appeals to Americans to recommit to family and community, increase civic engagement, and make sacrifices in an effort to ensure some security for generations to come...

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**David Crockett: the Lion of the West**

*By: Wallis, Michael*

*F436.C95 W35 2011*

*Review from: Publishers Weekly March 21, 2011*

Now known as a Disney coonskin-capped country caricature, David Crockett created a lasting persona built on his survival skills, embodiment of manifest destiny, and captivating storytelling, says Wallis. Offering only perfunctory coverage of Crockett’s popularly imagined martyrdom at the battle of the Alamo, Wallis sifts through his subject’s substantial failures as a wilderness family man (troubled by debt, drink, and often abandoning his family) and business entrepreneur while also detailing overlooked professional successes such as his election to the U.S. and Tennessee legislatures ...

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**First We Read, Then We Write: Emerson on the Creative Process**

*By: Richardson, Robert D.*

*PS1631 .R54 2009*

*Review from: Choice November 1, 2009*

Richardson here offers [a]... study of Ralph Waldo Emerson's views on the craft of writing. Richardson structures his study around such Emersonian components of the creative process as observing nature, reading, and keeping a journal, which served the transcendentalist author’s purpose of constructing sentences inextricable from primary intuition and experience...
Careers in Sport, Fitness, and Exercise
By: American Kinesiology Association; Shirl J. Hoffman, project coordinator.
GV734.3.C39 2011

Review from: Reference & Research Book News December 1, 2011
This guide prepared by the American Kinesiology Association provides vocational guidance for thirty-six sport and fitness careers. The description of each career follows the same format, providing information on working conditions, skills, and responsibilities. Salary ranges and required certifications are particularly suited to students in the United States...

1861: the Civil War Awakening
By: Goodheart, Adam
E459.G66 2011

Review from: Booklist April 15, 2011
In this high-quality history depicting the surge of patriotic feeling in the North between the summers of 1860 and 1861, Goodheart presents personalities critical to the course of events. Tracking their various routes to supporting the Union, routes proceeding from the many differences of opinion about its nature, Goodheart focuses on their characters and motivations, creatively yielding an active narrative with much stylistic vibrancy. Pro-Lincoln marchers in the North, the Wide Awakes and the Zouaves, furnish him with colorful material as he plumbs the stirrings of Northern resolve to preserve the Union...

Invasion of the Body: Revolutions in Surgery
By: Tilney, Nicholas L.
RD19.T56 2011

Review from: Library Journal August 1, 2011
...Touching on everything from sanitation-free barber surgeons to robotics, he discusses the evolving science of surgery, the growth of the profession, the individuals responsible for incremental developments and breakthroughs, the technologies now available, and the directions in which the field might be headed. Brief stories about individual patients plus personal anecdotes from Tilney's many decades in practice and in academia keep the narrative flowing. Special attention is given to heart surgery and mechanical devices, the education and training of surgeons, and transplantation, the author's own specialty...

Citizens of London: the Americans Who Stood with Britain in its Darkest, Finest Hour
By: Olson, Lynne
D748.O47 2010

Review from: Booklist February 1, 2010
Given our common bonds of language and heritage, many assume that the special relationship between the U.S. and Britain has been both long lasting and inevitable. Olson, former White House correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, shows how this relationship was artfully and painfully constructed during World War II, particularly from 1940 to 1941, when Britain stood alone against a triumphant Germany. Many Americans living in Britain, led by Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, viewed Britain as whipped and urged the Roosevelt administration to seek accommodation with Hitler. Fortunately, a relatively small but highly influential group of Americans worked tirelessly to influence government policy...

The Texas Legacy Project: Stories of Courage & Conservation
By: Todd, David and David Weisman, Ed.
GE55.T48 2010

Review from: Choice March 1, 2011
Texas recently gained distinction for having the fastest high-growth cities in the US. This growth has dramatically helped the Texas economy despite national financial troubles. However, this development has also impaired the state’s environmental quality. Texas conservationists have used grassroots efforts for many years to battle the environmental decay caused by commercial enterprises, pollution, urban sprawl, and water use practices. They have petitioned for better environmental policies and carried out their own efforts to conserve natural resources. The Texas Legacy Project is a collection of interviews with contemporary people who lead a diversity of grassroots efforts; they include activists, attorneys, engineers, farmers, journalists, landowners, politicians, physicians, and scientists with a passion for environmental protection. Each interview is a biography and a story about the person’s cause and goals. This highly readable book documents the essence of progressive environmental efforts. The interviews serve as models for others seeking to carry out similar endeavors...