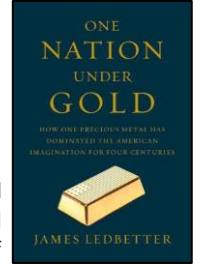


*One Nation under Gold: How One Precious Metal Has Dominated the American Imagination for Four Centuries*

By: Ledbetter, James  
HG 295 .U6 L43 2017

Review from: *Booklist* April 15, 2017

Stipulated as legal tender in the Constitution, gold has been a political force ever since. Perhaps because minted or printed money touches citizens like nothing else the federal government does, many an electoral and legislative controversy has been animated by the question of whether the dollar should be backed by gold or be gold. Ledbetter, editor of *Inc.* and well-versed in business history, starts with the Founders, who put the economy on a gold standard. In the first decades of the 1800s, gold coinage represented dependability. If the introduction of paper currency during the Civil War called into doubt the rationale of a gold-backed dollar, the 1896 election dispelled it...

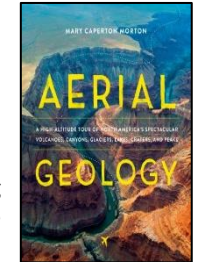


*Aerial Geology: A High-Altitude Tour of North America's Spectacular Volcanoes, Canyons, Glaciers, Lakes, Craters, and Peaks*

By: Morton, Mary C.  
QE 71 .M67 2017 eBook

Review from: *Choice* July 2018

This profusely and beautifully illustrated book takes the reader on a bird's-eye geological tour across North America. Spanning Alaska to Mexico, and California to Maine, one hundred exceptional features are documented using new photographs alongside public domain imagery from NASA and other sources. While some of the locales, such as Niagara Falls and Mount Rushmore, will be familiar, we are also introduced to more obscure features of geological interest...

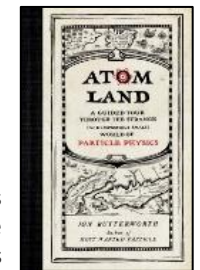


*Atom Land: A Guided Tour through the Strange (and Impossibly Small) World of Particle Physics*

By: Butterworth, Jon  
QC 793.26 .B747 2018

Review from: *Choice* October 01, 2018

Atom Land takes us on a tour through the world of subatomic particles. In this journey, we encounter lands of leptons and islands of hadrons. Our ship is afloat in a quantum sea, full of quantum waves. Butterworth (University College London) weaves a wonderful metaphor of the world of subatomic physics, sure to engage and enlighten laymen about the world of particle physics. He begins by discussing the different names given to the field and their relevance to the actual research. The book is written at a level accessible to a high school or liberal arts student, yet it still contains enough interesting material to make for enjoyable light reading for a science student. Particularly impressive are the stories behind various discoveries...

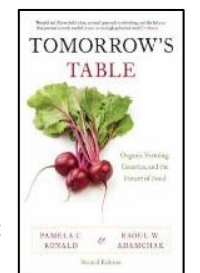


*Tomorrow's Table: Organic Farming, Genetics, and the Future of Food*

By: Ronald, Pamela C. and Raoul W. Adamchak  
TP 248.65 .F66 R66 2018

Review from: *Choice* October 01, 2018

Ronald (Univ. of California, Davis) and Adamchak (organic gardener, teacher) updated and expanded *Tomorrow's Table* (1st ed., CH, Dec'08, 46-2074), employing strategies that helped make the first edition successful. Writing alternating chapters based on their respective backgrounds and expertise, they employ an anecdotal, narrative style accessible to general readers yet firmly grounded in science. They also continue the extended sidebars that undergird the science behind the discussions. A few chapters were revised, and, more significant, new chapters were added to cover contemporary trends and issues. One deals with the current mistrust of science, employing a compelling narrative between Ronald and a traveling companion; two focused sidebars in this section delve into GMO labeling as well as agriculture and climate change. A new chapter on feeding the world ethically explores specific socio-agricultural issues from a broad perspective--including the appropriate distribution of food, waste of food and foodstuffs, and issues involving agriculture in a global economy...

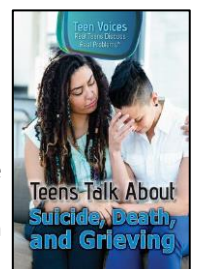


*Teens Talk about Suicide, Death, and Grieving*

By: Landau, Jennifer  
BF 724 .D43 T44 2018 eBook

Review from: *School Library Journal*

When young people grapple with their self-identity, the resulting adversity can have lasting effects on their future. Sharing the journeys of their peers can be the therapeutic guidance that is needed. Landau combines factual information on each topic with many firsthand accounts from teenagers writing about their own experiences. Personal anecdotes from the Teen Health and Wellness Personal Story Project illustrate their experiences and provide a sense of solidarity and empowerment...



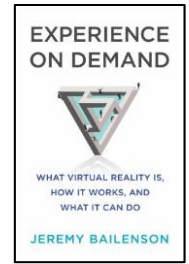
*Experience on Demand: What Virtual Reality Is, How It Works, and What It Can Do*

By: Bailenson, Jeremy

QA 76.9 .C65 B345 2018

Review from: *Library Journal* December 01, 2017

Virtual Reality (VR) is a psychologically powerful medium that allows people to have any experience at the push of a button. Bailenson (communications, Stanford Univ.), founding director of Stanford's Virtual Human Interaction Lab, discusses the purposes, uses, and wonders of VR through a first-person perspective citing decades of research. As with any technology, there are negative as well as positive impacts. The negatives of VR include small side effects such as eye strain but also bigger ramifications such as certain behavior modeling. Bailenson also provides thorough explorations of the benefits, including those for sports training and pain management. In fact, the medical uses are extensive...



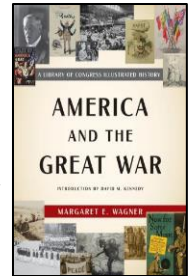
*America and the Great War: A Library of Congress Illustrated History*

By: Wagner, Margaret E.

D 570 .W34 2017 eBook

Review from: *Booklist* June 01, 2017

On the centenary of America's entry into WWI, this image-saturated history depicts events and persons prominent in the tortuous transition from neutrality at war's 1914 outbreak to belligerency in 1917. Created under the aegis of the Library of Congress, the volume effectively conveys the powerful convictions and emotions fueling the social and political tensions that drove the U.S. to war at the cost of over 300,000 casualties. Wagner (The Library of Congress Illustrated Timeline of the Civil War, 2011) illuminates the concurrent industrial strife, woman suffrage movement, and racial injustice as well as President Wilson's struggles with diplomacy while becoming increasingly exasperated with German military action. Wagner highlights the role of popular propaganda icon Uncle Sam in the government's demand for money, conscripts, and loyalty and portrays civic activists in both the pro- and anti-interventionist camps...



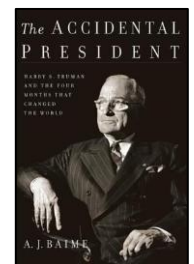
*The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months That Changed the World*

By: Baime, A.J.

E 814 .B35 2017 eBook

Review from: *Booklist* September 15, 2017

Harry Truman's nomination as vice president and his speedy ascension to the presidency upon FDR's death 80 days after the inauguration were unexpected and momentous. The first four months of this ordinary man's presidency were, Baime argues, the fullest and most historically lasting ever. Though purporting not to be a cradle-to-grave biography, there is an abundance of background here about Truman's family and personal life. It takes Baime until well into the book to get to his core thesis, that busy four-month period, but when he does, he handles it with aplomb...



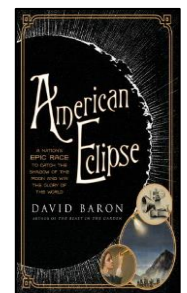
*American Eclipse: A Nation's Epic Race to Catch the Shadow of the Moon and Win the Glory of the World*

By: Baron, David

Q 127 .U6 B2755 2017

Review from: *Library Journal* March 15, 2017

Instead of looking at the broader phenomenon of eclipses in general, this title focuses on a single eclipse, that of 1878. Baron (The Beast in the Garden) highlights the experiences of three observers of that event: Maria Mitchell, James Craig -Watson, and Thomas Edison. Other individuals and scientific details are woven into the narrative as it moves the central figures toward the day of the eclipse. Throughout, the book depicts the United States as a young country striving to achieve parity with Europe on the intellectual stage. Many American astronomers saw the 1878 eclipse as a chance to demonstrate to the world what America could do for science...



*Pandora's Box: A History of the First World War*

By: Leonhard, Jorn

D 521 .L36513 2018 eBook

Review from: *Choice* November 2018

Leonhard (Univ. of Freiberg, Germany) provides a sweeping account of the war, one that incorporates its political, social, and cultural dimensions into a description of the campaigns on the various battlefields. No front is left unaddressed, and all are integrated into his narrative in a way that shows how developments did not take place in isolation but instead reflected the complex interactions of a global event...

