

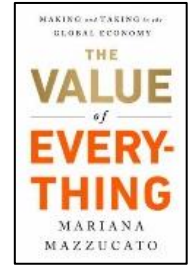
The Value of Everything: Making and Taking in the Global Economy

By: Mazzucato, Mariana
HB201 .M3485 2018

Review from: *Kirkus Reviews*

June 15, 2018

A British economics professor is debunking again; this time, her target is the conventional wisdom that so-called wealth creators deserve to accumulate massive riches. In the consequential battle of perception between the makers and the takers, Mazzucato (*Economics of Innovation and Public Value/Univ. Coll. London; The Entrepreneurial State: Debunking Public vs. Private Sector Myths, 2015*) sides with the actual makers, those who struggle in an economy tilted in favor of the ultrawealthy. The author mixes easily accessible lay language with technical jargon as she constructs her case that investment bankers, multinational pharmaceutical companies, and other billion-dollar enterprises as well as small tech startups actually create little of societal value but reap outsized benefits. Meanwhile, laborers continue to be shortchanged. The result is widespread income inequality...

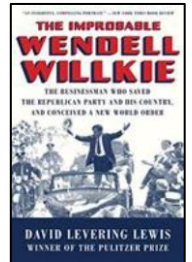
***The Improbable Wendell Willkie: The Businessman Who Saved the Republican Party and His Country, and Conceived a New World Order***

By: Lewis, David Levering
E748.W7 L48 2019

Review from: *Library Journal*

September 01, 2018

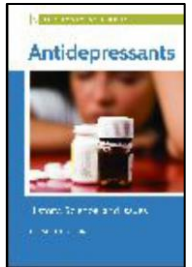
In this comprehensive biography, Pulitzer Prize winner Lewis (history, New York Univ.; W.E.B. Du Bois) paints a portrait of Wendell Lewis Willkie (1892-1944) as an ambitious intellectual...Dense and thorough, this treatment clearly illustrates Willkie's political bent from an early age as his family enthusiastically endorsed Democrat William Jennings Bryan in the 1896 U.S. election. Willkie's political activity continued with his passionate campaign for Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations and earnest battle against the Ku Klux Klan...Drawing parallels to recent events, Lewis honestly chronicles Willkie's introduction into politics, with the interesting claim that Willkie "saved" the Republican Party from isolationism...

***Antidepressants: History, Science, and Issues***

By: Jordan, Ann Westcot
RM332 .J67 2018

Review from: *Choice*

This volume on antidepressants is part of Greenwood's "The Story of a Drug" series, geared toward teenagers. Jordan (Lewis Univ.) provides nine chapters covering the historical, medical, and political and ethical issues surrounding the use of antidepressants...Each chapter, further divided by section headings, guides the reader from a foundational definition of antidepressant as a category of drugs to the history of their development and a detailed yet accessible explanation of the nature and function of antidepressants, with examples of their use and misuse...

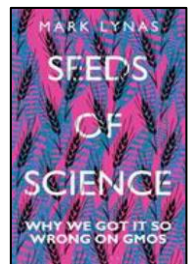
***Seeds of Science: How We Got It So Wrong on GMOs***

By: Lynas, Mark
QH442.6 .L96 2018

Review from: *Booklist*

July 01, 2018

British environmental-activist Lynas (*The God Species, 2011*) reconsiders the global controversy over genetically modified organisms (GMOs). He was not only against GMOs in the past but he was also one its most aggressive opponents. He would go on midnight missions to destroy crops that cultivated GMOs and disguise himself to gain entry into secure corporate facilities. Those days are over. Part history lesson, part personal essay, and part mea culpa, Lynas' book traces the sinuous path of his personal philosophy regarding this hotly debated environmental issue and the often-misunderstood or overlooked science of GMOs. Lynas' well-researched narrative reaches back to the 1990s to find the first sprouting of the GMO movement and moves methodically forward...

***Big Wonderful Thing: A History of Texas***

By: Harrigan, Stephen
F386 .H267 2019 eBook

Review from: *Library Journal*

October 01, 2019

Best-selling novelist Harrigan (*Gates of the Alamo*) is well positioned to provide a new take on Texas history, presenting a narrative that not only covers the legends of popular lore, such as Davy Crockett and the siege of the Alamo, but also presents a more nuanced view of the traditional mythologies through the perspectives of people who have often been marginalized. Essentially, this is Texas history as seen and discovered by Harrigan through his experiences as a child and a scholar of the state...

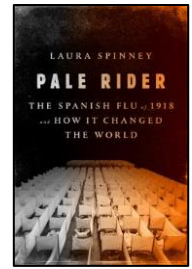


Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How It Changed the World

By: Spinney, Laura
RC150.4 .S665 2017

Review from: [Booklist](#) September 01, 2017

The greatest massacre of the twentieth century. That's how science writer Spinney describes the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic. One in three human beings around the globe was infected. From 1918 to 1920, the estimated number of deaths resulting from this illness ranges between 50 and 100 million people. WWI didn't initiate the Spanish flu, but war advanced its dissemination and virulence. And Spanish flu didn't even originate in Spain...Spinney's detailed discussion includes the why and how, the human devastation, and the effects on institutions and world affairs. Now nearly 100 years removed from the 1918 Spanish flu, Spinney wonders what lessons it has imparted that might help us prepare for and deal with the next, inevitable influenza pandemic.

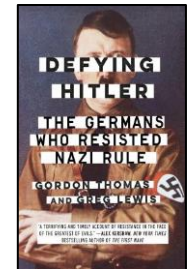


Defying Hitler: The Germans Who Resisted Nazi Rule

By: Thomas, Gordon and Greg Lewis
DD256.3 .T47 2019

Review from: [Library Journal](#) March 01, 2019

Lewis (Shadow Warriors of World War II) and the late Thomas (Gideon's Spies) have crafted a well-researched volume that drills into the darkness to examine the lives of those within Third Reich who actively defied Hitler's orders from 1933 to 1945, chronicling the major resistance movements such as the White Rose movement and Valkyrie plots as well as lesser-known subversions within the military intelligence circles. The resistance came from all circles of German life and ideological bends and this volume highlights the connections among those resisters, many of whom knew that the end of the Third Reich meant Germany's destruction...

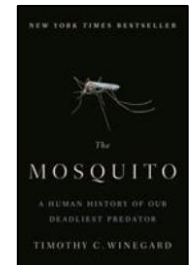


The Mosquito: A Human History of Our Deadliest Predator

By: Winegard, Timothy C.
QL536 .W56 2019

Review from: [Kirkus Reviews](#) June 15, 2019

A wandering treatment of one of life's constant annoyances and worse. "We are at war with the mosquito," writes former military officer Winegard (History and Political Science/Colorado Mesa Univ.; The First World Oil War, 2016, etc.). There's reason for that: There are something like 110 trillion mosquitoes floating around humankind's ankles and nostrils at any given moment, and when you count up the death toll from malaria, Zika virus, dengue fever, and the like, mosquitoes are responsible for some 830,000 human deaths per year, logarithmic orders from the 10 or so humans who fall victim to sharks...

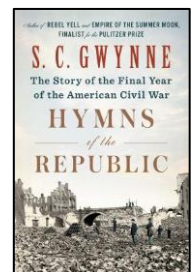


Hymns of the Republic: The Story of the Final Year of the American Civil War

By: Gwynne, S.C.
E468 .G97 2019

Review from: [Booklist](#) September 15, 2019

Creating suspense in recounting familiar events marks real talent in a historian; Gwynne does just this, covering in detail events of the Civil War's final year and giving his readers a real sense of wonder, even thrill. In vivid, bloody prose, he lays out the landscapes of the war's culminating battles, not sparing the reader the gut punch of inhuman horror such slaughter creates. The intimate connection of politics and battle in the increasingly war-weary North demanded Union victories if Lincoln were to win re-election in 1864. Generals Grant and Lee both used military prowess to support political agendas. Gwynne inventories the repeated abuses heaped on Black soldiers, who fought for freedom from slavery only to be confronted by physical and psychological cruelties stripping them of their full humanity. He finds words to convey the ghastly plight of wounded, dying soldiers...



Medical Office Professionals: A Practical Career Guide

By: Santore, Marcia
R690 .S26 2019 eBook

Review from: [Choice](#)

This career guidebook is offered to high school students, but it may serve well in collections at community colleges with allied health programs and at four-year institutions supporting school counselor programs. It flows more like a blog than a print source...Santore provides succinct yet useful overviews of eight healthcare-related careers. The educational and certification requirements for each career are readily offered, and relevant associations are listed. Brief advice regarding networking, resumé writing, and interviewing forges an introduction for those who have not yet actively entered the market. Perhaps the most interesting information for career seekers can be found tucked within the petite interviews of specialists who are currently working in the field...

