

The Texas Liberators: Veteran Narratives from World War II

By: Wong, Aliza S., et al.
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The Texas Liberators is the culmination of years of effort by the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC) to promote understanding of the Holocaust and to expose Texas students to the history of one of the world’s most tragic events. In particular, this book is designed to tell the story of those Texans who participated in the liberation of more than forty Nazi labor and death camps in the waning days of World War II in Europe. The result is an important and fascinating look at the lives and experiences of these soldiers, one that has been made available to public and private school students in Texas through advanced placement courses. Expertly edited and arranged by Aliza Wong, the stories of the Texas liberators are revealed through excerpts of twenty-one in-depth oral history interviews...

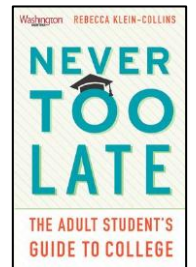


Never Too Late: The Adult Student’s Guide to College

By: Klein-Collins, Rebecca
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The needs of older college students vary from those of undergraduates who attend college soon after high school. This beautifully organized guide is indispensable to first-time college students regardless of entry point and especially useful for adults returning to college later in their careers. Klein-Collins, associate vice president of research at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), a nonprofit aimed at assisting adult learners, and a team of contributors who work, or have worked, at CAEL, address important topics such as considering career opportunities, taking advantage of previously earned college credits, seeking financial aid, and balancing an academic schedule with other responsibilities...

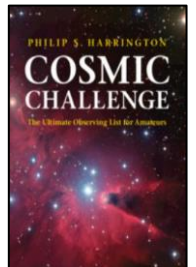


Cosmic Challenge: The Ultimate Observing List for Amateurs

By: Harrington, Philip S.
QB64 .H36 2019

Review from: *Choice*

In order to be successful as an amateur astronomer, one needs an excellent set of charts of the night sky. In Cosmic Challenge, astronomy writer Harrington (Astronomy; Dowling College) has compiled a resource for observers who wish to find some of the most difficult objects in a dark night sky. This comprehensive guide provides the observer with excellent finding charts, sample images of the object as they would be seen with the naked eye, binoculars, or a range of telescopes. Harrington provides everything one needs to find the object, as well as excellent descriptions of the target, historical background, and his personal thoughts about the object...

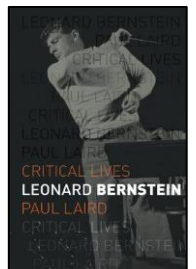


Leonard Bernstein

By: Laird, Paul R.
ML410.B566 L36 2018 eBook

Review from: *Choice*

Laird has devoted much of his career to Bernstein, and his self-professed "obsession" with his subject naturally yields a very positive portrait. Yet Laird does not flinch from the difficulties of Bernstein's life and career: behaviors that seemed out of bounds (to some) 50 years ago raise no eyebrows today. Most impressive, perhaps, is the author's perspective on Bernstein's compositional output. The various influences, ambitions, successes, and failures are untangled with utter clarity in a book of remarkably few pages...Laird has produced a superb introduction to Bernstein and his achievement...

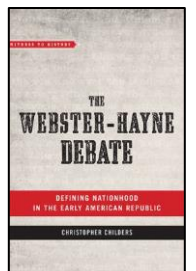


The Webster-Hayne Debate: Defining Nationhood in the Early American Republic

By: Childers, Christopher
E384.3 .C55 2018

Review from: *Western Historical Quarterly* September 01, 2019

In The Webster-Hayne Debate, Christopher Childers examines the context of the debate between Daniel Webster of Massachusetts and his Senate colleague Robert S. Hayne of South Carolina in January 1830. Webster’s “Second Reply to Hayne” became a canonical text in subsequent decades, as the conception of a sacred union became a common trope in the Northern states. After the U.S. Civil War Webster’s call for “Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable,” came to define the nation. Conventional interpretations of the debate’s background focus on the growing tensions between South Carolina and the federal government and John C. Calhoun’s nullification theory. Childers’s contribution lays in his straying from the nullification-centered narrative. While he does devote attention to this topic, the book focuses on the debate’s deeper background, dating back to the War of 1812 and the Missouri Crisis...



The Beautiful Cure: The Revolution in Immunology and What It Means for Your Health

By: Davis, Daniel M.

QR181 .D29 2018 eBook

Review from: *Biologist*

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Immunology is a conceptually demanding and multi-layered science that often seems impenetrable to the novice. Awash with subject-specific jargon and acronyms, it is a complex subject to learn and to teach – I know this from painful experience of both. Thankfully, help is at hand in the shape of Dan Davis, university academic by day and science writer by night. That he is successful at moonlighting is evidenced by this excellent primer on the intricacies of the immune response, his sequel to 2014's well-received *The Compatibility Gene*. This follow-up takes a broad view of immunity: the different components of the immune system, how and why their activity varies to meet distinct challenges, and how this is orchestrated and controlled. What could be a chore to read is enlivened by an engaging and lucid style of writing that is a far cry from the stilted language of immunology journals...



The Enlightened Capitalists: Cautionary Tales of Business Pioneers Who Tried to Do Well by Doing Good

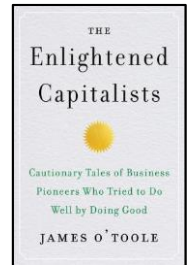
By: O'Toole, James

HC102.5.A2 O85 2019

Review from: *Library Journal*

March 01, 2019

O'Toole (emeritus, Univ. of Southern California Marshall Sch. of Business; *Creating the Good Life*) details several British and American companies that adopted "enlightened" policies regarding the environment, treatment of employees and customers, or relations with the communities in which they are embedded. As a result, this book draws conclusions from the experiences of a specific set of companies. While the author clearly is sympathetic to these enlightened capitalists, criticisms of these leaders are also taken into account...



Eating Tomorrow: Agribusiness, Family Farmers, and the Battle for the Future of Food

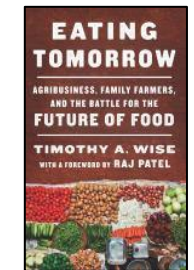
By: Wise, Timothy A.

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Review from: *Booklist*

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Who will feed the world's expanding population? Do multinational agribusiness corporations have the knowledge, resources, and vision to supply nutritious and affordable food globally? If they cannot, who will? These are issues that Wise, senior researcher at the Small Planet Institute, studies. Here he recounts his travels to Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Mexico, and India to learn how Green Revolution agricultural methods, supported by the international development community, have worked. Much of what he reports is discouraging... Wise does see hope in the small-plot farmers of the world who are rising in protest. His report will interest readers concerned about human rights and the environment.



On Desperate Ground: The Marines at the Reservoir, the Korean War's Greatest Battle

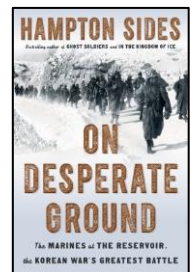
By: Sides, Hampton

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Review from: *Booklist*

September 15, 2018

The 1950 battle in North Korea along the Chosin Reservoir is held in reverence by U.S. Marines. The mountainous terrain minted heroes by the score after a massive sneak attack by Communist Chinese forces during the harsh winter. Best-selling Sides (*In the Kingdom of Ice*, 2014) tells the story of the First Marine Division, from their landing at Inchon and the drive north to the ferocious attack in a different direction to reach safety after being surrounded. Sides has done incredible work: the action is cinematic, with the detailed insights and character development of a novel. And it is all real. Sides' impeccable research includes interviews with survivors in addition to a thorough survey of the considerable archives. He glides seemingly effortlessly from describing intense firefights on the ground up to the difficult decisions faced by leaders at all levels of the chain of command as the possibility of atomic destruction loomed in the background...



Superbugs: An Arms Race Against Bacteria

By: Hall, William, et al.

QR177 .H35 2018 eBook

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Superbugs: An Arms Race Against Bacteria by William Hall, Anthony McDonnell, and Jim O'Neill focuses on resistance to antibiotics that has developed in bacteria. It expands on the work of the Review on Antimicrobial Resistance, which was commissioned to estimate the global scope and economic and policy aspects of AMR, and proposes realistic solutions. With insightful and action-oriented analysis, the book depicts a worrisome picture of the worldwide problem of drug resistance. It is eye-opening about the complexity and scale of this threat to human and animal health. The authors analyze the problem through economic and policy lenses and convincingly present feasible solutions, which makes the book an essential educational resource for medical and public health professionals...

