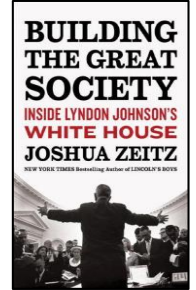


*Building the Great Society: Inside Lyndon Johnson's White House*

By: Zeitz, Joshua  
E846 .Z44 2018

Review from: *Library Journal* February 01, 2018

Zeitz (history, politics; Lincoln's Boys) presents accessible, nuanced portraits of the men behind Lyndon B. Johnson's domestic programs; advisors such as Sargent Shriver, Walter Jenkins, Frank Mankiewicz, and Clark Clifford. The author also sheds light on lesser-known advisors such as Horace Busby, Harry McPherson, and White House Press Secretary George Reedy. Although largely a narrative rather than an analytical work, this compendium assesses the War on Poverty and the larger Great Society program as logical continuations of the New Deal. Johnson's policies also involved increasing access to education and health care, establishing civil rights, and maintaining a cleaner environment. Zeitz recognizes that the succeeding Nixon staff often followed up and strengthened Johnson's efforts to reduce institutional racism and modify capitalism through bold policy experiments, to the initial surprise of members of the previous administration...

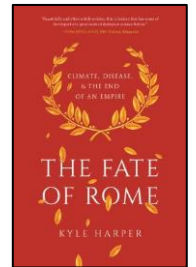


*The Fate of Rome: Climate, Disease, and the End of an Empire*

By: Harper, Kyle  
DG312 .H325 2017 eBook

Review from: *Choice* May 01, 2018

Harper (classics, Oklahoma) provides a masterful guide to the roles of climate change and disease in bringing about the end of the Roman Empire. Any skepticism about the need for another study of Rome's demise soon vanishes as the reader encounters Harper's lucid interweaving of political, economic, and military history with analysis of shifts in climate and threats from disease. The author shows how the traditional themes fit within a broader history of climate change and disease. At its height, Rome enjoyed the largely stable climate of the Roman Climate Optimum. The erosion of this period of Holocene climate stability weighed on the empire during the Late Roman Transitional period. Meanwhile, the empire's expansion and its vast trading networks facilitated the spread of pandemic diseases...

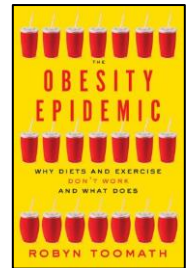


*The Obesity Epidemic: Why Diets and Exercise Don't Work and What Does*

By: Toomath, Robyn  
RC628 .T66 2017

Review from: *Choice*

The Obesity Epidemic is a concise, evidence-based examination of obesity in the modern world. Rather than focusing on individual-level interventions, Toomath, the clinical director of general medicine at Auckland Hospital, instead proposes public health-based initiatives to reduce the burden of obesity. Her book sequentially analyzes the efficacy of dieting, exercise, and pharmaceutical and surgical treatments for obesity. Using current evidence, the author demonstrates the relative lack of long-term efficacy for any current individual-level prescription. The author also indicates how each treatment is wanting, either because of cost, sustainability, or both...

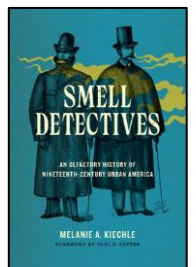


*Smell Detectives: An Olfactory History of Nineteenth-Century Urban America*

By: Kiechle, Melanie A.  
QP458 .K54 2017 eBook

Review from: *American Historical Review* April 01, 2019

In her engaging book on the history of smells in nineteenth century America, Melanie Kiechle gives us a thoughtful and entertaining account of how urban residents coped with a world that was deteriorating around them. In doing so, she paints a detailed portrait of contemporary domestic relationships and the status of women, describes the horror of the Civil War far better than many military histories, and increases our understanding of how new scientific ideas diffused through society...

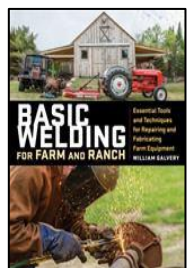


*Basic Welding for Farming and Ranch: Essential Tools and Techniques for Repairing and Fabricating Farm Equipment*

By: Galvery, William L., Jr.  
TS227 .G2324 2019

Review from: *Booklist* April 01, 2019

Welding professor Galvery offers a guide for anyone wishing to learn how to weld. The types of welding covered include oxyacetylene welding, shielded metal arc or stick welding, wire-feed and MIG (metal inert gas) welding, and flux cored arc welding. Brazing and soldering are also addressed, as they often complement welding and are commonly used by nonprofessionals. Galvery provides basic information about how each process and technique works, along with comparisons and pro-con lists that help the reader determine the most suitable technique. Projects are arranged to provide a learning process for the reader. Most of the projects focus on mending existing equipment, though a few construct new items from scratch...



### ***Taming the Sun: Innovations to Harness Solar Energy and Power the Planet***

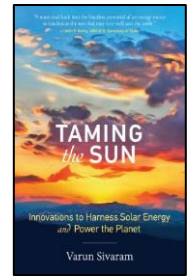
By: Sivaram, Varun

TJ810 .S48534 2018 eBook

Review from: *Energy Journal*

July 01, 2018

Varun Sivaram's "Taming the Sun" is a sweeping and comprehensive look at the prospects for solar energy on a global scale. It is unique in many ways, but I find most impressive its combination of deep understanding of technical possibilities, functioning of the markets in which solar competes, and the international relations at stake...The core message of this book is not that solar's time has come. Rather, it makes the case that solar faces an array of challenges that threaten its growth, including its intermittence, existing utility business models in developed countries, financing constraints in developing countries, and entrenchment of first generation PV technology worldwide. If it overcomes those challenges, it can make a tremendous contribution to global energy supply in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, alleviating many of the societal problems associated with energy production and use. If it does not, solar is likely to stumble along as a niche technology meeting less than 10 percent of global final energy demand at best...



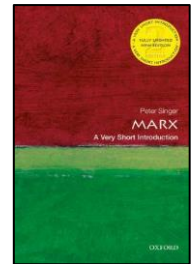
### ***Marx: A Very Short Introduction***

By: Singer, Peter

B3305.M74 S57 2018

Review from: *Choice*

Singer (bioethics, Princeton) is an esteemed scholar, and with this volume (1st ed., 1980), he provides readers with a concise overview of Marx the man, his ideas, and his political activism. This is no easy task: Marx lived all over Europe; worked as a journalist, an organizer, a political activist, and a scholar; and produced a tremendous body of work. Singer outlines Marx's upbringing, intellectual influences, activism, and core ideas without falling into pedantry or dawdling too long on any one category. Along the way, he clears up many misunderstandings about Marx's thought and famous sayings. What makes this slim volume particularly interesting is Singer's inclusion of his own opinions of some of Marx's ideas...



### ***Straight Talk on Trade: Ideas for a Sane World Economy***

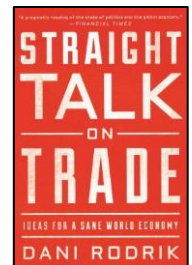
By: Rodrik, Dani

HF1713 .R618 2018 eBook

Review from: *Kirkus Reviews*

September 15, 2017

A globalized economy requires free trade agreements and an absence of barriers and tariffs. Yet, as Rodrik (International Political Economy/John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard Univ.; Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science, 2015, etc.) notes, many nations that have benefited from those trade agreements haven't quite played by the rules, such as the towering economy of China and the smaller one of Vietnam, while countries that do abide by the rules and rely on free trade, such as Mexico, have suffered. Given that globalism has provided a powerful bogeyman for Donald Trump and Marine Le Pen (who promised to dissolve the European monetary union if elected president of France), among others, an irony is hidden in all this...



### ***Ruthless River: Love and Survival by Raft on the Amazon's Relentless Madre de Dios***

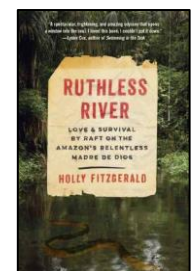
By: FitzGerald, Holly Conklin

F2546 .F559 2017

Review from: *Booklist*

April 01, 2017

A plane crash into a South American penal colony, a missed boat, and some well-intentioned locals lead a young honeymooning couple well out of their depth in FitzGerald's detailed, high-stakes debut memoir of her true-life tale of survival in the Amazon, against desperate odds. In 1973, social-worker FitzGerald and her reporter husband had been married less than two years when a storm stranded their homemade raft in a dead-end channel off the Madre de Dios River in Bolivia. FitzGerald weaves in the stories from their past with palpable, evocative details of their daily struggles with starvation, strong currents, and despair, all while the couple's love, self-knowledge, and faith deepen...



### ***All About ADHD: A Family Resource for Helping Your Child Succeed with ADHD***

By: Phelan, Thomas W.

RJ506.H9 P524 2017 eBook

Review from: *Library Journal*

April 01, 2017

In its third edition, fully revised and updated, clinical psychologist Phelan (1-2-3 Magic) once again sets out all the tools, information, and strategies backed by the latest research to recognize, understand, and guide your child with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) effectively to success. In a simple, easy-to-read and -navigate format, Phelan describes the disorder, its symptoms and impacts on home and school, as well as on relationships. From here, parents can go on to explore the different types of ADHD; indicators predicting futures of children with it; the latest medications and treatments; and ways that school, counseling, social skills, and behavior can be managed and utilized correctly...

