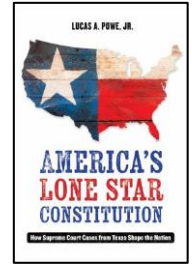


***America's Lone Star Constitution: How Supreme Court Cases from Texas Shape the Nation***

By: Powe, Lucas A. Jr.  
KFT1278 .P68 2018

Review from: *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* January 01, 2019

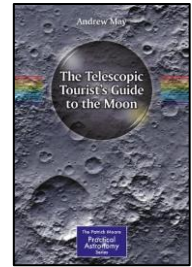
*America's Lone Star Constitution* may be the epitome of breezy nonfiction. It is easy to read in short sessions as well as sustained periods. It is written by an expert with a deep knowledge of constitutional law who possesses a knack for the telling human detail. And it is filled with wide-ranging opinions on the Supreme Court and its justices, Texas and Texans, and the workings of law and politics. The book is also wonderfully organized, consisting of four substantive parts, within each of which are several related chapters. Each chapter is further divided. The parts are bookended by a delightful introduction and a sound, though less insightful, conclusion. The many Supreme Court cases discussed provide some understanding of the multitudes of Texas...

***The Telescopic Tourist's Guide to the Moon***

By: May, Andrew  
QB581 .M39 2017 eBook

Review from: *Choice*

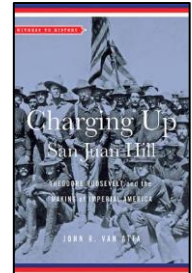
In the 1960s, Apollo astronauts were able to visit the Moon in person. Now readers can do the next best thing with this well-illustrated and highly readable book about our nearest neighbor. Multiple chapters throughout the work discuss one specific "tourist" area of the lunar surface--e.g., the Sea of Tranquility. Other chapters touch on topics ranging from lunar exploration, science fiction based on the Moon, and why a lunar base or even space tourism should be considered. The author also explores questions pertaining to the formation of the Moon, why the same face of the Moon always appears, and the effect of the Moon's gravity on Earth's ocean tides...

***Charging Up San Juan Hill: Theodore Roosevelt and the Making of Imperial America***

By: Van Atta, John R.  
E757 .V36 2018

Review from: *The Historian* December 01, 2019

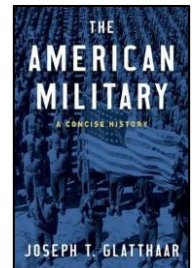
Van Atta recounts in stirring fashion the action of the Spanish-American War, but, more profoundly, he offers a cultural analysis of the events that led Roosevelt and his Rough Riders to the top of the San Juan Heights and the pinnacle of fame. The intensity of the feelings that led to war in 1898 and the excitement that surrounded the assembling of the Rough Riders tapped into an anxiety about national vitality as the nineteenth century closed...This work can appeal to undergraduates, general readers, and scholarly audiences alike. Little is missing here. Van Atta might have rounded off the debate between imperialists and anti-imperialists by exploring in more detail the cultural and political aspersions that expansionists cast at their opponents...

***The American Military: A Concise History***

By: Glatthaar, Joseph T.  
UA23 .G638 2018 eBook

Review from: *Naval War College Review* July 01, 2019

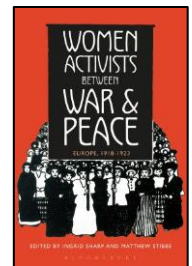
Joseph T. Glatthaar's *The American Military: A Concise History* is one of those works that might be overshadowed by the larger volumes on one's bookshelf. At a mere 127 pages of text, the reader sprints through American military history, hitting the highlights of familiar U.S. wars while absorbing the importance of lesser-known internal service battles and political skirmishes that served as the connective tissue among major conflicts...Notably, the book serves as an excellent historical primer for American military development. It provides insight into why things are by explaining the way things were...This is not an exhaustive volume of U.S. military history packed with endless detail. It is, however, a thoughtful overview that is relatively rich in explanation, reads like a well-written narrative, and offers an excellent—and compact—history of the development of the American military.

***Women Activists Between War and Peace: Europe, 1918-1923***

Edited By: Sharp, Ingrid and Matthew Stibbe  
HQ1587 .W624 2018

Review from: *Choice*

This collection of essays opens a new window onto women's activism in post-WWI Europe by reaching beyond the boundaries of Western Europe to include the voices of women from Eastern Europe and the Scandinavian region. The essays included number only five, but they are a rich collaboration between and among scholars from a variety of historic fields. The contributors have mined new sources to analyze the roles of women activists in journalism, political movements, the pacifist movement, and women's citizenship rights; specifically, a woman's right to vote as well as her relationship with her own body as the physical and psychological traumas of war encroached on...



### *Marooned: Jamestown, Shipwreck, and a New History of America's Origin*

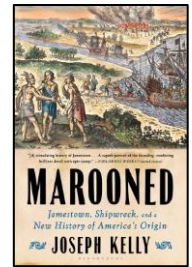
By: Kelly, Joseph

F234.J3 K449 2018 eBook

Review from: *Booklist*

October 15, 2018

The U.S. loves its creation myths, and this mythmaking, myth-breaking history gives us a new character, Stephen Hopkins. Bound for Jamestown, Hopkins' ship was wrecked at Bermuda, where he and his fellow passengers found themselves toiling for the Virginia Company. He fought back with the then-revolutionary idea of the voluntary social contract, and while he failed to overthrow the company, he survived Bermuda and Virginia and ultimately brought his idea back to America on the Mayflower. In this retelling of the Jamestown saga, Kelly (*America's Longest Siege*, 2013) argues that history's Hopkinses, who aspired to marronage (escaping slavery) and self-determination instead of empire or a city on a hill, offer the myth we need, one that contains the trampled seed of democracy...



### *The Mystery of Exploding Teeth: And Other Curiosities from the History of Medicine*

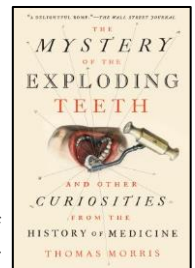
By: Morris, Thomas

R706 .M74 2018

Review from: *Library Journal*

October 15, 2018

Medical historian Morris (*The Matter of the Heart*) documents strange, inspiring, and sometimes ghastly tales of treatments that show how the medical field has evolved in the past three centuries. What were once standard, "validated" practices will seem absurd to modern readers. Organized by general illness type, the first chapter explores "unfortunate predicaments" of peculiar situations, from those with various kitchen utensils lodged in bodily canals to people having swallowed knives. Other sections focus on mysterious ailments, or drownings. The stories reveal the pathos and earnest intent of physicians treating their patients based on then-current beliefs. However, the author also discusses charlatans, including one doctor who claimed to revive patients who spent weeks underwater. The vast amount of material from diverse sources will amuse readers and leave them shaking their heads, while Morris's attempts at humor occasionally make it seem as though he does not recognize the real suffering patients endured...



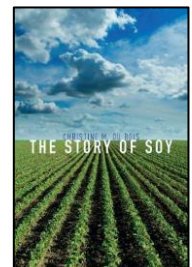
### *The Story of Soy*

By: Du Bois, Christine M.

SB205.S7 D8 2018 eBook

Review from: *Choice*

This volume represents another offering from Reaktion Books that addresses global food issues. In 10 succinct, informative chapters, Du Bois covers the history of the soybean from its roots in Asia, its development in the US as a major crop, its globalization, its place in the realm of genetic engineering, and how soy oil relates to global energy consumption...Du Bois's style is light, easy on technological terms, and unremittingly evenhanded, especially when it describes the conflict between indigenous farmers and large soybean producers in South America, or the conflict between agrochemical companies and opponents of genetic engineering...



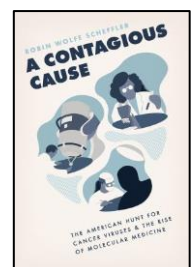
### *A Contagious Cause: The American Hunt for Cancer Viruses and the Rise of Molecular Medicine*

By: Scheffler, Robin Wolfe

QR372.O6 S34 2019

Review from: *Choice*

*A Contagious Cause* discusses cancer throughout history, the development of biomedical science, and the debate over big science versus small science. The book is written in an engaging style, but it is a serious work and well referenced. Scheffler (history of science and technology, MIT) presents the idea of cancer as a contagious disease and clearly lays out the both the arguments and the self-interest of both proponents and skeptics of the contagious cancer model...Furthermore, Scheffler explains how cancer researchers and molecular biologists contributed to advances in biomedical research. Also developed throughout the book is the debate between using a moon-shot-style big science approach to curing cancer or using individual investigator-driven basic research to provide understanding of both normal and cancer cells needed for effective cancer treatments...



### *The Wealth of a Nation: A History of Trade Politics in America*

By: Johnson, C. Donald

HF1753 .J64 2018 eBook

Review from: *Choice*

September 01, 2018

...Johnson describes the historical contexts and ideas of the individuals who debated and formulated US trade policies from the founding of the Republic to the present. He begins with a review of Adam Smith's ideas and their impact on British trade policies before jumping across the Atlantic to examine the influence of "America's first protectionist," Alexander Hamilton. Johnson offers numerous biographical sketches and a readable historical narrative with an increasing focus on movements, legal battles, and political pressure groups as he moves toward the present...

