Resilience: The Science of Mastering Life’s Greatest Challenges  
By: Southwick, Steven M., Dennis S. Charney  
BF698.35 .R47 S6 2012

Review from: Reference & Research Book News  October 1, 2012
What makes some people more resilient than others? Why do some survivors of the same traumatic event develop PTSD, while some don’t?... Recognizing that thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are the complex products of genetic, biological, psychological, social, and spiritual forces, the authors distill 10 essential factors that contribute to resilience and offer tips for training the brain to facilitate resilience. Ideas are illustrated with stories from the author’s interviews with Vietnam POWs, Special Forces soldiers, and civilians.

Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power  
By: Nagorski, Andrew  
DD 253 .N225 2012

Review from: Publisher’s Weekly  December, 2011
This account by former Newsweek staffer Nagorski (The Greatest Battle) offers precise firsthand observations of Hitler and his place in history, beginning in the 1920s, as people tried to decide whether he could be dismissed as a nonentity or posed a serious threat to world order. For instance, one American journalist in 1932 called Hitler "effeminate" while also acknowledging the "little corporal's" ability to "smell the trend of mass feeling" of discontent. Nagorski draws on the writings and recollections of Americans who witnessed Hitler's meteoric rise; the result is a multidimensional view of the Austrian-born tyrant. The invaluable element of this character study of the enigmatic fuhrer is the accumulative clout of the comments of famed American outsiders such as writers Sinclair Lewis and Thomas Wolfe; journalists Edward R. Murrow, Dorothy Thompson, and William Shirer; diplomat George Kennan; and aviator Charles Lindbergh, who called Hitler "a great man."...

Liberty’s Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World  
By: Jasanoff, Maya  
E 277 .J37 2011

Review from: Booklist  February 1, 2011
As well as a war of independence, the Revolutionary War was a civil conflict in which the losers, white, black, and Indian loyalists, paid dearly. Facing retribution from the victorious patriots, tens of thousands fled the new U.S. to havens in the British Empire. Jasanoff positions her history as the most comprehensive treatment of this topic; accomplished as scholarship, it appeals to general-interest readers through her narrative accounts of several refugees’ fates after mass evacuations in 1783... Wherever loyalists started their lives anew in Britain, Canada, India, and even Australia Jasanoff dramatizes their travails in this discerning social and political history of an overlooked side of the American Revolution.

The Professional: Defining the New Standard of Excellence at Work  
By: Bagchi, Subroto  
HD 8038 .A1 B34 2011

Review from: Publisher’s Weekly  April 25, 2011
In an era marked by corporate greed, job insecurity, and cultural confusion in global markets, what does it mean to be a professional?... Concepts come to life through examples of real people at all levels in real companies across the globe: (Bagchi) illustrates how to balance private and professional lives with the story of how the former chairwoman of Thermax publicly handled the series of personal tragedies she was facing. He explores how individuals handle job changes and examines the futility of whining, acknowledging that while we may have very genuine problems at work, "when you whine about your workplace troubles, chances are two kinds of people listen: those who don't care and those who are happy that you are in trouble.” An unexpectedly humorous and poignant primer to professional etiquette and purpose.

Contracts in the Real World: Stories of Popular Contracts and Why they Matter  
By: Cunningham, Lawrence A.  
KF 801 .C86 2012

Review from: Choice  January 1, 2013
Cunningham (George Washington Univ. Law School) has penned an original, educational, and insightful book on contracts. Cunningham uses law but also brilliantly supports his claims with history, politics, and related social sciences to demonstrate the role contracts play in sociological life... Cunningham explains remedies, good faith, and third parties in relation to contracts. Yet once again, the layperson and law student are both learning about the nature and law of contracts. It is nothing short of amazing what he has done here... This innovative and highly intellectual book is best suited for law students, scholars, and readers interested in law, history, and politics.
The Building Blocks of Preschool Success
By: Beauchat, Katherine A., Katrin L. Blamey, Sharon Walpole
LB 1140.3 .B43 2010

Review from: Reference & Research Book News November 1, 2010
For preschool teachers, Beauchat (literacy education, York College of Pennsylvania) et al. detail best practices for classroom instruction in the areas of oral language and vocabulary development, comprehension, phonological awareness, print and alphabet awareness, emergent writing, assessment, and planning, and applications in whole-group, small-group, centers, and other settings. Chapters incorporate research findings from the US Department of Education Early Reading First program and the National Early Literacy Panel.

Reactions: The Private Life of Atoms
By: Atkins, Peter
QD 501 .A86 2011

Review from: Library Journal November 1, 2011
Author of almost 60 books, Atkins (fellow, Lincoln Coll., Univ. of Oxford; coauthor, Physical Chemistry) here offers chemistry at its most rudimentary. In fewer than 300 pages, he maps out the very basics of the structure of matter and how chemists operate, combine, and create new compounds. Atkins begins the dialog with water—a substance with which everyone is familiar in all of its states. Then, he progresses at a deliberate pace to more complex compounds but always keeps to recognizable experiences. With a straightforward approach, he avoids technical terminology and addresses readers directly, creating the illusion that he and his readers are having a private conversation. The text is heavily supported by illustrations.

Nuclear Energy: What Everyone Needs to Know
By: Ferguson, Charles D.
TK 9145 .F47 2011

Review from: Choice March 1, 2012
... This compelling assembly of historical and scientific information deftly steps through the essential discoveries, definitions, and theory that led to the development of nuclear reactors and nuclear bombs... After fully digesting the fundamentals of nuclear science in chapter 1, readers are well prepared to randomly select from the following chapters that cover safety, climate change, nuclear proliferation concerns, security, and the politically charged options for disposal of radioactive waste. This book is a must read for all literate citizens living in this century.

The National Security Enterprise: Navigating the Labyrinth
By: George, Roger Z., Harvey Rishikof (editors)
UA23 .N2487 2011

Review from: Reference & Research Book News June 1, 2011
Editors George (national security policymaking, Georgetown U. and National War College), Rishikof (law and national security studies, National War College), and 15 contributors offer a broad overview and analysis of the system used in the United States to develop its national security decisions. Topics addressed include: the government agencies involved in national security, the interagency process, Congressional checks and balances, and the influence of the private sector. The authors, experienced professionals in the field, provide their descriptions of organizational culture, their personalities, and their effects on security policies.

The Essential Guide to Using the Web for Research
By: Ford, Nigel
ZA4228 .F67 2012

This guide for university students on Internet research examines methods and standards for web research that go beyond simple Google searches and Wikipedia queries. The volume combines tips on in-depth critical thinking and research with practical advice on planning for and using online resources for academic research. Ford is a professor of information research at the University of Sheffield.