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Available today!

Voices of Victorian England: contemporary accounts of daily life

From Barnes and Noble: “Voices of Victorian England illuminates the character, personalities, and events of the era through excerpts from primary documents produced between 1837 and 1901. By allowing Queen Victoria's contemporaries to speak for themselves, this work brings the achievements and conflicts that occurred during the queen's long reign alive for high school and college students as well as the general public.”

The story of the Jews: finding the words

From the New York Times Book Review: “Although...destined to become part of a two-volume set big enough to prop anything open, there’s nothing thudding about it...Schama wisely avoids the grand narrative arc and homes in instead on the artifacts—the papyrus fragment, the synagogue mosaic, the illuminated atlas of the world—that yield telling vignettes...In the four decades since Schama first tried his hand at Jewish history, its study has burst out of seminaries and tiny, marginalized departments and become an extraordinarily fertile collective endeavor, in part because there were so many religiously tinged or frankly anti-Semitic misconceptions about Jews on hand for debunking. You'd think that the task of synthesizing the available information would be harder today than it was back then. But Schama has pulled it off with opinionated flair and literary grace...”

America in the Cold War

From Barnes and Noble: “This book covers the entire scope of the Cold War, from its background and origins before and after World War II to the collapse of the Soviet Union on December 25, 1991, providing coverage of key events and concepts, such as the containment policy, McCarthyism, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, détente, and nuclear arms policies.”
**American Foreign policy: alliance politics in a century of war**

From Barnes and Noble: “The text aims to uncover the roots of the United States' near perpetual involvement in war since the beginning of WWI in 1914. Using alliance politics as the main framework of analysis, it offers a new interpretation that contrasts with the traditional views that war is an interruption of the American foreign policy emphasis on diplomacy. Instead, it posits that war has been the norm during the past century while peaceful interludes were but a time of respite and preparation for the next conflict.”

**Cartography: visualization of spatial data**

From Barnes and Noble: “Integrating cutting-edge technology with traditional cartographic principles, this text provides a framework for effectively visualizing and analyzing geospatial data. It gives students critical concepts and methods for harnessing the enormous amount of geospatial data that is available on the Internet and creating maps that can support real-world decision making. The writing style is straightforward and accessible. Illustrated throughout with highly instructive diagrams and sample maps, the book includes 58 color plates.”

**Mapping in the cloud**

From Barnes and Noble: “This engaging text provides a solid introduction to mapmaking in the era of cloud computing. It takes students through both the concepts and technology of modern cartography, geographic information systems (GIS), and Web-based mapping. Conceptual chapters delve into the meaning of maps and how they are developed, covering such topics as map layers, GIS tools, mobile mapping, and map animation. Methods chapters take a learn-by-doing approach to help students master application programming interfaces and build other technical skills for creating maps and making them available on the Internet. The companion website offers invaluable supplementary materials for instructors and students.”
Qualifying times: points of change in U.S. women's sports

From Library Journal: “Schultz (kinesiology & women's studies, Pennsylvania State Univ.) has written an engaging and readable book detailing the points of change that she hopes will call into question the traditional "eras" of sports history and the "traditionally masculinist approaches" toward the subject. She succeeds in her endeavors with chapters on topics ranging from fashion to menstruation to ideals of beauty and to the astonishing persistence of "sex testing," used to genetically determine whether an athlete is sufficiently female...This book, on the fraught social, physical, and political landscapes that women athletes must navigate, should appeal to scholars and students of women's studies and should be considered by all sports fans.”

Elementary statistics for geographers

From Barnes and Noble: “Widely adopted, this uniquely comprehensive text introduces the techniques and concepts of statistics in human and physical geography. Unlike other texts that gloss over the conceptual foundations and focus solely on method, the book explains not only how to apply quantitative tools but also why and how they work. Students gain important skills for utilizing both conventional and spatial statistics in their own research, as well as for critically evaluating the work of others.”

Angelic troublemakers: religion and anarchism in America

From Barnes and Noble: “Angelic Troublemakers is the first detailed account of what happens when religious ethics, political philosophy, and the anarchist spirit intermingle. Wiley deftly captures the ideals that inspired three revered heroes of nonviolent disobedience—Henry Thoreau, Dorothy Day, and Bayard Rustin. Resistance to slavery, empire, and capital is a way of life, a transnational tradition of thought and action. This book is a must read for anyone interested in religion, ethics, politics, or law.”
Life interrupted

From Kirkus Reviews: “Brennan (Anthropology/Georgetown Univ.; What’s Love Got to Do with It?: Transnational Desires and Sex Tourism in the Dominican Republic, 2004) examines the everyday lives of people who have formerly been trafficked into forced labor. Through her interviews and casual conversations with dozens of individuals, the author makes painfully clear that exploitation of migrant labor is a fact of life in the United States. Whereas the term “trafficking” is often assumed to mean sex trafficking, Brennan is concerned with the larger picture of trafficking into forced labor of all kinds—e.g., domestic, construction, agriculture or other low-wage jobs. She writes not of headline-making dramatic rescues but of the day-to-day lives of the formerly trafficked, those trying to rebuild their lives in the U.S. and make it their home.”

Statistics for people who (think they) hate statistics

From Barnes and Noble: “Continuing its hallmark use of humor and common sense, this text helps students develop an understanding of an often intimidating and difficult subject with an approach that is informative, personable, and clear. Author Neil J. Salkind takes students through various statistical procedures, beginning with a brief historical introduction to statistics, correlation and graphical representation of data, and ending with inferential techniques and analysis of variance.”

It’s complicated: the social lives of networked teens

From Publishers Weekly: “Boyd, an NYU professor and principal researcher at Microsoft Research, spent eight years exploring the relationship between teens and technology, meeting with teens nationwide, from gang-ridden schools in L.A. to schools in rural Pennsylvania...While many adults complain teens are addicted to technology, she argues that kids are actually addicted to their friends and social connections. Today’s teens, Boyd asserts, have less freedom than teens of yore; with structured environments and schedules, less free time, less geographic freedom, and not as many places to hang out face-to-face. As a result, they create their own online meeting places where they can gather and interact. Students, parents, and educators will find this a comprehensive study...”
of how technology impacts teens’ lives and how adults can help balance rather than vilify its inevitable use.”

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"Great acts are made up of small deeds." -Lao Tzu