

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

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Summaries for books were obtained from various review sources.

FICTION



The Last Night of a Damned Soul by Slimane Benaïssa. Raouf, raised in a moderate Muslim family in California, faces a spiritual crisis following the unexpected death of his father, and is influenced by a Palestinian coworker to become involved in a radical form of Islam, but his newfound faith is put to the test when he is asked to take part in plotting a terrorist attack. World Literature – Algeria. [F BENAÏSSA]

Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood by Ann Brashares. YA. The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants graduates from high school and spends their last summer before college learning about life and themselves. [F BRASHARES]

River, Cross My Heart by Breena Clarke. YA. Alice and Willie Bynum, having moved from rural North Carolina to Georgetown in search of a better life for themselves and their children, must find a way to cope when their six-year-old daughter Clara drowns in the Potomac River. [F CLARKE]

Pearl by Mary Gordon. Maria Meyers travels to Ireland after learning her daughter, Pearl, has chained herself to the U.S. Embassy and not eaten for six weeks, leading Maria to question her daughter's upbringing and the circumstances that have brought her to this point. [F GORDON]

Lake of Sorrows by Erin Hart. American forensic pathologist Nora Gavin travels to an archaeological site in Ireland to assist in the excavation of a well-preserved Iron Age body that has been found in a peat bog, but when another body, this one more modern, is discovered, she uncovers mysterious links between the two deaths. [F HART]



Godless by Pete Hautman. YA. When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own. [F HAUTMAN]

Crank by Ellen Hopkins. YA. Kristina Georgia Snow's life is turned upside-down after she becomes addicted to drugs, leading her down a desperate path that threatens her mind, soul, and life. [F HOPKINS]

The Love Wife by Gish Jen. Carnegie Wong's mother never approved of her son's marriage to an American, and when she arranges for a mainland Chinese nanny for Wong and Blondie's children, Blondie fears her mother-in-law had an ulterior motive--even from the grave. [F JEN]

Confessions of a Not It Girl by Melissa Kantor. During her senior year of high school, Jan Miller struggles to find out what and who she wants as college applications deadlines loom, crushes dematerialize, and best friends manage to remain "It". [F KANTOR]

Mutant Message Down Under by Marlo Morgan. Gives an account of the spiritual odyssey of an American woman in Australia. [F MORGAN]



The Skin of the Sky by Elena Poniatowska. A poor young man grows up to be an eminent astronomer. A fascinating but not necessarily likable character, Lorenzo is scientifically brilliant but personally tormented. Set against Mexico's own growing pains. World Literature- Mexico. [F PONIATOWSKA]

How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff. To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds,

but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land. [F ROSOFF]

To the Last Man: A Novel of the First World War by Jeff Shaara. Presents a historical fiction of World War One in France and Belgium based upon actual records of real events and figures. [F SHAARA]

A Complicated Kindness by Miriam Towe. Sixteen-year-old Nomi struggles not to give in to despair when her mother and sister flee their home in East Village, a Mennonite community in Manitoba, leaving her in the care of her increasingly depressed father. [F TOEWS]

An Apology for Autumn by David Turrill. Jim Gudsen returns from Vietnam a changed man, cynical about life and religion, and his faith suffers another blow when his older brother is defrocked by his Church for his refusal to expel a gay couple from his congregation. [F TURRILL]

BIOGRAPHY



George W. Bush edited by Cheryl Fisher Pibbs. Presents twenty articles tracing the life of George W. Bush, from his childhood in Midland, Texas, to his challenges as president after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. [B BUSH]

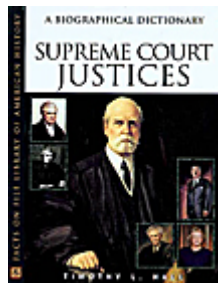
Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer by Lynne Cox. Distance swimmer Lynne Cox describes her emotional and spiritual need to swim and about the mythical act of swimming itself, and chronicles some of her more memorable swims. [B COX]

Chronicles: Volume One by Bob Dylan. Explores critical junctures in his life and career. [B DYLAN]



Nine Suitcases: A Memoir by Bela Zsolt. Bela Zsolt chronicles the years he spent living under Communist rule in Hungary during the Holocaust, discussing his experiences in the ghetto and as a forced laborer in the Ukraine. World Literature – Hungary. [B ZSOLT]

REFERENCE



Supreme Court Justices: A Biographical Dictionary by Timothy L. Hall. Profiles the lives and careers of the 108 men and women who have served as justices on the Supreme Court as of 2001, providing information about some of the most important cases that have been decided by the Court; and includes a chronology of U.S. political history, portraits, and other reference tools. [REF 347.7326 HAL]

Landmark Supreme Court Cases: The Most Influential Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States by Gary Hartman. Examines over three hundred-fifty of the most important U.S. Supreme Court cases involving abortion, civil rights, the first amendment, and others including *Roe v. Wade*, *Plessy v. Ferguson*, and *Dred Scott v. John F.A. Sandford*. [REF 347.7326 HAR]

The Oxford Companion to American Law edited by Kermit L. Hall. More than 460 alphabetically arranged entries provide information on various aspects of American law, including coverage of institutions, doctrines, concepts, persons, events, and cases. [REF 349.73 OXF]



All Music Guide to Rock: The Definitive Guide to Rock, Pop, and Soul edited by Vladimir Bogdanov. Presents reviews and ratings of over 14,000 albums by more than two thousand artists, and includes brief biographical profiles of the musicians, as well as recording dates and labels. [REF 781.66 ALL]

PHILOSOPHY & PSYCHOLOGY

Embedded: Weapons of Mass Deception: How the Media Failed to Cover the War on Iraq by Danny Schechter. Analyzes the media's coverage of the War on Iraq, revealing how the war was sanitized, staged, and repressed by reporters and news associations and discussing how their coverage of the war has influenced the world's opinion of the United States. [070.4499 SCH]

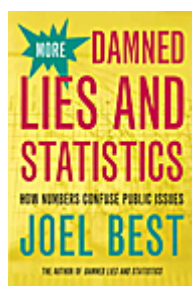
RELIGION

Heloise & Abelard: A New Biography by James Burge. The author examines the twelfth-century love story of poet, philosopher, and religious teacher Peter Abelard and his young student Heloise, their clandestine relationship, and the letters they shared with each other even after they were separated. [271.97 BUR]

century and examines their development and influence on the nation. [305.2309 MIN]

Yes, Your Parents are Crazy!: A Teen Survival Guide by Michael J. Bradley. Discusses the difficulties of being a teenager in today's society and provides insights on how to survive adolescence and stay connected with one's parents. [305.235 BRA]

SOCIAL SCIENCES



More Damned Lies and Statistics: How Numbers Confuse Public Issues by Joel Best. Explains why people must use their critical thinking skills when reading statistics, presenting guidance on several kinds of misleading numbers and providing contemporary examples on such topics as teen suicides, school shootings, risk of divorce, and racial profiling. [303.38 BES]

Women in the World of China by Ellyn Sanna. Describes the historical and contemporary lives of Chinese women, their religious, family, and public lives, and issues and controversies they face, and discusses the work of individual Chinese women who have made a difference in the world. [305.420951 SAN]

Life Under Soviet Communism edited by Charles W. Carey. Personal anecdotes provide a unique understanding of how people confronted and interpreted life under Soviet communism. [306.0947 LIF]



America's Children: Picturing Childhood from Early America to the Present by Kathleen Thompson. Presents over three hundred photos and illustrations of children in America from the sixteenth to the twentieth century. Covers such themes as children in family life, in communities, at work and play, and in the making of America. [305.2309 AME]

The Goth Bible: A Compendium for the Darkly Inclined by Nancy Kilpatrick. Provides detailed information on the history and traditions of the goth culture and how it has influenced various cultures and eras. [306.122 KIL]

Huck's Raft: A History of American Childhood by Steven Mintz. Presents a comprehensive history of American childhood from the sinful creatures early Puritans perceived them to be to the farms and factories of the nineteenth century and war years of the twentieth

To Be A Slave by Julius Lester, paintings by Tom Feelings. A compilation, selected from various sources and arranged chronologically, of the reminiscences of slaves and ex-slaves about their experiences from the leaving of Africa through the Civil War and into the early twentieth century. [306.362 LES]



The Irish edited by Karen Price Hossell. Contains sixteen essays that examine the experiences of Irish immigrants to the United States, look at what life was like for immigrants who came to the U.S. because of Ireland's potato famine, and discuss the role of the Irish in U.S. history and society, and includes profiles of notable Irish Americans. [325.234150973 IRI]

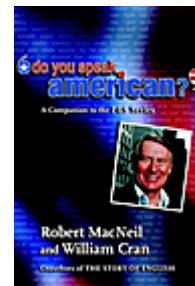
The Chinese edited by C.J. Shane. Presents essays, articles, and other kinds of writings on the experiences of Chinese immigrants in America in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, covering such topics as the Transcontinental Railroad, racism, and fleeing communism, and profiles cellist Yo-Yo Ma, skater Michelle Kwan, and scientist David Ho. [325.23510973 CHI]



Silent Witness: How Forensic Anthropology is Used to Solve the World's Toughest Crimes by Roxana Ferllini. Provides information about the work of forensic anthropologists, and features twenty-nine case studies that demonstrate the techniques these scientists use to locate bodies, uncover evidence, make identifications, and determine cause of death. [363.25 FER]

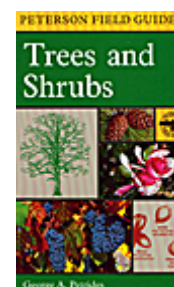
The Last Duel: A True Story of Crime, Scandal, and Trial by Combat in Medieval France by Eric Jager. Examines the history of the fourteenth-century duel between Jean de Carrouges, a Norman knight, and Jacques Le Gris, who was accused of rape by Marguerite, the knight's wife. [394.8094 JAG]

LANGUAGES



Do You Speak American?: A Companion to the PBS Television Series By Robert MacNeil. Presents a study of American English as it is spoken in the early twenty-first century, addressing some of the controversies and issues, anxieties and assumptions provoked by the language in its various forms and dialects. [427.973 MAC]

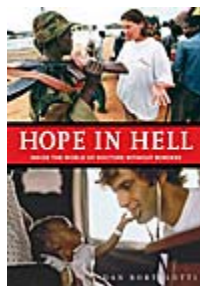
PURE SCIENCE



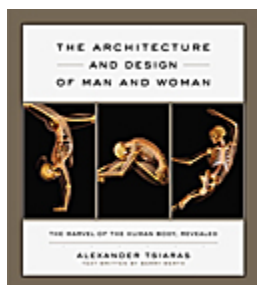
A Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs: Northeastern and North-Central United States and Southeastern and South-Central Canada by George A. Petrides. From the Peterson Field Guides series. Describes 646 species of trees and shrubs in the northeastern and north-central United States and southeastern and south-central Canada. [582.1609 PET]

APPLIED SCIENCE

They Made America: From the Steam Engine to the Search Engines: Two Centuries of Innovators by Harold Evans. Profiles more than fifty American innovators from John Fitch, the inventor of the steamboat, to Larry Page and Sergey Brin, the creators of Google, chronicling the development of their inventions and describing their impact on American history and the world. [609.2273 EVA]



Hope in Hell: Inside the World of Doctors Without Borders by Dan Bortolotti. Describes the experiences of individual medical professionals who work for Doctors Without Borders around the world, including Africa, Asia, and Europe, and explains how Doctors Without Borders was founded, and how the organization has reacted to world events. [610.601 BOR]



The Architecture and Design of Man and Woman: The Marvel of the Human Body, Revealed by Alexander Tsiaras. Advanced computer images offer an in-depth look at the human body's systems, structure, and processes and their functions. [611 TSI]

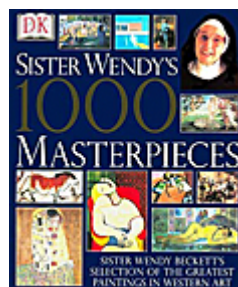
Harley-Davidson: The Ultimate Machine by Tod Rafferty. A history of the Harley-

Davidson motorcycle, featuring photographs that chronicle that evolution of the bike from 1903 through the early twenty-first century, and including comments from veteran riders. [629.2275 RAF]

The Foodlover's Atlas of the World by Martha Rose Shulman. Examines the food and eating traditions of countries and regions in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, Asia and Australasia, and the Americas, and looks at the ways in which geography, history, religion, culture, and other factors have influenced the world's cuisine. [641.3 SHU]

ARTS & RECREATION

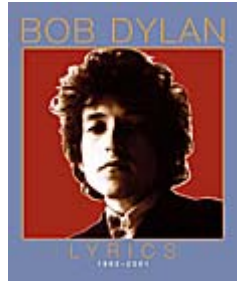
Chinese Seals: Carving Authority and Creating History by Wei Zu Sun. Explores the world of the Chinese seal from the imperial decree to the simplest business transaction. [737.60951 SUN]



Sister Wendy's 1000 Masterpieces by Sister Wendy Beckett. Presents annotated reproductions of one thousand great paintings selected by Sister Wendy Beckett, arranged alphabetically by artist, from Albers to Zurbaran; and includes a directory of museums and galleries, and an index. [759 BEC]

Childe Hassam: American Impressionist by H. Barbara Weinberg. Catalog of an exhibition held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, June 10-Sept. 12, 2004. [759.13 WEI]

Vegas 5 Editing Workshop by Douglas Spotted Eagle. Novice to intermediate Vegas users learn how to master the craft of editing with the latest version of Vegas. [778.593 SPO]



Lyrics, 1962-2001 by Bob Dylan. Presents the lyrics to the songs on twenty-eight Bob Dylan albums, from "Bob Dylan" released in 1962, to "Love and Theft" in 2001, and includes lyrics to additional unreleased works. [782.4216 DYL]

LITERATURE

Truth and Fiction in the Da Vinci Code: A Historian Reveals What we Really Know About Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and Constantine by Bart D. Ehrman. The author challenges the account of Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* and maintains that Brown's claims of total historical accuracy is actually riddled with mistakes and misinformation. [813.54 HER]

Words That Shook the World: 100 Years of Unforgettable Speeches and Events by Richard Greene. Presents paragraph-by-paragraph analysis of twenty historic speeches spanning 1903-2001; provides historical and biographical context for each; and includes the speeches on two audio CDs. [815.08 GRE]

GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY

Fodor's Paris. Presents details on the sights to see, recreation options, nightlife, lodging, and restaurants in Paris, also covering side trips, and provides maps,

special-topic "Close Ups," and a language section featuring a menu guide. [914.4361 FOD]

The Middle Ages edited by Bruno Leone. An introduction to the Middle Ages, featuring twenty-seven entries that contain eyewitness accounts of significant people and events of the age, covering barbarians, saints and sinners, emperors and kings, crusaders, and aspects of life. [940.1 MID]

The Palestinians and the Disputed Territories edited by Neil Alger. Presents fifteen primary and secondary sources on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, covering such topics as the Palestinian Resistance Movement, the Oslo Peace Accords, and the twenty-first century increase in suicide bombings. [956.04 PAL]

The Arab-Israeli Conflict by Cath Senker. Describes the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict since the formation of the Israeli state in 1948 and examines its origin and birth of Zionism, the story of Israeli and Palestinian leaders, and the peace process. [956.04 SEN]

The Presidency A to Z edited by Michael Nelson. Presents a comprehensive analysis of the presidency in volume three of a five-volume series on American government and explains the origins, powers, and limitations of the office and the executive branch, provides information on the 2000 election, terrorism, homeland security, and domestic and foreign policies. [973.099 PRE]

The Roaring Twenties edited by Stuart A. Kallen. Presents twenty-one firsthand accounts of several aspects of the 1920s in America, discussing the economic boom, economic inequality, the Red Scare, racial tensions, Prohibition, flappers and jazz, fads, and the stock market crash. [973.91 ROA]

Only in New York: 400 Remarkable Answers to Intriguing, Provocative Questions About New York City from the Reporters of the Acclaimed Weekly FYI Column in The New York Times. Uses a question-and-answer format to provide information on the city's quirks and unusual traditions. [974.71]

AUDIOBOOKS

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe. CD format. Set in an Ibo village in Nigeria, the novel recreates pre-Christian tribal life and shows how the coming of the white man led to the breaking up of the old ways. World Literature – Nigeria. [CDA ACHEBE]

The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman. In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby. [CASSETTE PULLMAN]

VIDEOS

John Stossel Goes to Washington. VHS format. ABC News correspondent John Stossel looks at Government waste, abuse, spending and mismanagement and how it affects our lives and our pocketbooks. [VIDEO 336.2012173 JOH]

The Story of English. Set of 5 videos in VHS format. From the 1986 BBC series. Details the history of the English language and provides a unique focus on current English usage worldwide with a special emphasis on American English. [VIDEO 420.9 STO]

Do You Speak American? Set of 3 videos in VHS format. *Part 1: Up North, Part 2: Down South, Part 3: Out West.* Examines sociolinguistic questions and the dynamic state of American English, a language rich in regional variety, strong in global impact, and steeped in cultural controversy. (See also the book, 427.973 MAC). [VIDEO 427.973 DO]

Flirting or Hurting? DVD format. Helps students distinguish between harmless flirting and offensive behavior. Comes with a teacher's guide that includes six lessons plans teachers may use to teach students in sixth through twelfth grade the difference between flirting and sexual harassment, featuring suggestions for teacher-led discussions, homework assignments, and student handouts. [VIDEO 658.3145 FLI]



Lost in La Mancha. DVD format. Tracks maverick filmmaker Terry Gilliam's madcap mission to film "The man who killed Don Quixote". He struggles to complete his masterpiece, all the while beset by obstacles of such epic proportions that not even Hollywood could have concocted them. [VIDEO 791.4372 LOS]

Amandla!: A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony. DVD format. Tells the story of black South African freedom music and the central role it played against apartheid. [VIDEO 968 AMA]