
Harrod’s Librarians’ Glossary, compiled by Ray Prytherch (692 pages, 8th ed., March 1995), contains 9,000 terms used in information management, library science, publishing, the book trade, and archive management. First published in 1938, Harrod’s now has an advisory board to improve coverage in records management, preservation, and computer and international terminology. More complete than the already dated ALA Glossary, this volume defines such terms as Mearne style, spamming, Vosper Fellowships, ola books, demudation, plug and play, bibliopsychology, and EuroCAIRN. A good one-volume first stop for definitions. $99.95. Ashgate Publishing, Old Post Road, Brookfield, VT 05036. ISBN 0-566-07533-4.

The Microsoft Wine Guide on CD-ROM (1995) is a fine example of multimedia in its most instructive and entertaining form. Wine connoisseur Oz Clarke, in a series of video clips, explains wine glasses, decanting, opening the bottle, corks and corkscrews, sparkling wine, wine tasting, the appearance of wine, elements of wine, and faults in wine. He also conducts a tasting tour of wine flavors from champagne to port and discusses labels, varieties, styles, when to drink wine, and how to plan a cellar. One of its most enjoyable features is its wine selector, through which you can choose a wine region, grape variety, wine style, star rating, food match (from pizza to pâté), specific producers, appellations, or tasting notes, to come up with a list of appropriate wine labels. No printed guide can produce a customized list as this CD-ROM can. Even if you are not a wine drinker, you will find some aspect of this software to admire. $39.95 list. Microsoft Corp., One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052-6399.

On These Walls: Inscriptions and Quotations in the Buildings of the Library of Congress, by John Cole (106 pages, April 1995), is the first book to list the inscriptions and quotations in all three library buildings. It also includes brief descriptions of paintings and works of sculpture, along with a short history of each building. Includes six color and 27 black-and-white photos and a detailed index and guide to names. $8.50 (plus $3.50 handling). Library of Congress Sales Shop, Washington, DC 20540.

The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World, edited by John L. Esposito (4 vols., March 1995), is devoted to culture, religion, and politics in the Islamic world of the 19th and 20th centuries. Its more than 750 original articles (including 100 biographical entries) were written by an international team of scholars in Islamic studies. The topics are well chosen and highly informative, offering lucid analyses of complex concepts that many users will be unfamiliar with. The Islamic perspective on women, suicide, class, urban planning, magic and sorcery, terrorism, and libraries will be of interest to students in those fields. $395.00. Oxford Univ. Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. ISBN 0-19-506613-8.

Secret Intelligence and Public Policy: A Dilemma of Democracy, by Pat M. Holt (269 pages, October 1994), examines the paradox of covert intelligence operations within an open, democratic society. This book deals with such vital issues as what arm of government is ultimately responsible for intelligence, how that authority reaches its decisions, and how the lines of communication from authority to operational officer can be unclogged. Holt has considerable experience with his subject: he was the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's...
principal contact with the intelligence community for 17 years. He writes: "[I] learned a great many secrets and failed to learn others despite diligent efforts to penetrate the obfuscation that is a bureaucrat's natural defense." $18.95. Congressional Quarterly Books, 1414 22nd St., N.W., Washington, DC 20037. ISBN 0-87187-683-3.

Tantalizing Tingles: A Discography of Early Ragtime, Jazz, and Novelty Syncopated Piano Recordings, 1889–1934, by Ross Laird (258 pages, April 1995), brings together all data for recordings of nonclassical piano made for issue on disc and cylinder prior to 1935. Primary arrangement is by performer, with cross-references for pseudonyms and recordings made as part of piano duets, trios, or quartets. An appendix lists nonsolo instrumental recordings by selected pianists, and the index provides access by song title. Much of this data has not been published before. $65.00. Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, P.O. Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. ISBN 0-313-29240-X.

The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture, by Rachel Carley (272 pages, January 1995), presents more than 500 detailed illustrations of American dwellings from Native American wigwams to postmodern country houses. Text and definitions are minimal, the author presuming that readers will look up "voussoir" and "modillion course" if need be. The fine points of floor plans, interior views, and details are also carefully examined. $40.00. Henry Holt, 115 W. 18th St., New York, NY 10011. ISBN 0-8050-2646-0.

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