New Publications

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Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Citations, by Mary Miles Prince (5th ed., September 1997), has augmented its authenticity by reprinting the entire 16th edition of the Uniform System of Citation (the Bluebook), used by attorneys and law students, in an appendix. In addition, Bieber's offers examples of citations to specific periodicals, case law, and government documents in one alphabetic sequence, which can save users time looking up a particular title when its format is unknown. $39.50. William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 1285 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14209. ISBN 1-57588-285-X.

The Chiricahua Apache Prisoners of War: Fort Sill, 1894–1914, by John A. Turcheneske Jr. (232 pages, September 1997), tells the sad story of 400 Chiricahuas uprooted after Geronimo's surrender and exiled from their Arizona homes to lead lives as hostages in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In 1903, the military reneged on its promise to convert part of the compound to a permanent reservation and decided to turn the post into a field artillery training installation. Turcheneske covers the campaign for the Chiricahuas' release from military custody, their efforts to retain Fort Sill as their permanent home, and the conflicting interests that competed to resolve their interest. $29.95. University Press of Colorado, POB 849, Niwot, CO 80544. ISBN 0-87081-465-6.


Field Guide to Mysterious Places of the Pacific Coast, by Salvatore M. Trento (223 pages, November 1997), is an informative guide to odd landmarks and geological features in Washington, Oregon, and California. Included are such anomalies as Indian painted rocks near Yakima, Washington; the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in Oregon; the ridge-top mystery walls of Berkeley, California; and the giant desert carvings near Blythe, California. Trento carried a magnetometer to each of these places to measure magnetic-field variations. Each entry contains a site synopsis, directions, considerations, history and background, contact persons and organizations, magnetic-field anomalies, and nearby points of interest. This book supplements the author's Field Guide to Mysterious Places of Eastern North America (Owl, October 1997) and Field Guide to Mysterious Places of the West (Pruett, 1994). $18.95. Owl Books (Henry Holt). ISBN 0-8050-4449-3.

Footage: The Worldwide Moving Image Sourcebook (ca. 1,400 pages, November 1997) lists 3,000 film and video collections around the world that loan, license, or sell footage to film producers. In addition to commercial film companies, the sourcebook provides information on archives, broadcasters, stock footage houses, libraries, government agencies, universities, and private collections. A subject index with more than 10,000 keywords allows in-depth access. $195.00. Second Line Search, 1926 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10023.

Forbidden Workers: Illegal Chinese Immigrants and American Labor, by Peter Kwong (273 pages, January 1998), examines the working conditions and social milieu of undocumented Chinese laborers in the United States. Kwong reveals the intricacies of the smuggling network, centered in Fuzhou province, which has brought some 200,000 illegal immigrants to America in the past 15 years. Many of these people work in virtual slavery to earn enough to
pay back the “snakeheads” (human smugglers) who brought them here. Kwong recommends that the U.S. Congress pass a law specifically criminalizing human smuggling and enslavement of individuals, and he calls for increased unionization of immigrant laborers to inject the ailing American labor movement with new life. An insightful look into a normally invisible community. $24.00. New Press, 450 W. 41st St., New York, NY 10036. ISBN 1-56584-355-X.

Haunted Kansas, by Lisa Hefner Heitz (215 pages, October 1997), investigates ghostly legends and folklore in Kansas to pinpoint the history and truth of each. Of particular interest is the account of the Hutchinson Public Library, allegedly haunted by former head librarian Ida Day. Higher-education haunts include fraternity houses at the University of Kansas and Kansas State University, as well as a musical ghost at Pittsburg State University. A well-written, non-sensational regional study that is amply documented and even-handed. $24.95. University Press of Kansas. ISBN 0-70060-865-6.

Our Singular Strengths: Meditations for Librarians, by Michael Gorman (196 pages, December 1997), offers 144 insights into the library profession in the form of “upside-down koans-observations rooted in experience and reason that may provide insight into libraries, librarianship, and being a librarian today.” Gorman’s format is a uniform one; framed by an opening quotation and a final resolution, each mini essay contains much wisdom, pragmatism, and reasoned contemplation on the meaning of the profession. He discusses Ranganathan’s laws of librarianship and adds five new laws of his own. These bite-sized tributes to librarianship can be an effective antidote to cynicism and burnout. $20.00 (ALA members, $18.00). American Library Association. ISBN 0-8389-0724-5.

A Practical Guide to Internet Filters, by Karen G. Schneider (160 pages, November 1997), summarizes the results of an international effort to test Internet filters in schools and libraries. Schneider, coordinator of The International Filters Assessment Project (TIFAP), tested 12 commercially produced filters. She determined that, even with keyword blocking disabled, many filters performed poorly or erratically and caused other problems. (For example, one program blocked access to Web sites that were critical to its performance.) $49.95. Neal-Schuman Publishers. ISBN 1-55570-322-4.

Strategic Planning for Library Multitype Cooperatives: Samples & Examples, edited by Steven A. Baughman and Elizabeth A. Curry (200 pages, December 1997), presents an overview of the current status of library multitype cooperatives in the United States missions, visions, values, environmental trends, goals, objectives, and strategies. It offers sample planning document components, drawn from 58 plans, submitted in response to a nationwide mail request. Designed for administrators who are considering a partnership, this document will be supplemented this spring with one that will help organizations structure the strategic planning process. $27.00 (ASCLA members, $25.00.) ALA/Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies. ISBN 0-8389-7914-9.

Wetlands of the American Midwest, by Hugh Prince (412 pages, January 1998), provides a geographic history of how people have perceived wetlands, from Native Americans to modern conservationists. In the 19th century, wetlands were deemed productive only when they could be drained for agricultural use. Prince chronicles the evolution in attitudes over time as economies and technologies expanded. An introductory chapter discusses the physical characteristics of wet prairies and bogs. $21.00. University of Chicago Press. ISBN 0-226-68283-8.