New Publications

The Atlas of Archaeology, by Mick Aston and Tim Taylor (208 pages, October 1998), is another of those irresistibly illustrated DK titles that is both well-organized and informative. The arrangement is by period, from the age of hunter-gatherers to the industrial age, with sites from each selected for comparison. More than 60 pages of atlas and gazetteer describing noted archaeological sites rounds out this excellent introductory study. $29.95. DK Publishing. ISBN 0-7894-3189-0.


Creating a Power Web Site, by Gail Junion-Metz and Brad Stephens (200 pages, November 1998), offers library-related examples of HTML and PERL coding, tables, image maps, frames, and forms. Sample coding for a library card application, interlibrary loan request, and purchase order is found on the accompanying CD-ROM, along with Mapedit and PERL software. This is a good intermediate book for Webmasters who haven’t revised their sites in a while. $125.00. Neal-Schuman. ISBN 1-55570-323-2.

Hard Target: The United States War Against International Drug Trafficking, 1982-1997, by Ron Ch heapsiuk (353 pages, January 1999), critiques the U.S. drug policy since Ronald Reagan declared war on drugs in 1982. After a detailed examination of the operations of “hard targets” (criminal organizations involved in the drug trade) and their impact on international political and socioeconomic cohesion, Chep esiuk declares that the American antidrug strategy has failed and offers 12 practical options for the United States to adopt in order to proceed successfully (not necessarily including decriminalization, but an open debate about alternative measures). The author’s meticulous documentation of the logistics of drug trafficking in several countries gives credence to his recommendations. $46.50. McFarland. ISBN 0-7864-0507-4.

John Adams and the Spirit of Liberty, by C. Bradley Thompson (340 pages, November 1998), examines the writings of America’s second president, reevaluating his political philosophy as a champion of liberty and democratic realist. Unlike his contemporaries Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, and Franklin, the political essays of John Adams have not been scrutinized or even reprinted for many years. Thompson rescues Adams’s philosophy of government from the mire of Toryism that engulfed his administration during the era of the Quasi-War with France, the Alien and Sedition Acts, and the suppression of pro-democratic thought. Adams’s ideas on the separation of powers and balanced government are particularly cogent in these latter days of the Clinton administration. $39.95. University Press of Kansas. ISBN 0-7006-0915-6.

For an alarmingly negative view of the Adams administration, read the disturbing portrait of Adams and other Federalists depicted in the contemporary newspaper, the Philadelphia Aurora, in Richard N. Rosenfeld’s American Aurora (988 pages, May 1997). Adams and his supporters may have crafted the first postcolonial witch hunt by going after anyone sympathetic to the French Revolution and the 1798 rebellion in Ireland. $39.95. St. Martin’s. ISBN 0-312-15052-0.

Lincoln: The Road to War, by Frank van der Linden (387 pages, November 1998), retells the story of Lincoln’s election and the early days of secession from a different perspective. Van der Linden makes a weak case for the notion that the Civil War could have been avoided if Lincoln had let Fort Sumter and the Confederacy go. Not a reactionary nco-Confederate, the author has also written biographical stud-
ies of Jefferson, Polk, Nixon, and Reagan. This critique of Lincoln is controversial but sub-
dued and serves as a reminder of what unre-
strained partisan politics can do to a nation.

Mammals of the Eastern United States,
by John O. Whitaker Jr. and William J.
Hamilton Jr. (583 pages, 3d ed., November
1998), presents detailed information on the 121
mammalian species east of the Mississippi.
Almost entirely rewritten, this edition provides
zoological information as well as anecdotes,
field notes, illustrations, range maps, reading
lists, and a glossary. $50.00. Cornell Univer-

Mesmerized: Powers of Mind in Victorian
Britain, by Alison Winter (464 pages, Decem-
ber 1998), demonstrates the pervasiveness of
mesmeric exhibitions and experiments in Brit-
ain from the 1830s to the 1860s, in universi-
ties as well as town halls, pubs, and hospi-
tals. Other volumes on mesmerism focus on
its marginal role in the protohistory of
hypnotism or psycho-
analysis, but this ex-
a mines what Victo-
rian men and women
actually thought mes-
merism could accomplish for the human
psyche. Winter looks at an astonishing num-
ber of mesmeric applications, including anes-
thesia, clairvoyance, medical diagnosis and
cure, magnetic therapy, and altered states of
consciousness. In so doing, she uncovers a
much long-neglected history of the develop-
ment of scientific authority in modern soci-

Native Americans: An Encyclopedia of
History, Culture, and Peoples, by Barry M.
Pritzker (868 pages, 2 vols., October 1998),
brings together historical and contemporary
information about North American Indian
groups. Pritzker, who has written about the
photography of Ansel Adams, Matthew Brady,
and Edward Curtis, sprinkles historical pho-
tographs throughout these volumes, which are
arranged by region and subdivided by tribe.
This is a good place to start looking for infor-
mation on particular groups, although the bib-
liography is sparse. $150.00. ABC-Clio. ISBN
0-87436-836-7.

Anyone interested in the question of In-
dian population figures in 1492 will enjoy
Numbers from Nowhere, by David Henige
(532 pages, May 1998), which challenges the
high estimates of recent historians. $47.95.
University of Oklahoma Press. ISBN 0-8061-
3044-X.

Saucer Movies: A UFOlogical History of
the Cinema, by Paul Meehan (373 pages,
November 1998), is a clever analysis of how UFO
sightings and speculation were ultimately re-
ponsible for the genre of alien-contact films,
which "deal with the philosophical implica-
tions of the first encounter between human be-
ings and alien cultures." Though not a
ufologist, Meehan has done some first-rate re-
search in exploring the intertwinnings of fly-
ing-saucer history and film conventions. A
bare-bones filmography of about 270 features
appears as an appendix, but the heart of the
book is its excellent chronological overview
of 100 years of contact films from Méliès's
short The Astronomer's Dream (1898) to
Starship Troopers (1997). $55.00. Scarecrow

The Sax and Brass Book: Saxophones,
Trumpets and Trombones in Jazz, Rock
and Pop, by Brian Priestley, et al. (120 pages,
October 1998), traces the history of brass instru-
ments and saxophones in popular music from 1920s jazz
to contemporary re-
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