

New & Noteworthy List for August 2016

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1. The Con of the Con-Con: The Case Against the States Amending the U.S. Constitution By Andy Biggs
Presents the arguments of a conservative, seven-term member of the Arizona Legislature as to why an Article V Constitutional Convention is not the answer to America's problems. Discusses proponents' reasons for a "con-con" and presents the author's counter arguments. Suggests citizens must be better informed before the time is appropriate for this method of change.
Free Man Press, 2015. 171 pages.
342.73 B484 2015

2. The Rise and Fall of Violent Crime in America By Barry Latzer
Details the rise of crime in America from the end of the second World War through the end of the twentieth century, examining circumstances and social issues that may have been a factor. Studies the effect of "tough on crime" legislation, increased numbers of police, revamped court systems, and other changes implemented in the late 1990s, when crime levels began to drop. Compares cultural versus structural perspectives on what has caused violent crime to rise and fall over the last 70 years.
Encounter Books, 2016. 404 pages.
364.150973 L359R 2016

3. The Texas Legacy Project: Stories of Courage and Conservation By David Todd

Depicts the extraordinary efforts by veteran conservationists and ordinary citizens to preserve the natural legacy and resources of Texas - both land and wildlife and their effect on public health. Includes interviews with former state legislators Babe Schwartz, Carlos Truan, and Sissy Farenthold.

Texas A&M University Press, 2010. 278 pages.

333.72092 T566 2010

4. Race and the Houston Police Department, 1930-1990: A Change Did Come By Dwight Watson

Provides a historical picture of the Houston Police Department (HPD) and race relations over a 60 year period. Illustrates how traditional attitudes towards race limited the development of the HPD until external factors, including the civil rights movement, modernization, annexation, and court-ordered political reapportionment, forced the Houston police department to change.

Texas A&M University Press, 2005. 208 pages.

363.2 W332R 2005

5. Adele Briscoe Looscan: Daughter of the Republic By Laura Lyons McLemore

Presents the biography of Adele Briscoe Looscan, the daughter of a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, who was a highly respected clubwoman, writer, and leader in Texas. Recounts her service with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) and her role as the first female president of the Texas State Historical Association.

Highlights her contributions to the preservation of historic landmarks, curriculum development in public schools, and Texas history.

TCU Press, 2016. 265 pages.

976. 405092 M224A 2016

6. Women of the Range: Women's Roles in the Texas Beef Cattle Industry By Elizabeth Maret

Describes past and present contributions of women as owners and managers in the Texas cattle industry, often as an unpaid labor force. Discusses the role women played in the modernization of the industry and as "keepers of the land."

Texas A&M University Press, 1993. 152 pages.

331. 4 M335W 1993