New & Noteworthy List for June 2016

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1. Governors Who Have Been, and Other Public Men of Texas By Norman G. Kittrell, Sr.
Provides a record of incidents and events relating to the lives of several remarkable Texans including governors, state legislators and other public figures drawn from the memories of Norman G. Kittrell, Sr., a former state legislator from Houston. Provides a look into the Texas political and judicial arenas during 1846-1921.
Texas, Dealy-Adey-Elgin Company, 1921. 301 pages.
923 K658G 1921

2. Broken But Unbowed: The Fight to Fix a Broken America By Greg Abbott
Presents the life story of Governor Greg Abbott, along with his blueprint for limiting the role of the federal government and restoring power to the states. Draws from his role as Texas attorney general and his challenging recovery from a paralyzing accident to chart a path to mend what he considers is a broken U.S. Constitution and to revive America's greatness.
Threshold Editions, 2016. 275 pages.
976.4 AB26B 2016

3. A Month of Sundays: Kent Biffle's Texana By Kent Biffle
Provides a sample of Dallas Morning News columnist Kent Biffle's Sunday columns - A Month of Sundays - outtakes from travel adventures and misadventures across the state in search of the "color and drama" of Texas' past. Organizes entries into three parts: Texas History, Texas Outlaws, and Texas Folk and Folklore. Includes an index to quickly pinpoint historical figures and events of interest to the reader.
University of North Texas Press, 1993. 261 pages.
976.4 B479M 1993

4. Heads Above Water: The Inside Story of the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program By Robert L. Gulley
Chronicles the competing water and landowner interests in the Edwards Aquifer region since the 1950's. Documents the cast of characters, attempts to resolve differences, shifting alliances, litigation relating to the Endangered Species Act, and ultimately the creation of the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) and the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP).
Texas A&M University Press, 2015. 234 pages.
333.91 G951H 2015

5. Unruly Waters: A Social and Environmental History of the Brazos River By Kenna Lang Archer
Explores the cultural, political, and geological history of the Brazos River. Documents the broad range of projects undertaken to understand and tame the river, from Civil War era mapping and early settlement, through a series of planned improvement projects left incomplete due to a lack of funding and harsh realities of the landscape. Profiles the persistence of those who live along the Brazos, working through the river's drought/flood cycles and continually striving to develop the Brazos Basin.
University of New Mexico Press, 2015. 260 pages.

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6. Rough Road to Justice: The Journey of Women Lawyers in Texas
By Betty Trapp Chapman
Examines how the legal profession has been the hardest of all professions for women to break into, due to sexual discrimination that was historically rooted in the legal system. Describes the challenges and limitations women endured in 1902, the year the first woman was allowed to practice law in Texas. Highlights the courage all of these women exhibited facing men who were unwelcoming even into the 21st century. Profiles a number of pioneering women who were also among the first women to be elected into the Texas Legislature, among them Barbara Jordan, Irma Rangel, Sissy Farenthold and Kay Bailey Hutchison. Points out that despite the obstacles, women lawyers today comprise more than 31 percent of the State Bar of Texas and 48 percent of law students in the state.
State Bar of Texas, 2008. 267 pages.
340.092 C366R 2008