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the complex events in midcontinent at midcentury.—Margaret W. Norton, *IMH High Sch. Lib., Westchester, IL*

Law & Crime

Kerby, Phil with Glenn Garvin. **With Honor and Purpose: In the Heart of the FBI.**

St. Martin's. Apr. 1998. c.336p. ISBN 0-312-18224-4. \$24.95. CRIME

Numerous scholarly treatises, books, films, and long-running TV programs testify to the nation's fascination with the FBI. Kerby, who served in the FBI "with honor and purpose" for 26 years, recognizes that Hoover's FBI was "the country's most exclusive White Boys' Club," but he loved the job and the companionship; he was excellent at developing informants and investigating bank robbers, pimps, mafiosi, kidnapers, drug dealers, extortionists, and "right-wing nuts" like the Michigan Militia who were his everyday fare. Investigating these bad guys is the bulk of this autobiography. Although Kerby participated in privacy-invading surveillance, he believes that it was necessary, citing as an example a close adviser to Martin Luther King who was a Communist. This is an interesting collection of war stories from the FBI that doesn't attack larger issues: Kerby leaves it to others to take the negative, like agent M. Wesley Swearingen in *FBI Secrets* (South End, 1995), or to explicate elite units, e.g., on serial killers (John Douglas's *Mindhunter*, *LJ* 11/15/95), the crime lab (David Fisher's *Hard Evidence*, *LJ* 3/1/95), or operations like counterintelligence (Ronald Kessler's *Spy vs. Spy*, *LJ* 9/1/88). Recommended for public libraries.—Janice Dunham, *John Jay Coll. Lib., New York, NY*

Sack, Steven Mitchell. **The Working Woman's Legal Survival Guide: Know Your Workplace Rights Before It's Too Late.**

Prentice-Hall. Mar. 1998. c.352p. index. ISBN 0-7352-0005-X. \$25. LAW

Historically, women have had to contend with harassment, discrimination, and unequal treatment on the job. Addressing these concerns, attorney Sack (*The Lifetime Legal Guide*, *LJ* 8/96) aims to give women information on their employment rights and the tools to use those rights to protect themselves. From the interview to termination of employment, he gives solid advice on handling a variety of situations and fully explains the rights and responsibilities of both employers and employees regarding such timely topics as pre-employment testing, illegal interview questions, access to employment records, or retaliatory acts by employers. Numerous checklists and sample letters may help readers state a claim for discrimination,

draft a letter of resignation, create a consulting agreement, or conduct a sexual harassment investigation. A useful, solidly conceived work; recommended for most public libraries.—Joan Pedzich, *Harris Beach & Wilcox, Rochester, NY*

Political Science

Abel, Richard L. **Speaking Respect, Respecting Speech.**

Univ. of Chicago. Apr. 1998. c.351p. permanent paper. index. ISBN 0-226-00056-7. \$30. POLITICS

Abel (*Politics by Other Means*, Routledge, 1995) uses theories of speech as symbolic politics to examine the battle against pornography, hate speech, and blasphemy, seeing the conflict as social competition among different racial, religious, sexual, and other groups desiring respect from the larger society and seeking to eliminate disrespectful speech to obtain social status. Abel next examines problems inherent in the civil libertarian and state restriction responses to disrespectful speech. These sections are the work's best, filled with excellent supporting examples. His recommendations for alternative solutions—reliance on community structures for reporting and apologizing for disrespectful speech—are vague and lean toward state regulation. Overall, however, this is a thoughtful analysis of a serious problem. Abel also echoes themes found in Cass R. Sustien's *Democracy and the Problem of Free Speech* (*LJ* 11/1/93) but stands in contrast to Nat Hentoff's *Free Speech for Me—But Not for Thee* (*LJ* 9/15/92.) Recommended for all academic and larger public libraries.—Stephen L. Hupp, *Univ. of Pittsburgh-Johnstown Owen Lib., Johnstown*

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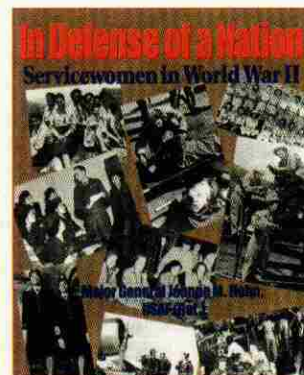
Hill & Wang; Farrar. May 1998. c.768p. photogs. maps. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-8090-9151-8. \$35. POLITICS

This comprehensive, well-researched, and elegantly written book by a former government official and editor of the journal *Foreign Affairs* offers a clear, balanced, but ultimately critical examination of the foreign policy of Richard M. Nixon. Bundy argues that while Henry Kissinger worked closely with the president, it was Nixon who "set the framework" and priority of objectives for the administration's foreign policy. Why is Bundy critical? Arguing that Nixon had "great strengths and serious weaknesses," he concludes that Nixon's "unshakable bent to deceive" ended up undoing many of his achievements. He failed as "a statesman in the American democratic system" to bring other institutions and the American people into a dialog on the new structure of world

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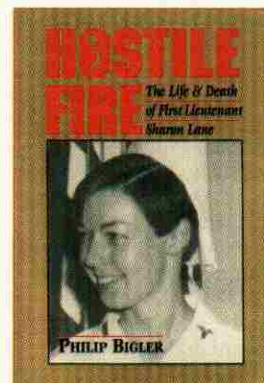


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peace, instead imposing his vision from above in a "skillful maneuver" that created "no lasting structure." A valuable resource on one of the most fascinating eras of American politics.—*Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

Conan, Éric & Henry Rousso.

Vichy: An Ever-Present Past.

Dartmouth: Univ. Pr. of New England. (Contemporary French Culture & Society). Apr. 1998. c.368p. tr. by Nathan Bracher. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-87451-795-8. \$45. INT AFFAIRS

Rousso's *The Vichy Syndrome* (LJ 6/1/91) was a seminal examination of modern French ambivalence toward their World War II governmental history. Here, with *Esprit* editor Conan, he explores recent controversies relating to collaborators, resisters, and the Vichy years. The authors call for an end to the "silly ritual that consists of being indignant every six months at some 'new' discovery." Examples include recent trials of decrepit "collaborators," accusations of censorship at the French national archives, and ambiguities surrounding François Mitterand's years as a Vichy bureaucrat. Each event is shown being intentionally (and publicly) misread and old facts treated as new "revelations" to validate the positions of various political groups. The authors offer an eloquent call for more tolerance, though their plea grows somewhat repetitive as examples pile up. Though the book is meant more as an essay than as objective history, extensive endnotes provide some value for scholars as well. Recommended for academic libraries.—*Robert Persing, Univ. of Pennsylvania Lib., Philadelphia*

Huffington, Arianna.

Greetings from the Lincoln Bedroom.

Crown. Apr. 1998. c.304p. illus. ISBN 0-609-60227-6. \$23. POLITICS

In this sharply funny political satire, syndicated columnist Huffington (*The Fourth Instinct*, LJ 6/1/94) imagines spending a weekend as a guest in the Lincoln Bedroom after making a minimal contribution to the Democratic National Committee. (She's considered a "loss leader" who will inspire other Republicans to give; naturally, they will have to give a lot more.) During her visit, Huffington shares the room with a mind-reading Socks the Cat and a television that can converse. Explorations through the rest of the White House expose her to an Alice in Wonderland-like environment that includes a seance conducted by the First Lady to contact Rosalyn Carter and a midnight snack meeting between the president and Speaker of the House Gingrich. This timely book may have limited appeal but is recommended for public libraries serving populations with high interest in politics and current events. [Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 12/97; at press

time, the book was being updated to incorporate the current presidential scandals.—Ed.]—*Jill Orner, Sch. of Information & Lib. Studies, SUNY at Buffalo*

Ivins, Molly. You Got To Dance with Them What Brung You: Politics in the Clinton Years.

Random. Mar. 1998. c.256p. permanent paper. LC 97-35511. ISBN 0-679-40446-5. \$23. POLITICS

Fans of nationally syndicated columnist Ivins (*Nothin' but Good Times Ahead*, Random, 1994) will welcome this latest collection of pieces, originally printed in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, the *Nation*, the *New York Times Magazine*, and the *Progressive*, among other publications. In her customarily funny, offbeat, and biting Texas patois, Ivins dissects numerous political misadventures of the last four years, wreaking particular vengeance on conservative politicians. A substantial publicity tour is planned, so public libraries should prepare for the demand. [Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 11/1/97.]—*Cynthia Harrison, George Washington Univ., Washington, DC*

Killian, Linda. The Freshmen: What Happened to the Republican Revolution?

Westview: HarperCollins. Apr. 1998. c.496p. permanent paper. index. ISBN 0-8133-9951-3. \$28. POLITICS

When the Republicans captured control of both houses of Congress in November 1994, the jubilant victors declared that a "Republican Revolution" would now ensue. With the "Contract with America" as their mantra, these new "Mr. Smiths" traveled to Washington to launch a transformation of American politics. Killian, whose background includes positions as senior editor for National Public Radio and as a reporter for *Forbes* and other national publications, spent two years watching, reading, listening, and interviewing dozens of the new congressmen and -women to learn more about how these revolutionaries learned their way around Washington and to what extent they adapted to its ways. The result is a truly remarkable book, which chronicles for the first time this complex yet fascinating story. Essential for anyone trying to understand not only how the Republicans got power but also their struggle to change the status quo in Washington; recommended for all collections.—*Edward Goedecken, Iowa State Univ. Lib., Ames*

Nelson, W. Dale. Who Speaks for the President: The White House Press Secretary from Cleveland to Clinton.

Syracuse Univ. Apr. 1998. c.332p. permanent paper. illus. bibliog. index. LC 97-40236. ISBN 0-8156-0514-5. \$29.95. POLITICS

As the Clintons' official liaison to the press, Mike McCurry fields questions on a wide

range of issues, protecting his boss's interests and national security while also offering vital information to a news-hungry public. McCurry is only the most recent in a long line of press secretaries that the author, a former member of the White House press corps, discusses in this unique book, which focuses on press secretaries from President Cleveland's Daniel S. Lamont. Nelson examines each secretary, providing biographical narrative as well as numerous stories illustrating the nature of the press secretary's relationship with his President and with the press. Though Nelson does not offer a critical analysis of any of the press secretaries or of the office itself, reading the book one cannot help but note the evolution of the office and the importance of its occupant as the nature and demands of the media changed. An interesting, though at times superficial, examination of an often-overlooked position.—*Thomas J. Baldino, Wilkes Univ., Wilkes-Barre, PA*

Presidential Also-Rans and Running Mates, 1788 Through 1996. 2d ed.

McFarland. May 1998. c.864p. permanent paper. ed. and comp. by Leslie H. Southwick. photogs. bibliog. index. LC 97-34099. ISBN 0-7864-0310-1. \$99.50. POLITICS

Ever wonder who lost the first presidential election to Washington or who the Anti-Masonic Party candidate was in the election of 1832? Should these or other questions arise surrounding the losing presidential and vice presidential candidates in every election in U.S. history, including the two Confederate States elections in 1861, the source to turn to is this newly revised work. The author, a judge in the Mississippi Court of Appeals and former deputy assistant attorney general of the United States, has compiled a wealth of information about those oft-forgotten people who unsuccessfully ran for the White House. For each election's chapter, the author provides background on the election, richly detailed biographies of the losing candidates, and an analysis of the candidates' qualifications for office. Written in a flowing and accessible style, this is an excellent resource for anyone at any level doing research on presidential elections. Highly recommended for all libraries.—*Thomas J. Baldino, Wilkes Univ., Wilkes-Barre, PA*

Psychology

Forrester, John. Truth Games: Lies, Money, and Psychoanalysis.

Harvard Univ. 1998. c.224p. index. ISBN 0-674-53962-1. \$22.95. PSYCH

Forrester (history and philosophy of science, Cambridge) has been writing important books on psychoanalytic themes for over two decades (e.g., *Dispatches from the Freud Wars*, LJ 5/15/97). His latest