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pression, and "Sex + Sexuality" details sexual attitudes and behavior, the feature that is the most fun. These descriptions are accurate and entertaining, even encompassing gay and lesbian sexuality. The result is an extremely engaging, detailed book; readers will easily recognize themselves and their loved ones. Libraries that own Linda Goodman's classic *Love Signs* will want this winner, a strong candidate for a Valentine's Day display.—*Marija Sanderling, Wells, ME*

Political Science

Alleyne, Mark D. **Global Lies?: Propaganda, the UN and World Order.**

Palgrave: St. Martin's. c.288p. bibliog. ISBN 0-333-92004-X. \$69.95; pap. ISBN 1-4039-2100-8. \$19.95.

Fasulo, Linda. **An Insider's Guide to the UN.**

Yale Univ. c.235p. ISBN 0-300-10155-4. \$27.

ea. vol: Jan. 2004. illus. index. INT AFFAIRS
Former UN ambassador Richard Holbrooke has called the UN "the flawed but indispensable institution." These two books illustrate what he meant. NPR correspondent Fasulo has written an overview for lay readers of the myriad activities under the UN umbrella. Most of her attention is given to topics that appear in the news frequently, such as the Security Council, General Assembly, and peacekeeping operations. Shorter chapters cover social and economic development, environmental programs, weapons of mass destruction, globalization, and drug traffic. In trying to cover many agencies, she has made the entries too brief to provide an accurate impression of all that the UN does in these areas. Anyone who has ever sent or received mail from abroad, bought an imported product, or flown in a commercial airliner has benefited from one or more UN agencies. Her intended readers are those totally unfamiliar with the UN, and they will likely find the book informative. But they will also need to consult John Alphin Moore Jr.'s and Jerry Pubantz's *Encyclopedia of the United Nations*.

Alleyne (UCLA) has written a detailed analysis of one of the UN's functions, its Department of Public Information. In his earlier *News Revolution*, he discussed the importance of the media and public diplomacy in international affairs; here he focuses on the UN's public diplomacy efforts. Barred from propaganda activities and needing to maintain good relations with all member states, the department has necessarily avoided controversial topics. Descriptions of the agency and its programs are tediously bureaucratic in many places, the analytical discussions could have been more fully developed, and the framework used here is not in the mainstream of international relations analysis. However, recent events have led to increased discussion of public diplomacy, which makes this a use-

ful work for collections specializing in media studies or international relations.—*Marcia L. Sprules, Council on Foreign Relations Lib., New York*

Carville, James with Jeff Nussbaum.

Had Enough?: A Handbook for Fighting Back.

S. & S. 2003. 306p. photogs. ISBN 0-7432-5575-5. \$21.

POLITICS

With his usual biting wit and incendiary rhetoric, political consultant and media talking head Carville presents an alternative to the Bush presidency in this funny, informative, and challenging book. This is primarily a critique of the faults, failures, and lies of the Bush administration, but Carville does not spare his Democratic colleagues. He also issues a call for them to go after Bush and reclaim power. With homey, down-to-earth language and a few recipes thrown in (for red bean soup, salad, and bread pudding), Carville is irresistible, even when one disagrees with his analysis. He covers a wide range of issues, describing the Bush response to problems and an alternative view of those problems, followed by his "Had Enough" solutions. Carville will convert few with this book—it is not designed to persuade but to reinforce preexisting views and enliven the Democratic troops. For all libraries. [Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 9/15/03.]—*Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

Cook, Rhodes. **The Presidential Nominating Process: A Place for Us?**

Rowman & Littlefield. (American Political Challenges). Jan. 2004. 176p. illus. index. ISBN 0-7425-2593-7. \$60; pap. ISBN 0-7425-2594-5. \$22.95.

POLITICS

A former political writer for *Congressional Quarterly* and author of the highly regarded *The Rhodes Cook Letter*, Cook is one of the true authoritative sources on the presidential nominating process. This short book is jam-packed with important information on the nominating process, placing it in both historical and comparative perspective. Cook traces the historical development of the nominating process from the early days of congressional caucus nominations to the development and proliferation of presidential primary elections. In doing so, he points out both the strengths and the many weaknesses of the process. Cook also performs a great service for readers by briefly comparing how the United States selects its leaders with the nominating methods of countries such as Great Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Mexico, and Israel (this alone makes the book a valuable contribution). This truly outstanding work draws the reader into a complex web of money, primaries, and politics, offering suggestions for reform but holding out only slim hopes that the reforms will either be enacted or effective.—*Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

Israel/Palestine: The Black Book.

Pluto. 2003. c.212p. ed. by Reporters Without Borders. index. ISBN 0-7453-2142-9. \$75; pap. ISBN 0-7453-2141-0. \$19.95.

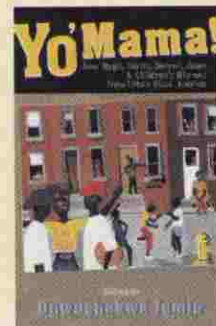
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Human rights abuses are pervasive in many parts of the world, but especially in areas experiencing wars and other types of political upheaval. In the Middle East, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict has led to daily abuses of the fundamental human rights of innocent civilians caught in the middle of this protracted conflict. Reporters Without Borders, a well-known international non-governmental organization (NGO), has been in the forefront of publicizing the plight of individual victims of human rights abuses throughout the world. In this powerful, evenhanded, and very informative book, this NGO depicts how and in what ways Israel and the Palestinian Authority routinely violate the most basic rights of individuals. Contributors to this edited volume include international human rights organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Reporters Without Borders, as well as Israeli and Palestinian human rights groups, such as the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel and the Palestinian Center for Human Rights. A balanced and disturbing work; highly recommended for all public

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