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forensics) is a proven scientific method utilized by crime fighters. Profiling involves collecting physical evidence and attempting to understand the mind-set of criminals. Coauthors McCrary (a former supervisory FBI special agent and experienced profiler) and Ramsland (forensic psychology, DeSales Univ.) define criminal profiling as "a process used to analyze a specific crime or series of crimes in order to develop a behavioral composite of an unknown offender." This book contains ten case studies of crimes ten to 15 years old of some of the most dangerous manhunts in the United States and Canada. Among the cases discussed are the Scarborough Rapist, the kidnapping of Kristen French, the Dr. Sam Shepard case, and the Buddhist Temple Massacre. Recommended for all public libraries where books like *Mindhunter* are popular and for criminal justice collections.—*Tim Delaney, SUNY at Oswego*

Yerrid, C. Steven. When Justice Prevails.

Yorkville. Jul. 2003. c.391p. photogs. ISBN 0-9729427-0-X. \$26.95. LAW
Well-known Florida trial lawyer Yerrid here presents eight of his most important cases on medical malpractice, liability, maritime catastrophe, tobacco, intellectual property, and other areas of law. He details his personal experiences with the clients, his preparation for litigation, and the trials themselves. Summaries of the cases and lengthy excerpts from the trials are included. Some cases, such as the Tampa Bay Skyway Bridge case, the Jessica Bowden (Johnny Jump-Up) case, and the Florida tobacco lawsuit, are well known. Yerrid also brings in personal views about life, family, and justice. While not as exciting as criminal cases, where life, death, and freedom are at stake, this book is nonetheless in the tradition of F. Lee Bailey's *For the Defense*, Roy Black's *Black's Law*, or Alan Dershowitz's *The Best Defense*. It is absorbing reading for trial fans, who will enjoy the inside details, real-life testimony, closing arguments, and insight into how a good trial lawyer thinks. Recommended for public libraries and libraries serving would-be lawyers.—*Mary Jane Brustman, SUNY at Albany Libs.*

Political Science

Conservatism in America Since 1930: A Reader.

New York Univ. Jul. 2003. c.444p. permanent paper. ed. by George L. Schneider. index. ISBN 0-8147-9798-9. \$70; pap. ISBN 0-8147-9799-7. \$22.95. POLITICS
Liberals and conservatives alike should have no trouble endorsing this anthology from 70 years of the conservative movement in the United States. Schneider (Emporia State Univ.; *Cadres for Conservatism: Young Americans for Freedom and the Rise of the Contemporary Right*) has done an outstanding job of selecting 40 works of


scholarship, journalism, and political advocacy to illustrate how the "old Right," born in opposition to the New Deal, anticipated currents, which evolved and finally emerged into political dominance with the 1980 election of Ronald Reagan. Along the way, the conservative choir has hardly sung in one voice, and the strength of this book is its careful portrayal of the varieties of American conservatism: classical liberalism, traditionalism, libertarianism, neoconservatism, and other strands. Schneider contributes his own helpful, but not burdensome, introductions and notes to frame writings by authors who include both the well known (e.g., Russell Kirk, F.A. Hayek, Milton Friedman, William F. Buckley Jr., and Irving Kristol) and the unfamiliar. Essential for most libraries.—*Robert F. Nardini, Chichester, NH*

★Lipsky, David. Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point.

Houghton. Jul. 2003. c.336p. photogs. biblog. ISBN 0-618-09542-X. \$25.
MILITARY STUDIES
Lipsky, a contributing editor for *Rolling Stone*, was assigned a story about the U.S. Military Academy and became so interested he stayed for four years. This extremely in-depth examination of cadet life explores the history of the academy, the intense physical and intellectual regimen, and the academy as a reflection of our society. Clearly there is, as there has been for 200 years, a role in this country for a professional military, and the academy must develop its curriculum, ethos, and lifestyle as an institution both within and separate from American society. Lipsky had unprecedented access and spent considerable time with students and faculty, unsupervised by the academy. He stayed from 1998 to 2002, an extremely turbulent period that saw the end of hazing, allowing television and telephones in the dorm rooms, changes in training and attitude by the faculty, and the life-changing events of 9/11. While generally sympathetic, Lipsky does not hesitate to report problems that arise, paying attention to the students who fail for academic, physical, or moral shortcomings or simply opt out. Written in a style and vernacular that will be more familiar to readers of the magazine than to scholarly works, this is essentially a popular, though serious, study. Highly recommended for most libraries. [Previewed in Prepub Alert, *LJ* 1/03.]—*Edwin B. Burgess, Combined Arms Research Lib., Ft. Leavenworth, KS*

Mears, Walter R. **Deadlines Past: My Forty Years of Presidential Campaigning; A Reporter's Story.**
Andrews McMeel. Oct. 2003. c.360p. photogs. index. ISBN 0-7407-3852-6. \$24.95. POLITICS
After 40 years of covering politics, Associated Press reporter Mears, winner of numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize, recently retired and has put his considerable

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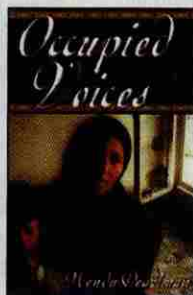
Pearlman, Wendy (text) & Laura Junka (photogs.).

Occupied Voices: Stories of Loss and Longing from the Second Intifada.

Thunder's Mouth: Avalon, dist. by Publishers Group West. Jul. 2003. c.288p. photogs. ISBN 1-56025-530-7. **pap.** \$14.95.

INT AFFAIRS

When Gen. Ariel Sharon, now Israel's prime minister, entered the Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem with an entourage of 1000 soldiers on September 28, 2000, he precipitated the second Palestinian uprising, or intifada, which has continued unabated to the present time. This mass uprising, which has been built on the first intifada (1987-93), has resulted in the complete unraveling of the Oslo peace process and the destruction of nascent Palestinian institutions. This book, written by a young American Jewish woman from the Midwest, brings to life the agonies of everyday life experienced by average Palestinians under Israeli occupation. The author, the Karl Deutsch Fellow of Government at Harvard, received her education at Brown, Georgetown, Harvard, the American University in Cairo, and Birzeit University in the West Bank. She has traveled and stayed in the Occupied Territories. Her subjects include a wide range of Palestinians, including a professor, a surgeon, school children, the owner of a demolished home, a shop owner, and scores of other Palestinians. This oral history is a revealing firsthand documentary account of Palestinians' current existence. Highly recommended for all public libraries.—*Nader Entessar, Spring Hill Coll., Mobile, AL*



Rubenberg, Cheryl. The Palestinians: In Search of a Just Peace.

Lynne Rienner. Sept. 2003. c.473p. permanent paper. maps. bibliog. index. ISBN 1-58826-200-6. \$65; **pap.** ISBN 1-58826-225-1. \$24.50.

INT AFFAIRS

The Oslo peace process was supposed to have put into motion the necessary ingredients for a lasting and just peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians. With the now famous handshake between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chairman Yasser Arafat on the White House lawn in September 1993, the world was told that the decades-old hostility between the two bitter adversaries was coming to an end and that a new Palestinian state would be created. However, the hoped-for Palestinian-Israeli peace never materialized, and the Oslo peace process began to collapse, culminating in the second Palestinian intifada and

the reimposition of Israeli rule over most of the territories under the jurisdiction of the nascent Palestinian Authority. In this well-researched book, Rubenberg argues convincingly that the failure of the Oslo Accords was predictable because Israel never intended to withdraw fully from the Occupied Territories and allow the emergence of a territorially contiguous and viable Palestinian state. The author, an independent analyst and a former political scientist at Florida International University, whose previous publications include *Palestinian Women: Patriarchy and Resistance in the West Bank*, provides a superb history of the post-Oslo developments in Palestinian-Israeli relations. An excellent resource for all academic and public libraries.—*Nader Entessar, Spring Hill Coll., Mobile, AL*

entertaining anecdotes, this is an account of how our nation and our politics have changed over the past four decades. Suitable for all libraries.—*Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

Singer, P.W. Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry.

Cornell Univ. (Studies in Security Affairs). Jul. 2003. c.368p. illus. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-8014-4114-5. \$39.95.

MILITARY STUDIES

Large-scale wars may still be the sole provenance of sovereign governments, but many countries are now quietly outsourcing smaller-scale functions to privatized military firms (PMFs), which do not carry the same political weight as national troops. These firms

might build camps, provide supplies, or furnish combat troops, technical assistance, or expert consultants for training programs. This is a new area for policymakers to debate and scholars to explore. Singer, a security analyst at the Brookings Institution, does not offer a history of these firms but instead attempts to integrate the available information so that theories may be formed to guide future research and decisions. In addition, he provides valuable appendixes, the first listing PMFs and their web addresses and the second providing the text of an actual government contract with a PMF. This portrait of the military services industry is well documented with many footnotes and a lengthy bibliography. Suitable for academic and specialized collections. (Index not seen.)—*Daniel K. Blewett, Coll. of DuPage Lib., Glen Ellyn, IL*

Stanton, Mike. The Prince of Providence: The True Story of Buddy Cianci, America's Most Notorious Mayor, Some Wiseguys, and the Feds.

Random. Aug. 2003. c.384p. illus. index. ISBN 0-375-50780-9. \$24.95.

POLITICS

During his six-term reign as mayor of Providence, RI, Vincent "Buddy" Cianci displayed a leadership style that was a political stew of vision, corruption, and violence, says Stanton, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the *Providence Journal*. First elected in 1974, Cianci resigned ten years later, following a plea of no contest for beating the alleged lover of his ex-wife. The "Buddy II" era began in 1990 with his reelection and ended in 2002 with his conviction on racketeering conspiracy charges, for which he received a five-year prison sentence. Although "the Prince of Providence" led Providence through an urban renaissance, which earned international praise for this comeback city and popularity for Cianci, his empire teetered on a foundation of patronage, kickbacks, and bid rigging. Stanton is at his best when he recounts the actions of those who brought Cianci down and when he describes the antics of the mayor's foot soldiers, which showed that the bucks truly stopped at hizzoner's desk. Recommended for all public libraries and highly so for those in Rhode Island.—*Karl Helicher, Upper Merion Twp. Lib., King of Prussia, PA*

Psychology

Bennett, Shoshana S. & Pec Indman. Beyond the Blues: A Guide to Understanding and Treating Prenatal and Postpartum Depression.

Moodswings. Jul. 2003. c.144p. index. ISBN 0-9717124-1-7. **pap.** \$14.95.

Rosenberg, Ronald, M.D. & others. Conquering Postpartum Depression: A Proven Plan for Recovery.

Perseus. Jul. 2003. c.224p. ISBN 0-7382-0841-8. \$25.

PSYCH

Each year, between 400,000 and 700,000

talents to use reviewing the 11 presidential campaigns he reported on firsthand. With elections ranging from the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon battle to the fiasco of the 2000 election, Mears gives readers not just an examination of past elections but also a glimpse of modern U.S. history, as his work covers the war in Vietnam; the assassinations of President Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert Kennedy; the chaos of the 1968 Democratic convention; Watergate; the emergence of television in presidential campaigns; the role of money in politics; and the rise of the professional political consultant, ending with the madness of the 2000 presidential election aftermath. It is a whirlwind tour of the recent past, and Mears is a gifted and observant chronicler of these tumultuous times. Filled with insider stories and