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## SOCIAL SCIENCES

those drawn to the details of investigations and trials, there is much interesting and dramatic material. Throughout, William Manning and other attorneys display passion and dedication in their efforts to hold Case Corporation accountable. Mishler (language & culture, Univ. of Minnesota), who died in December 2002, has produced the only book on this case; another recent book detailing civil court cases is C. Steven Yerrid's *When Justice Prevails*. Recommended for larger public libraries and all libraries with patrons involved in agriculture. [Reviewed sBrustman, Univ. at Albany Libs., NY

### Political Science

#### The George W. Bush Presidency: An Early Assessment.

Johns Hopkins. Nov. 2003. c.320p. ed. by Fred I. Greenstein. index. ISBN 0-8018-7845-4. \$55; pap. ISBN 0-8018-7846-2. \$19.95. POLITICS

The presidency of George W. Bush will be one of the most important in history. Momentous challenges are leading to momentous changes in policy and political practice. Editor Greenstein (Princeton Univ.; *The Hidden-Hand Presidency*), one of the nation's most respected and accomplished scholars of the presidency, organized a conference on the Bush presidency at Princeton in April

2003, assembling some of the nation's top scholars in political science. Scholarly papers from that conference make up the core of this fine book, which covers a wide range of issues, from the president's leadership style to budget problems to Bush's legislative strategy and foreign policy. The result is fair, balanced, serious, and insightful. Perhaps the most important contribution is a chapter by Ivo H. Daalder and James M. Lindsay (both of the Brookings Institution) on Bush's foreign policy revolution. Arguing that the president is engaged in too high a degree of unilateralism, the authors conclude by admitting that "the long-term consequences of the Bush administration's arrogance in exercising American power remain to be determined." As a presidential election year approaches, this book is an excellent overview of the problems, challenges, and possibilities facing both the Bush administration and the nation.—*Michael A. Genovese Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

#### Hentoff, Nat. The War on the Bill of Rights and the Gathering Resistance.

Seven Stories. 2003. 176p. index. ISBN 1-58322-621-4. \$18. POLITICS

"Ever since Attorney General Ashcroft pushed the U S A PATRIOT Act through an overwhelmingly supine Congress soon after September 11, he has subverted more elements of the Bill of Rights than any attorney general in American history," states *Village Voice* columnist and civil liberties champion Hentoff in this pithy warning about the dangers he believes much of the Bush administration's recent legislation poses to the basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution. The author details Justice, Defense, and Homeland Security Department attempts to broaden the government's authority to detain Americans in custody, collect information on Americans, and invite Americans to spy on one another. Alternating between describing the threat that various legislative efforts have posed to the Bill of Rights with reports of ACLU and other citizen groups' defiance of the PATRIOT Act, Hentoff aims to raise readers' consciousness to the dangers inherent in recently enacted and proposed legislation. Recommended for public and academic libraries. [With the growth of so-called Bill of Rights defense committees, this book may be in demand.—Ed.]—*Jill Ortner, Univ. at Buffalo Libs., NY*

#### The I Hate Republicans Reader: Why the GOP is Totally Wrong About Everything.

Thunder's Mouth: Avalon, dist. by Publishers Group West. Nov. 2003. c.432p. ed. by Clint Willis. bibliog. ISBN 1-56025-508-0. pap. \$12.95. POLITICS

What can one say about a book that makes no attempt to hide its excessively partisan perspective in its title? Clearly, Willis, series editor for Adrenaline Books, has a sense of humor. He has collected articles, political

cartoons, chain emails, photographs, and excerpts from books crafted by writers and artists ranging from Michael Moore to Hunter Thompson to Molly Ivins to Bill Moyers for the sole purpose of eviscerating all things Republican and preaching to the Democratic choir. Republicans with a sense of humor or who don't take themselves too seriously will find the book somewhat funny; all other members of the GOP should steer clear. Independents and those without strong feelings for any party may not see much humor, but anyone who enjoys political satire should find something amusing among the materials here. Recommended for larger public libraries.—*Thomas J. Baldino, Wilkes Univ., Wilkes-Barre, PA*

### Psychology

#### Blue, Violet. The Ultimate Guide to Adult Videos: How To Watch Adult Videos and Make Your Sex Life Sizzle.

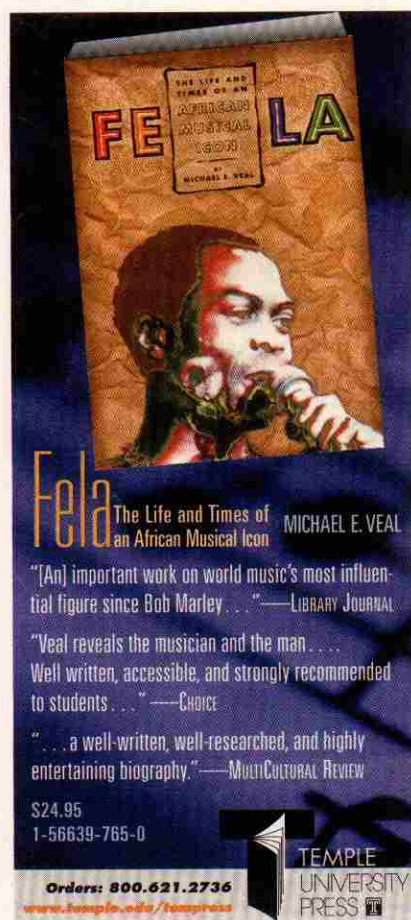
Cleis. 2003. c.325p. bibliog. index. ISBN 1-57344-172-4. pap. \$16.95. PSYCH

Guides to adult videos should provide intelligent background on the medium, review selected videos in different subgenres, and supply such reference book accouterments as a resources list, bibliography, and indexes. Blue (*The Ultimate Guide to Cummingus; The Ultimate Guide to Fellatio*) delivers on all counts—and provides a glossary to boot—reviewing more than 300 videos ranging from classics (*Deep Throat*) and gay/lesbian/bisexual features to all-sex, sadomasochistic, and educational flicks. Her supporting information is outstanding: how to watch porn (alone and with a partner), how to select videos, subgenres and clichés, issues like degradation and age of consent, and safer sex in porn; the resource list and bibliography are equally good. Blue falters only in failing to give more coverage to the expanding variety of erotic Japanese anime now available in the United States (for that, see Helen McCarthy and Jonathan Clements's solid, if dated, *The Erotic Anime Movie Guide*). For larger public libraries; smaller and more cautious libraries might prefer Cathy Winks's much briefer, though less current, *The Good Vibrations Guide: Adult Videos*, with its soft-toned cover and focus on the selection process and the industry itself.—*Martha Cornog, Philadelphia*

#### Frankel, Lois P. Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office: 101 Unconscious Mistakes Women Make That Sabotage Their Careers.

Warner. Feb. 2004. c.288p. ISBN 0-446-53132-4. \$19.95. PSYCH

For more than 20 years, Frankel has coached executives and managers on workplace behavior, and here she seeks to empower women looking to move up in the world. While she does not advocate adopting male behavior to do so, she does constantly tell readers to "quit bein' a girl!"—



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