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## Book Review of "One Scandalous Story: Clinton, Lewinsky, and Thirteen Days that Tarnished American Journalism" by Marvin Kalb

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## SOCIAL SCIENCES

liot Ness, the man who put Capone and his men behind bars, was separately assigned to the case but could not crack it, which tarnished his reputation and started a downward tailspin from which he never recovered. The culprit was never apprehended, but Badal provides the readers with possible suspects without ever concluding who the real killer was. This is a well-researched book on a subject that remains a haunting mystery in Cleveland to this day. Readers should beware, however, as it contains very graphic photographs. For all true-crime collections.—*Michael Sawyer, Northwestern Regional Lib., Elkin, NC*

### James, Kelly. **Dancing with the Witchdoctor: One Woman's Adventures in Africa.**

Morrow. Sept. 2001. c.256p. ISBN 0-06-018627-5. \$25.

CRIME

James is a private detective from San Francisco who journeys the world investigating travel accidents, murders, thefts, and missing-persons cases. Described by one of her clients as a "bitchin' redheaded private dick," she is fluent in Swahili, Spanish, Greek, and Zulu. In this rather intriguing travel memoir, James recounts what she considers to be the four greatest cases of her career: the death of a Kenyan coffee plantation executive that looks more like murder than suicide, the search for mountain gorillas in Rwanda during the ethnic uprisings, the search for missing persons in Mozambique during the civil war, and the struggle to survive attacks by bandits and hyenas in Turkana land while tracking down a doctor who vanished in the desert. Whether or not the outcome of her investigative work favors her clients, James's utmost concern is to achieve results (which is why she insists on prepayment). Superbly written, these true tales contain many twists and often read like literary short stories. One will probably read them with a combination of excitement and dread, but the endings will never disappoint. Recommended for all public and academic libraries.—*Lee Arnold, Historical Soc. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia*

## Political Science

### Clark, Gen. Wesley K. **Waging Modern War: Bosnia, Kosovo, and the Future of Combat.**

PublicAffairs: Perseus. 2001. 512p. photos, index. ISBN 1-58648-043-X. \$27.50.

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Clark is now retired, but during the Kosovo conflict he was the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. This book is a record of his experiences during the conflict. Clark tells a story of frustration with NATO allies, who had to approve each operation and target selection. Often, he was at odds with U.S. policymakers as he tried to formulate a strategy that would achieve his military goals. He also had to deal with the Serb government and Slobodan Milosevic. While the Kosovo

conflict was never a declared war, Clark feels that the Allies were victorious in the sense that the goals of the operation were realized. Milosevic was forced from power, ethnic cleansing has been stopped, and Serb forces have been withdrawn from Kosovo. All of this was accomplished without a single Allied combat death. The reader can follow Clark's story as he tries his own brand of shuttle diplomacy. The last chapter deals with the future of modern war. This title recalls several recent books (e.g., Ralph Peters's *Fighting for the Future*, LJ 1/99) that discuss the future of America's military. However, it is largely a record of the Kosovo conflict and will appeal to subject specialists or scholars. Recommended for public and academic libraries.—*Mark Ellis, Albany State Univ., GA*

### ★Harpaz, Beth J. **The Girls in the Van: Covering Hillary.**

St. Martin's. Oct. 2001. c.320p. ISBN 0-312-28126-9. \$24.95.

POLITICS

The campaign travelog has ranged widely from portraits in courage to studies in evil to telling tales out of school, as in Timothy Crouse's 1972 *The Boys on the Bus*. Here AP writer Harpaz recounts the story of First Lady Hillary Clinton's 62-county campaign to become a U.S. Senator from New York. Harpaz takes us backstage into the exhausted press bus games of "Punchy Bug" and recreates the frustrations of covering a senate candidate who has the added cover of a Secret Service detail. Even Harpaz never suspected the scandal-damaged First Lady would enter the ugly fray until April 1999, when she first turned to acknowledge the New York press corps on a school tour. Sixteen months, two opponents, and, to quote Mrs. Clinton, "six black pant suits later," she beat Congressman Rick Lazio by a full 12 points. Harpaz makes a sympathetic and plainspokenly likable guide watching the cool candidate emerge from the media-leery First Lady; at one point, Harpaz licks into a one-on-one "avali" with Mrs. Clinton, who cagily turns the subject back to Harpaz's efforts to toilet-train her toddler. In the end, despite the time away from her own family and the hundreds of manipulations by the candidate's staff, Harpaz ends up feeling a trace of admiration for this transformed "carpetbagger with a suitcase full of scandals" who "had outdone a squeaky-clean local boy." Recommended for all public libraries.—*Nathan Ward, "Library Journal"*

### Kalb, Marvin. **One Scandalous Story: Clinton, Lewinsky, and Thirteen Days That Tarnished American Journalism.**

Free Pr. Oct. 2001. c.288p. index. ISBN 0-684-85939-4. \$25.

POLITICS

Veteran reporter-turned-Harvard professor Kalb (*The Nixon Memo*) knows the business of journalism inside out. In this examination of how journalists, print and electronic, covered the 13 days surrounding the Clinton-

Lewinsky sex scandal of 1998, he finds many reasons to fault his media colleagues. Kalb demonstrates how journalistic standards have changed for the worse since the Watergate era, arguing that coverage of the scandal did not on its own "smash the standards of American journalism. It merely accelerated a disturbing trend that had been apparent for several decades." He further argues that two forces have led to the decline of media standards: the explosion of new technologies and "the radical change in the economic ownership and management of a deregulated business." These changes, he says, "have transformed the news business from one tied to public trust to one linked to titillation and profit." This elegant and insightful work represents fine scholarship put to the use of public service. It is an important and disturbing book.—*Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles*

### ★Kinzer, Stephen. **Crescent & Star: Between Two Worlds.**

Farrar. Sept. 2001. c.272p. permanent paper. LC 2001023298. ISBN 0-374-13143-0. \$25.

INT AFFAIRS

Americans can no longer plead ignorance about modern Turkey. Recently, several excellent books on the subject have been published by Western journalists: Marvin Howe's *Turkey Today* (LJ 6/1/00), Nicole and Hugh Pope's *Turkey Unveiled* (Overlook, 1998), and now this work by Kinzer, former *New York Times* Istanbul bureau chief (1996-2000). All three are informative and provocative, though each has a slightly different focus (Howe focuses on the role of Islam, while the Papes provide a narrative history). Interspersing journalistic essays with personal vignettes, Kinzer discusses Turkey's potential to be a world leader in the 21st century, as it is truly a bridge between East and West, politically and geographically. Kinzer questions Turkey's ability to achieve this potential, however, unless true democracy can be established. Whether it can depends on Turkey's military, which, in order to ensure the continuation of the Kemalist ideal of a paternalistic state, has never allowed real freedom of speech, press, or assembly. Kinzer argues persuasively that if the military refuses this opportunity, the consequences (Islamic fundamentalism, Kurdish terrorism, denial of EU membership) could be catastrophic for the Turkish state and its people. An excellent, insightful work; highly recommended.—*Ruth K. Baacke, formerly with Whatcom Community Coll. Lib., Bellingham, WA*

### McNamara, Robert S. & James G. Blight. **Wilson's Ghost: Reducing the Risk of Conflict, Killing, and Catastrophe in the 21st Century.**

PublicAffairs: Perseus. 2001. 240p. index. ISBN 1-891620-89-4. \$24.

INT AFFAIRS

Former Secretary of Defense McNamara is 85 and still atoning for his role in the Viet-