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# Best Bibliographies in History

*RUSA History Section Bibliography and Indexes Committee*

Each year the History Section's Bibliography and Indexes Committee continues its project to honor outstanding book-length English-language bibliographies in the field of history. It is our goal to encourage both the work of scholars in the bibliography of history and the publishers who support this important activity. This year's titles were published in 2002 and 2003.

All members of the library profession are invited to submit titles to the committee for consideration. For 2005, the committee will review works published in 2003 and 2004. Nominated titles can be from any period of history. The focus is on first editions, but a subsequent edition will be considered if there is substantial revision. Titles for consideration, with appropriate bibliographic information should be sent to: Jennalyn W. Tellman, University Library, A211, 1510 E. University Blvd., P.O. Box 210055, Tucson, AZ 85721-0055. The next submission deadline is **October 31, 2004**.

**Beckham, Stephen, et al.** *The Literature of the Lewis and Clark Expedition: A Bibliography and Essays*. Portland, Ore.: Lewis & Clark College, 2003. 315 p. \$75 (ISBN: 0-963-0866-18).

*The Literature of the Lewis and Clark Expedition* cites both primary and secondary sources, ranging from books that were carried on the Expedition to recent publications. Monographs, maps, articles, and children's literature are also included. Following an introductory essay on the collection at Lewis & Clark College are seven topical bibliographies, which (except for the final chapter on twentieth century publications) open with an interesting essay. All works cited are held at the

Lewis & Clark College, and many are held at numerous other libraries. Annotated citations include full bibliographic descriptions. Scholars as well as general researchers interested in Lewis and Clark will find this a lovely and useful book.—*Lisa Scharnhorst, Seattle Public Library*

**Crawford, Gregory A.** *Petra and the Nabataeans: A Bibliography*. ATLA Bibliography Series, no. 49. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow, 2003. 304p. \$65 (ISBN: 0-810-84846-5).

With wealth gained through the caravan trade, the ancient Arabian civilization of the Nabataeans and its capital city, Petra, flourished from sometime before 312 BCE through the 5th century CE. Travelers and archaeologists rediscovered Petra in the nineteenth century and began revealing its wonders and relationship to the classical world. With 2,413 entries, Crawford's impressive international bibliography brings together nineteenth and twentieth century research literature about all aspects of this civilization, from archaeology to art, prehistory, paleography, and engineering. The bibliography is arranged alphabetically by author, and each article is assigned at least one subject heading. A detailed classified subject schema forms the subject index, and there are also author and editor indexes. This carefully crafted bibliography clearly belongs in any library with strong collections in Classics or the Ancient Near

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Contributing members: Laura Dale Bischof (Editor); Eric C. Novotny; Jeannette E. Pierce; Lisa Gay Scharnhorst; Jennalyn W. Tellman (Assistant Editor); Barbara L. Walden.

East.—*Laura Dale Bischof, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

**Creaton, Heather.** *Unpublished London Diaries: A Checklist of Unpublished Diaries by Londoners and Visitors with a Select Bibliography of Published Diaries.* London Record Society Publications, vol. 37. London: London Record Society, 2003. 136p. £20 (ISBN: 0-900-9523-77).

Heather Creaton briefly describes the content of 883 unpublished personal diaries by residents or visitors to London. Entries are arranged in chronological order by diary starting date and then by diarist. There is a name index for the diarists. The subject index includes occupations, locations, institutions, and topical entries such as air raids, hospitals, housewives, shops and shopping, and trade unionists. Creaton provides a separate list of 244 published diaries. This bibliography will be a welcome tool for those interested in finding primary source material on London. A list of the diarists by gender would have been a useful addition to this guide.—*Jeannette Pierce, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore*

**Hacker, Barton C.** *World Military History Bibliography: Premodern and Nonwestern Military Institutions and Warfare.* History of Warfare Series, vol. 16. Leiden: Brill, 2003. 836p. \$230 (ISBN: 9-004-1299-79).

Hacker's bibliography of military history provides thorough documentation of over 6,000 resources about military training, philosophy, and warfare technique. Focusing on books, journals, and dissertations published from 1967 to 1997, Hacker covers each part of this subject first historically, starting with Ancient World history and moving up to post-World War II. Additional chapters on materials not primarily historical or geographic, such as "War in Social Thought," "War Explained Biologically," and "Nonstate Warfare" conclude the last part of the book. Most entries have brief annotations or

reviews, highlighting the value of such materials to the topic at hand. This impressive work fills a gap and will be valuable to any world history student and researcher.—*Paul Wartenberg, University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville*

**Junne, George H.** *The History of Blacks in Canada: A Selectively Annotated Bibliography.* Bibliographies and Indexes in Afro-American and African Studies, no. 44. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 2003. 412p. \$78.95 (ISBN: 0-313-3229-29).

*The History of Blacks in Canada* consists of 3,600 entries (many annotated) for monographs, articles, internet sites, archival collections, calendars, curriculum kits, and videos. The bibliography opens with an introduction, followed by sixteen topical chapters and chapters for each of the provinces and territories (except Northwest Territories and Nunavut). Also included are chapters on "Black Newspapers and Magazines" (not annotated) and "Films and Videos" and separate author and subject indexes. This work expands on Junne's 2000 work, *Blacks in the American West and Beyond—America, Canada, and Mexico: A Selectively Annotated Bibliography.* Well organized and comprehensive, this work would be useful to researchers from secondary students to doctoral candidates.—*Lisa Scharnhorst, Seattle Public Library*

**Lowe, Joy L., and Kathryn I. Matthew.** *Colonial America in Literature for Youth: A Guide and Resource Book.* Literature for Youth Series, no. 2. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow, 2003. 283p. \$42 (ISBN: 0-810-8474-42).

The authors provide evaluative descriptions of fictional and nonfictional accounts of the American colonies written for a K-12 audience. The bibliography includes recreational reading materials as well as works useful for classroom instruction. The authors' goal is to guide students and teachers to the resources appropriate to their interests and reading levels.

The bibliography is well organized and easy to navigate. Author, title, and subject indexes provide multiple access points. Appendixes contain additional resources for teachers, including suggested classroom activities and electronic resources. This work will be invaluable for students, teachers, and librarians who are seeking reliable historical works that are also good reads. It will be especially useful for reader's advisory services or in libraries that serve educators.—*Eric Novotny, Pennsylvania State University, State College*

**Metz, Allan.** *Bill Clinton: A Bibliography.* Bibliographies of the Presidents of the United States, no. 41. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 2002. 400p. \$82.95 (ISBN: 0-313-3145-27).

Broad in scope but selective in contents, this annotated bibliography focuses on periodical articles and books covering all aspects of Bill Clinton's life and presidency. In addition to Clinton himself, selective coverage of prominent Clinton administration officials is also included. The compiler has done a commendable job of sorting through the enormous amount of writing about this president and providing careful annotations. The emphasis is on materials that analyze or report on the Clinton presidency; the outpouring of literature about this president in the popular or tabloid press is not included. With its emphasis on the policy aspects of the Clinton presidency and on more serious analysis and responses, this substantial guide to resources is likely to continue to be a fundamental source for information in coming years.—*Barbara L. Walden, University of Wisconsin, Madison*

**Sheldon, R. M.** *Espionage in the Ancient World: An Annotated Bibliography of Books and Articles in Western Languages.* Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2003. 232p. \$45 (ISBN: 0-786-4136-54).

This extensively annotated bibliography concentrates on primary and secondary literature concerned with

intelligence, espionage, and cryptography in the ancient world. In addition to annotations, this delightful and impressive work includes selected book reviews and an essay on a famous unsolved cryptogram, the Sator Rebus. Highly informative essays introduce each section; a reader could learn much from merely reading the introductions, annotations, and reviews. The author indicates the locations of the cited works when possible and has put them in standard bibliographic format. A glossary is included. This work brings together material that would be challenging for an individual researcher to uncover and belongs in research collections of ancient and military history.—*Jennalyn W. Tellman, University of Arizona, Tucson*

**Smele, Jonathan D., ed.** *The Russian Revolution and Civil War, 1917–1921: An Annotated Bibliography*. New York: Continuum, 2003. 625p. \$185 (ISBN: 0-826-4561-89).  
The author lists over 6,000 titles dealing with all aspects of the Russian

revolution and civil war, from history to the arts, science, medicine, and religion. Books, articles, collections of essays, speeches, memoirs, and interviews published from 1917 to January 2000 are included. Entries are arranged in broad thematic chapters, subdivided by topic and type of source. Brief annotations describe each work and offer critical commentary on their scholarly contributions. Although there is overlap with similar bibliographies available, most notably *The Russian Revolution, 1905–1921: A Bibliographic Guide to Works in English*, this work expands upon and updates its predecessors. Its singular focus, breadth of coverage, and insightful annotations will likely make it the standard bibliography on this topic for some years to come.—*Eric Novotny, Pennsylvania State University, State College*

**Walgren, Kent L.** *Freemasonry, Anti-Masonry and Illuminism in the United States, 1734–1850: A Bibliography*. Worcester, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society,

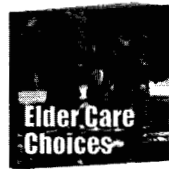
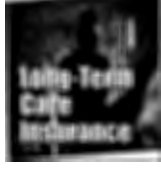
2003. 1,136p. \$195 (ISSN: 1-929-54508-8).

Kent Walgren describes 5,560 early Masonic and anti-Masonic books printed in the United States between 1734 and 1850. He consulted the collections of the six major Masonic libraries in the United States as well as important collections in research libraries, personally examining 95 percent of the entries. The bibliography is arranged in chronological order by year and then geographically by state. There is an author/title index, a general index, and a printer/publishers index. Among the many helpful topics in the general index are African-American Masonry, religion and Masonry, and women and Masonry. The volumes are beautiful, including seventy title page facsimiles. This work will become a standard reference tool for scholars of U.S. Freemasonry. It will also be of interest to historians in U.S. social, political, and religious thought.—*Jeannette Pierce, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore*



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