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family. Family counselor Bilofsky sets ground rules, addressed chiefly to women, for surviving the crises that can put families at risk. Although the early chapters on engagements and weddings have a flavor of 1951 rather than 1991, the book improves as it continues through life-cycle events. Chapters on money, serious illness, three-generation households, divorce, and eldercare are very timely and well done.—*Evelyn L. Mott, Palm Beach Cty. Lib., Fla.*

Corballis, Michael C. *The Lopsided Ape: Evolution of the Generative Mind.*

Oxford Univ. Pr. Jun. 1991. c.352p. permanent paper. illus. index. ISBN 0-19-506675-8. \$24.95. PSYCH

Are humans unique and discontinuous from other animals? How did our generative and creative capacities develop? These and other questions are presented in an exhaustive, step-by-step fashion in the course of which central issues in the areas of linguistics and evolutionary theory are made accessible to the lay reader. The author (psychology, Univ. of Auckland, New Zealand) follows both a logical, theory-building but also historical sequence within each chapter, going beyond Chomskyan linguistics (which argues that children possess specific linguistic abilities that enable them to learn language) to contend that language reflects a more ba-

sic human capacity to represent experience and to generate infinite representations—of which language is but one example. This complete, lucid presentation in the burgeoning field of cognitive psychology will be challenging but interesting to lay readers, and valuable to a broad group of scholars.—*Paul Hymowitz, New York Medical Coll.*

Hite, Shere & Kate Colleran. *Good Guys, Bad Guys: The Hite Guide to Smart Choices.*

Carroll & Graf Pubs. Jun. 1991. c.288p. LC 91-4499. ISBN 0-88184-686-4. \$18.95. PSYCH

Hite, best known for her trilogy of reports on sexuality and love (e.g., *The Hite Report, LJ 7/76*), and her colleague Colleran draw on their extensive research to define relationships for women in the 1990s. Unfortunately, they employ too much direct input from the research participants instead of providing useful guidance on how to make a relationship work. As it is, their most concrete advice regards when to abandon a relationship rather than try to improve it. However, unlike most of the male/female compatibility literature of the past ten years, their book is more understanding and supportive of the negative feelings women may experience (e.g., due to emotional violence, lack of male communication). In addition, instead of advising

women to change, they recommend encouraging men to change their behaviors. The authors also offer a refreshing and insightful look at the status of single women, as well as relationships and/or friendships with other females. Hite's other books have been popular.—*Elizabeth DeMarco, Onondaga Cty. P.L., N.Y.*

Kuenning, Delores A. *Life After Vietnam: How Veterans and Their Loved Ones Can Heal the Psychological Wounds of War.*

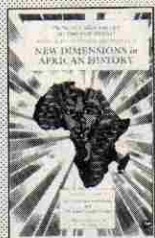
Paragon House. 1991. c.320p. bibliog. ISBN 1-55778-231-8. \$22.95. PSYCH

Kuenning (*Helping People Through Grief*, Bethany House, 1987) aims this recovery manual at Vietnam's living casualties: those plagued with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and their relatives. She sketches the historical background behind the war, but mostly replays stories of emotionally and/or physically ravaged veterans—men/women soldiers, POWs, MIAs, Amerasians, and Agent Orange victims. Each chapter contains a bibliography and specific strategies for coping; appendixes include devotional readings and a sample memorial service. Although Kuenning capably and gently blends psychology with Bible teachings, her Christian counseling may not appeal to veterans of different religious persuasions. However, her extensive research, clear writing, and sound advice on resolving



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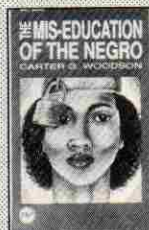
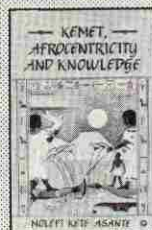
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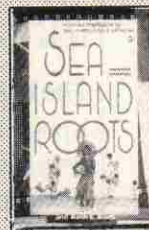
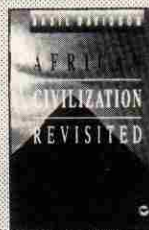
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grief and guilt is both state-of-the-art psychology and the compassionate essence of most religions. Recommended for larger self-help collections.—*Janice Arenofsky, formerly with Arizona State Lib., Phoenix*

Miedzian, Myriam. **Boys Will Be Boys: How We Encourage Violence in Our Sons and What We Can Do To Stop It.**

Doubleday. Jun. 1991. c.368p. bibliog. ISBN 0-385-23932-7. \$20. PSYCH
The "masculine mystique," or values which consider violence and aggression in males inevitable is used as a societal guideline for appropriate male behavior. So contends Miedzian, a philosophy professor (Barnard, Rutgers, et al.), who argues that violent male behavior is often perpetuated in the early years. Drawing on extensive research, she gives several reasons why some boys become violent men, including her belief that being raised without benefit of paternal guidance makes it harder for boys to develop healthy masculine identities. Miedzian offers broad solutions, such as encouraging boys to nurture and bond with babies at an early age and teaching nonviolent conflict resolution in schools. In an increasingly violent world, her book offers some insight into implementing positive changes. Purchase for popular psychology and social science collections.—*Linda S. Greene, Chicago P.L.*

Pearlstein, Richard M.

The Mind of the Political Terrorist.

SR Bks: Scholarly Resources. 1991. c.237p. permanent paper. bibliog. index. LC 90-9134. ISBN 0-8420-2345-3. \$40. PSYCH

Building psychopolitical profiles of ten well-known terrorists to identify the factors that encourage such individuals to cross the line from nonviolence to violence, Pearlstein suggests that most political terrorists suffer from a "narcissistic rage" that causes them to attack themselves and others. Among the subjects he examines are Susan Stern and Diana Oughton of the Weathermen, Donald DeFreeze and Patricia Soltysik of the Symbionese Liberation Army, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, better known as Carlos, Ulrike Meinhoff of West Germany's Red Army Faction, and Renato Curcio of Italy's Red Brigades. This study, which is well-grounded in the literatures on political terrorism and the psychology of violent behavior, will be provocative for knowledgeable readers and intriguing for laypersons trying to understand terrorism.—*William L. Waugh Jr., Georgia State Univ. Atlanta*

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Bornoff, Nicholas.

Pink Samurai: Love, Marriage, and Sex in Contemporary Japan.

Pocket Bks. 1991. c.479p. photogs. ISBN 0-671-74265-5. \$22.95. soc sci
This graphic treatment of the evolution of

the *mizu shobai*—that much talked-about world of sexual freedom that exists in Japan—follows the "foreigner investigates" style of writing. Giving less space to love and marriage than to sex in its many guises, Bornoff seeks to guide the reader from a series of *tatemae* (if it looks good it is good) vignettes to the *honno* (real) sexual soul of the Japanese people. Although most of the modern references to the goings-on in Tokyo and elsewhere ring true, the inclusion of an analytical summary after 470+ pages of description seems like an afterthought and leaves one wondering if the writer was more interested in titillating storytelling than in highlighting the maturity of the Japanese. The book redeems itself somewhat in pointing out truly destructive trends that show the currents of change in Japanese popular culture. For comprehensive collections. Photos not seen.—*Mike Heines, USAF Rome Lab., N.Y.*

Degler, Carl N. **In Search of Human Nature: The Decline and Revival of Darwinism in American Social Thought.**

Oxford Univ. Pr. 1991. c.432p. permanent paper. index. ISBN 0-19-506380-5. \$24.95. soc sci

Noted historian Degler's new work covers much of the same nature-nurture territory as Kenneth Bock's *Human Nature and History* (LJ 11/15/80), but most of the material is presented as narrative history full of personalities and contexts rather than simply as competing ideas. Ranging from Darwin's day to the present, this account chronicles the rise, fall, and recent resurgence of biological and hereditarian (especially racial and gender-based) explanations of the variations in behavior and intelligence. Degler's study is thoroughgoing and evenhanded, though it is far more engaging when it recounts struggles to overcome racism and eugenics in the early decades of this century than when it attempts to evaluate current work on these topics. For academic and larger public library collections.—*Glenn Petersen, Baruch Coll., CUNY*

Dundy, Elaine. **Ferriday, Louisiana.**

Donald I. Fine. Jun. 1991. 256p. photogs. bibliog. index. ISBN 1-55611-144-4. \$21.95. soc sci

The small Louisiana town of Ferriday has produced more than its share of famous people. Singers Jerry Lee Lewis and Mickey Gilley, evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, newscaster Howard K. Smith, and World War II hero General Claire Chennault are among its notable products. Novelist and biographer Dundy effectively evokes the texture of life there in her portrait of this atypically culturally diverse Southern community. For this reason, her book may appeal to general readers with an interest in her subject. However, the book is weakened by occasionally awkward writing, poor organization, and (most importantly) factual er-

rors that will be evident to readers knowledgeable about Louisiana. The last problem is illustrated by a passage that misidentifies the educational institution employing this reviewer as "Central University" and as the "extension of LSU at Lafayette."—*Thomas H. Ferrell, Univ. of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette*

Kenyon, Thomas L. with Justine Blau. **What You Can Do To Help the Homeless.**

Fireside: S. & S. Jun. 1991. c.125p. bibliog. ISBN 0-671-74123-3. \$18.95; pap. ISBN 0-671-73734-1. \$7.95. soc sci

This book was written under the auspices of the National Alliance to End Homelessness and produced by the Philip Lief Group; a portion of its earnings will be used to support the Alliance. Using a clear, readable style, this title attempts to make activists of readers, providing 32 chapters that discuss ways for individuals, families, businesses, schools, and clubs to help solve a growing national problem. Projects range from tutoring homeless children to organizing food drives. Designed for laypersons, this will make readers wonder what America could be like if many people contributed their efforts in the same way as those noted in the text. Recommended for public library collections and where interest warrants. [See also Henry Miller's *On the Fringe: The Dispossessed in America*, reviewed below.—Ed.]—*Christy Zlatos, Northeastern Univ. Libs., Boston*

Lee, Joann Faung Jean. **Asian American Experiences in the United States.**

McFarland & Co. Jun. 1991. c.228p. permanent paper. index. LC 90-53504. ISBN 0-89950-585-6. \$24.95. soc sci

Like Studs Terkel's *Working* (LJ 3/1/74), these oral tales of the hardships and triumphs experienced in the United States by immigrants from China, the Philippines, Japan, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Pacific Islands are often poignant and revealing. However, over 50 interviews with 40 people tell too little about too large a variety of Asians, contradicting Lee's own point that all Asians should not be lumped together. The repeated appearance of a person up to four times, due to overlapping themes, could be eliminated by organizing materials according to nationality. Lee adds haphazard notes on legislation and events and a useless index. For multicultural collections.—*Kitty Chen Dean, Nassau Coll., Garden City, N.Y.*

Miller, Henry. **On the Fringe: The Dispossessed in America.**

Lexington: Heath. 1991. c.224p. permanent paper. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-669-24905-X. \$18.95. soc sci
Miller, a professor of social welfare, contends that the dispossessed by whatever name (hobos, vagrants, vagabonds, beg-

