

New & Noteworthy List for September 2017

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1. Exonerated: A History of the Innocence Movement

By Robert J. Norris

Focuses on the exoneration of innocent individuals who have been wrongfully convicted. Defines what the "innocence movement" is and offers a descriptive, chronological narrative that considers how and why this movement developed. Highlights some of the people, organizations, decisions, and events involved. Questions and examines innocence as a social movement. Concludes by discussing critiques from both within and outside of the movement.

New York University Press, 2017. 289 pages.

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2. Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st Century Economist

By Kate Raworth

Argues a different way of thinking is needed to address the current economic landscape and its many social and ecological challenges. Proposes a new economic model, which is presented visually in the shape of a doughnut, that challenges the concept that growth is the fundamental ideal in any economy. Outlines seven key ideas to reframe what the economy is and how it works and allows humankind to prosper.

Chelsea Green Publishing, 2017. 309 pages.

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3. Violated: Exposing Rape at Baylor University Amid College Football's Sexual Assault Crisis

By Paula Lavigne and Mark Schlabach

Provides a narrative of the sexual crimes committed against women by Baylor University football players over the past decade. Argues the Baylor allegations stand out because as the world's largest Baptist university, it was assumed such violence couldn't occur there. Traces the escalation in violence to the increase in prominence of the football team and the failure of university officials to help the victims and discipline the assailants. Discusses lawsuits that led to the firing of the university president, the athletic director, and the football coach and to at least one football player being sent to prison.

Center Street, 2017. 355 pages.

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4. The Three Languages of Politics

By Arnold Kling

Examines the three tribal coalitions of political discussions - progressive, conservative, and libertarian - with a goal of moving towards healthier political discussions. Promotes less polarization and more mutual respect and reasoned deliberations. Provides explanations, examples, and tests of the author's "three-axes" model and a bibliography for further reading.

Cato Institute, 2017. 131 pages.

320.014 K686T 2017

5. Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination

By John Corvino, Ryan T. Anderson, and Sherif Girgis

Presents arguments on religious liberty, tolerance, and discrimination in a point-counterpoint format. Examines the historical, philosophical, and legal dimensions of religious liberty. Addresses many difficult questions that have arisen in response to the legalization of same-sex marriages. Provides a model for debate that allows for the articulation of strong differences in a civil and respectful manner.

Oxford University Press, 2017. 343 pages.

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6. Framing the Solid South: The State Constitutional Conventions of Secession, Reconstruction, and Redemption, 1860-1902

By Paul E. Herron

Explains how a series of constitutional conventions framed the southern states' political identity and served to unify the region. Notes southern delegates gathered forty-four times from 1860 to 1902, a rate more than four times that in the rest of the nation during the same period.

Offers insights from a close reading of state constitutional convention debates to illustrate the southern states' distinctive constitutional and political development.

University Press of Kansas, 2017. 360 pages.

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