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1. Formidable: American Women and the Fight for Equality, 1920-2020

By Elisabeth Griffith

Chronicles the efforts of Black and white women for voting rights and equality after the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. Contrasts the sometimes competing goals of each group, in which the Black women's movement focused on protecting their communities from racial violence and discrimination while white women sought equal legal rights with white men. Describes the seemingly parallel struggles for political power as interwoven and complex, acknowledging the diversity of the fight for "liberty and justice for all." Pegasus Books, 2022, 507 pages
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2. Foster Care in America: A Reference Handbook

By Christina G. Villegas

Explores the American foster care system, including the history of state and federal approaches to child welfare. Presents recurring problems and controversies that affect U.S. foster care systems, and highlights proposals aimed at improving outcomes for children and families. Includes a glossary of terms used in discussions of foster care, key national and local child welfare organizations' profiles, and an annotated reference guide. ABC-CLIO, 2022, 292 pages
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3. More City Than Water: A Houston Flood Atlas

By Lacy M. Johnson and Cheryl Beckett, editors

Examines the impact of Hurricane Harvey on the people and communities of Houston, Texas, through the use of maps, personal essays, interviews, and photographs collected for the [Houston Flood Museum](#) project. Urges reflection on the "link between human activities and catastrophic flooding" and presents possible outcomes for Houston and the Gulf Coast in the face of expected future natural disasters.

University of Texas Press, 2022, 292 pages

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4. Texas Legislative Council Drafting Manual (88th Legislature)

By Texas Legislative Council

Explains the legislative drafting process with updated examples for the upcoming 88th Legislature. Notes the manual is intended to be used primarily by the drafting staff but suggests legislators and legislative staff may find it a useful resource for understanding how legislation is drafted and analyzing legislative documents. Includes city and county population summaries from the 2020 census, text of the Code Construction Act, and a memorandum on local and bracket bills.

Texas Legislative Council, 2022, 318 pages

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5. We've Got to Try: How the Fight for Voting Rights Makes Everything Else Possible

By Beto O'Rourke

Presents Beto O'Rourke's interactions with individuals across Texas, discussing what he learned while campaigning for office and while registering voters. Explains how voting rights are essential for democracy while weaving the stories of Texans who affected election

administration in Texas. Highlights Dr. Lawrence Aaron Nixon's 20-year effort to overturn [SB 44](#), 38th Legislature, 2nd C. S. from 1923, which prohibited African-Americans from voting in Democratic primaries. Flatiron Books, 2022, 211 pages
324.6 OR74W 2022

6. ScholAthlete's Survival Guide: Essential Study Skills for the Scholar Athlete

By Tamsen Valoir and Jolanda Jones

Provides guidance to student athletes on how to balance athletics and academics at the college level. Shares study skill techniques and tips, interspersed with co-author Representative [Jolanda "Jo" Jones'](#) own academic experiences as a ScholAthlete.

Booklocker.com, 2008, 126 pages

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