

## New & Noteworthy: February 2019

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### 1. What Do You Do With a Voice Like That? : The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan

By Chris Barton

Introduces Congresswoman and former Texas Senator **Barbara Jordan** to young audiences in a beautifully illustrated picture book. Chronicles Congresswoman Jordan's life, from childhood to her roles as a people's advocate, politician, and teacher. Celebrates the life of a remarkable African American woman who fought for justice and equality with a bold, confident, and extraordinary voice.

Beach Lane Books, 2018. 44 pages.

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### 2. Minority Civil Rights and the Texas Legislature

By Secretary of Senate and Senate Engrossing & Enrolling

Surveys the history of racial intolerance toward minorities and the evolution of civil rights in Texas. Details how African American and Hispanic representation in the Texas Legislature has changed through the years. Profiles Texas lawmakers and leaders and their contributions to racial equality. Includes a selection of contemporary and historic photographs and artwork.

Senate Publications and Printing, 2018. 22 pages.

Online at:

<https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/SIRSI/MinorityCivilRightsandtheTexasLegislature.pdf>  
L1803.8 M667 2018

### 3. Takeover: Race, Education, and American Democracy

By Domingo Mbrel

Considers state takeovers of local school districts, arguing that state legislatures that have done so are concerned not just with underperforming schools but also with the race, politics, and economics behind resource allocation to local entities. Uses Newark, New Jersey, and Central Falls, Rhode Island, as case studies and asserts that district takeovers often are a systematic political disempowerment of black and Latino communities.

Oxford University Press, 2018. 181 pages.

379.73 MB14T 2018

#### 4. African Americans in Texas: A Lasting Legacy

By Texas Historical Commission

Highlights African American culture, heritage, and contributions in Texas. Profiles historical locations, events, and important African American figures that have helped to define Texas' legacy.

Texas Historical Commission, 2016. 71 pages.

Online at:

<http://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/African-Americans-in-Texas-2016.pdf>

H2000.5 AF83L 2016

#### 5. Through Many Dangers, Toils and Snares: Black Leadership in Texas, 1868-1898

By Merline Pitre

Presents a third edition of Merline Pitre's in-depth examination of African American legislators in Texas after the Civil War, with an updated preface and extended appendices. Highlights Texas Senators [Matthew Gaines](#) and [George T. Ruby](#), Texas Representatives [Richard Allen](#) and [Robert Lloyd Smith](#), and Republican party leader Norris Wright Cuney. Includes rosters of black legislators of Texas, black legislators' committee assignments, black legislators who were delegates at Republican national conventions, a summary of the background of Texas black politicians (1868-1900), a roster of 20th century black legislators, and a 30-year comparison of 19th and 20th century legislators.

Texas A&M University Press, 2016. 296 pages.

976.4 P931T 2016

6. African Americans in South Texas History

By Bruce A. Glasrud, ed.

Examines the black experience in the racially and ethnically complex region of South Texas in thirteen essays. Covers more than 100 years, from slavery in the 1850s, through the Jim Crow era, to desegregation in the 1960s. Includes essays highlighting particular communities and individuals, and weaves in labor, political, educational, and cultural issues.

Texas A & M University Press, 2011. 353 pages.

305.896 G463A 2011

7. Politics in the New South: Representation of African Americans in Southern State Legislatures

By Charles E. Menifield and Stephen D. Shaffer, ed.

Provides an in-depth study of African Americans in contemporary state legislatures in the South, including Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Texas. Discusses the growing number of African American legislators, the evolution of the Black Caucus, and the elevation of African American legislators to leadership positions. Analyzes roll call data on key votes across legislative sessions from each of the states. Includes a chapter specifically on Texas, "Cohesiveness and Diversity among Black Members of the Texas State Legislature."

State University of New York Press, 2005. 229 pages.

328.75 M524P 2005

8. A Magnified Prince Shall Come Out of Egypt, Texas, and Fort Worth

By Reby Cary

Presents former Representative **Reby Cary's** work on the contributions of African Americans on U.S. history, culture, and politics from slavery to the beginning of the 21st century. Provides meticulously researched accounts of slaves, civil rights leaders, and black politicians to demonstrate the resilience of African Americans to rise above the racism and injustice that so often plague their communities. Highlights black leaders in Texas and Fort Worth.

Dorrance Publishing Co., 2002. 257 pages.

976.4531 C333M 2002