

New & Noteworthy Books and Reports: July 2022

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1. House Investigative Committee on the Robb Elementary Shooting, Texas House of Representatives Interim Report, 2022: A Report to the House of Representatives, 88th Texas Legislature
By House Investigative Committee on the Robb Elementary Shooting
Reports on the inquiry conducted by the Investigative Committee, established by the Texas House of Representative's Speaker Dade Phelan, on the events relating to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Examines contributing factors to the shooting and details the responses of the various law enforcement agencies, individual officers, and the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District. Outlines preliminary conclusions drawn by the committee. The following link is to the English version of the report.
House Investigative Committee on the Robb Elementary Shooting, 2022, 77 pages
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2. Comité de Investigación de la Cámara de Representantes de Texas sobre el Tiroteo en la Escuela Robb Elementary Informe Provisional 2022: Un Informe para la Cámara de Representantes, de Texas 88. ^a Asamblea Legislativa de Texas
By Comité de Investigación sobre el Tiroteo en la escuela Robb Elementary
Reports on the inquiry conducted by the Investigative Committee, established by the Texas House of Representative's Speaker Dade Phelan, on the events relating to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Examines contributing factors to the shooting

and details the responses of the various law enforcement agencies, individual officers, and the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District. Outlines preliminary conclusions drawn by the committee. The following link is to the Spanish version of the report.

Comité de Investigación sobre el Tiroteo en la escuela Robb Elementary, 2022, 75 pages

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3. Last Gangster in Austin: Frank Smith, Ronnie Earle, and the End of a Junkyard Mafia

By Jesse Sublett

Examines the true events surrounding one of the biggest criminal trials in Travis County history involving Frank Smith, a bail bondsman and auto salvage yard operator, who tried to put a competitor out of business through arson and an attempted robbery. Discusses the role of newly-elected District Attorney [Ronnie Earle](#) who had prior experience with Smith by proxy while working on bail bond reform in the Texas legislature. Highlights the 1970's Austin underworld as the background for the narrative.

University of Texas Press, 2022, 212 pages

976.431063 SU941L 2022

4. The One Ann Only: Wit and Wisdom from Texas Governor Ann Richards

By Ann Richards Legacy Project

Presents a collection of photographs and quotations showcasing the remarkable life and political career of [Ann Richards](#), Texas' 45th governor. Includes an index of photo credits with brief descriptions of the images.

Ann Richards Legacy Project, 2022, 144 pages

923.2764 B618R 2022

5. Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic, the Struggle for Texas

By Sam W. Haynes

Explores the history of Texas, from the 1830s to the 1850s, through the personal stories and lives of ordinary people. Discusses how the region once had a diverse population, including people of African descent, white Americans, Mexicans, and Native Americans, that was transformed into one of mainly white settlers during that period.

Basic Books, 2022, 446 pages

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6. The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic

By Jillian Peterson, PhD & James Densley, PhD

Discusses the authors' research on mass shootings, compiled in a comprehensive database, which includes the life histories of perpetrators, details from interviews with incarcerated living mass shooters, and the people who knew them. Examines this data to understand the social and mental health factors affecting the perpetrators and communities where mass public shootings take place. Presents strategies to reduce mass gun violence.

Abrams Press, 2021, 240 pages

Online at: <https://www.theviolenceproject.org/>

364.152 P485V 2021

7. Owning My S.H.I.T!: Suffering Hardship Internalizing Trauma

By Jolanda "Jo" Jones

Recounts the challenging experiences of Representative [Jolanda "Jo" Jones](#) and how she was able to overcome what she details as Suffering of Hardships while Internalizing Trauma (S.H.I.T!). Describes her journey to become a successful attorney, politician, author, and activist. Shares her transformation so that others may have a roadmap to identify, accept, and work through adversities to achieve positive change in their own lives.

Shekinah Publishing Services, 2018, 191 pages

328.764 J760W 2018

