

## New & Noteworthy Books and Reports: May 2022

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### 1. Essentials of Texas Water Resources

By Mary K. Sahs and Holly Heinrich, editors

Provides a comprehensive guide to the complex and evolving water policy issues in the state of Texas. Details the historical background of Texas water law and explores the topics of water rights, water supplies, surface water, groundwater, water planning, water management, and drinking water. Highlights selected issues in water resources law, including the Endangered Species Act, water project financing, flood management, and the water-energy nexus.

State Bar of Texas, 2022, Various paging

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### 2. Megaregions and America's Future

By Robert D. Yaro, Mng Zhang, and Frederick R. Steiner

Defines a "megaregion" as several metropolitan areas networked by their shared economies, natural resource systems, infrastructure, history and culture. Identifies examples of such megaregions in the United States, including the Texas Triangle, Northeast Corridor, and Southern California. Presents research on megaregions and makes recommendations on how to govern economic, environmental, and infrastructural development at the megaregion scale.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2022, 351 pages

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### 3. Texas and Texans in World War II: 1941-1945

By Christopher B. Bean, editor

Presents a social history of life in Texas during World War II through an edited volume of ten essays written by historians. Highlights how different groups within the population — women, Tejanos, African Americans, and unionized workers — responded to the war and how key aspects of the Texas economy were affected, including the agriculture and petroleum industries. Argues Texas was largely a rural, agricultural state prior to the war and emerged on its way to urbanization and industrialization.

Texas A&M University Press, 2022, 357 pages

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### 4. Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee: Sunset Staff Report.

By Sunset Advisory Commission

Reports on the functions and governance structure of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Criticizes and recommends administrative changes to the board's dam structural repair program, which received an Economic Stabilization Fund appropriation after Hurricane Harvey in 2019. Recommends the continuation of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

Sunset Advisory Commission, 2022, 52 pages

Online at:

<https://www.sunset.texas.gov/reviews-and-reports/agencies/texas-state-soil-and-water-conservation-board>

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5. Texas Water Development Board, State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee:  
Sunset Staff Report

By Sunset Advisory Commission

Describes the functions and governance structure of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Recommends that TWDB streamline its current project review process and include the development and collection of performance metrics for use in project evaluation. Includes recommendations regarding outreach efforts and the elimination of unnecessary advisory committees.

Sunset Advisory Commission, 2022, 52 pages

Online at: <https://www.sunset.texas.gov/reviews-and-reports/agencies/texas-water-development-board>

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6. Tragedy and Triumph on the Texas Plains: Curious Historic Chronicles from Murders to Movies

By Chuck Lanehart

Offers thirty-three essays exploring the social, cultural and political history of the Panhandle-South Plains region. Features iconic heroes of music, politics and sports, as well as less-familiar, overlooked but equally colorful characters. Includes chapters on Emma K. Boone, the first female Lubbock lawyer and descendant of Daniel Boone's brother, U.S. Representative George Mahon, musicians Roy Rogers and Woody Guthrie, and the Spanish Flu Pandemic.

The History Press, 2021, 143 pages

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7. Quest for Justice: Louis A. Bedford Jr. and the Struggle for Equal Rights in Texas

By Darwin Payne

Portrays the life of Louis A. Bedford Jr., a prominent African American attorney in Dallas. Details the legal and social obstacles Bedford encountered and challenged. Describes his struggle to establish himself in jurisprudence during the 1930s and 1940s, and his path to becoming the first African American appointed in 1966 as a municipal judge in Texas. Provides behind the scenes examination of the civil rights movement in Texas.

Southern Methodist University Press, 2009, 273 pages

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