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By Norman D. Brown

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University of Texas Press, 2019, 448 pages

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By Milton S. Jordan, George Cooper, editors

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Stephen F. Austin State University Press, 2019, 154 pages

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3. Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas Victory that Changed American History

By Brian Kilmeade

Presents a concise, well-researched account of the Texas Revolution, offering insight into the individuals involved and the historical setting. Includes illustrations, maps, notes, and an extensive bibliography.

Sentinel, 2019, 272 pages

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4. Texas Ethics Laws: An Annotated Guide to Lobby and Campaign Finance Laws in Texas

By Andrew Cates

Provides text of the most frequently cited Texas campaign finance and lobby laws along with pertinent primary and secondary sources that illustrate the statutes' applications. Features cross-references to Texas Ethics Commission rules and summaries of numerous Ethics Commission Opinions. Includes relevant Attorney General opinions, case law, and practice notes.

Independently published, 2019, 520 pages

328. 33 C283T 2019

5. Color Coded: Party Politics in the American West, 1950-2016

By Walter T.K. Nugent

Examines political party allegiance and voting trends for nineteen states in the American West between 1950 and 2016. Considers demographic, economic, and social change, as well as key personalities and issues that have shaped each state's political history. Discusses states with notable shifts, states that have remained reliably devoted to one party, and states that have not been consistently blue or red. Includes chapters on Texas, Oklahoma, California, and Oregon, and an appendix with election returns for the years and states discussed.

University of Oklahoma Press, 2018, 374 pages
324. 2730978 N896C 2018

6. New, Renamed, and Abolished State Government Entities, 86th Legislature

By Texas Legislative Council

Highlights state government agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities created, restructured, or eliminated by legislation enacted in the 86th Legislature. Provides information about each entity, including the bill number and specific bill sections that contain provisions pertaining to the entity, effective dates, powers and duties of the entity or whether certain functions were transferred to another entity, membership information, and Sunset or expiration dates.

Texas Legislative Council, 2019, 71 pages

Online at: <https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/sessions/86GovEntities.pdf>

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7. Summary of Enactments: 86th Legislature

By Texas Legislative Council

Provides summaries of bills and joint resolutions passed by the Texas Legislature in 2019, arranged by subject. Includes bill number, author, sponsor, effective date, and governor's vetoes.

Texas Legislative Council, 2019, 354 pages

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