New & Noteworthy List for February 2018

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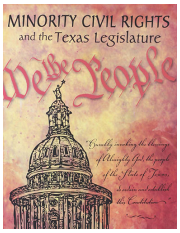

1. Minority Civil Rights and the Texas Legislature
By Secretary of Senate and Senate Engrossing & Enrolling
Surveys the history of racial intolerance toward minorities and the evolution of civil rights in Texas. Details how African American and Hispanic representation in the Texas Legislature has changed 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.
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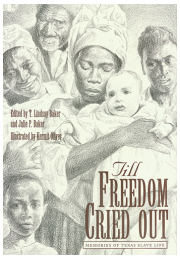

2. Till Freedom Cried Out: Memories of Texas Slave Life
By T. Lindsay Baker and Julie P. Baker, editors
Describes the lives of 33 former Texas slaves in their own words, as recorded by the Federal Writers Oral History Program carried out between 1937 and 1939. Complements this collection of life experiences brutalized by slavery with drawings by Kermit Oliver – the 2017 Texas State Artist – whose own ancestors were enslaved Texans.
Texas A&M University Press, 1997. 162 pages.
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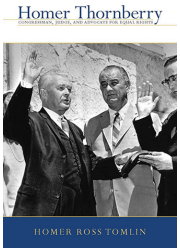

3. Homer Thornberry: Congressman, Judge, and Advocate for Equal Rights
By Homer Ross Tomlin
Examines the life of Homer Thornberry, who began his long career in public service with a stint in the Texas Legislature while still in law school. Documents his life in Congress and on the federal bench, and his strong stands for racial justice.
TCU Press, 2016. 222 pages.
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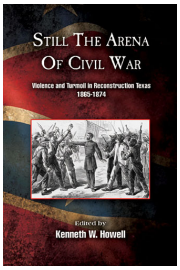
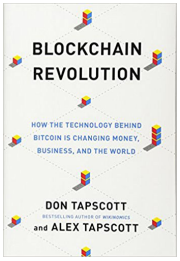
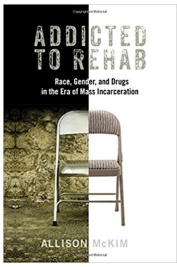


4. Still the Arena of Civil War: Violence and Turmoil in Reconstruction Texas, 1865-1874
By Kenneth W. Howell
Asserts that Texas was one of the most violent areas in the South after the Civil War, compiling a collection of essays that illustrate and analyze the bloodshed and cruelty that was directed toward blacks and Unionists. Argues that the violence and disruption of the Reconstruction era can be viewed as a continuation of the Civil War, and through that lens, the South may actually have won the War.
University of North Texas Press, 2012. 445 pages.
976.406 H839S 2012



5. Blockchain Revolution: How the Technology Behind Bitcoin is Changing Money, Business, and the World
By Don Tapscott and Alex Tapscott
Demystifies distributed ledger technology, better known as blockchain, which has the potential to transform the global economy, government services, and the cultural arts. Provides guidance on how to navigate this revolutionary innovation that facilitates secure online peer-to-peer transactions without any intermediary and allows for transparency while simultaneously preserving privacy. Addresses implementation challenges and risks as well as what needs to happen for this promising

technology to succeed.
Portfolio / Penguin, 2016. 348 pages.
332.178 T169B 2016



6. Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drugs in the Era of Mass Incarceration
By Allison McKim
Contrasts two types of rehabilitation programs, one in the criminal justice system and one in the private healthcare system. Questions how we define addiction and how we use rehabs as an alternative to punitive incarcerations. Evaluates how race, economic status, and gender affect those in the rehab system.
Rutgers University Press, 2017. 232 pages.
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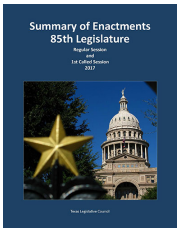

7. Summary of Enactments: 85th Legislature
By Texas Legislative Council
Provides synopses of significant legislation that was passed by the Texas Legislature in 2017. Includes bill number, author, sponsor, effective date, and governor's vetoes.
Texas Legislative Council, 2017. 320 pages.
Online at: http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/docs/sessions/85soe.pdf
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