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Strategic Silence - Roumen Dimitrov - 2017-09-22
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Trigger Happy - Steven Poole - 2004
A thought-provoking cultural study of videogames traces the history of this popular form of entertainment and explains why videogames will become the dominant popular art form of the twenty-first century. Reprint.

Rethink - Steven Poole - 2016-11-15
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**Genocide Or Ethnocide, 1933-2007** - Bartolomé Clavero - 2008

**The Bookbuzz Book of Biz Book Insights 2009** - Yanky Fachler - 2010-04-01

Representing the author’s year-long odyssey through 120 business books and contemporary business thinking, this guide is a launchpad for conversation, engagement, fresh thinking, and extracting insights. Centered around 10 key themes--including ethics, leadership, motivation, and innovation--the book provides ideas that can be applied to any business. Positing that no author has a monopoly on business truths, this exploration provokes a healthy debate about the role and value of business books and simultaneously serves as a toolbox from which readers can extract insights about current business thinking.

**Systems Out of Balance** - Kirk D. Sinclair - 2009-07-01

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**Euphemania** - Ralph Keyes - 2010-12-14
How did die become kick the bucket, underwear become unmentionables, and having an affair become hiking the Appalachian trail? Originally used to avoid blasphemy, honor taboos, and make nice, euphemisms have become embedded in the fabric of our language. Euphemania traces the origins of euphemisms from a tool of the church to a form of gentility to today's instrument of commercial, political, and postmodern doublespeak. As much social commentary as a book for word lovers, Euphemania is a lively and thought-provoking look at the power of words and our power over them.

**Teaching Philosophy** - Andrea Kenkmann - 2009-02-19
In the current academic climate, teaching is often seen as secondary to research. Teaching Philosophy seeks to bring teaching philosophy higher on the academic agenda. An international team of contributors, all of whom share the view that philosophy is a subject that can transform students, offers practical guidance and advice for teachers of philosophy. The book suggests ways in which the teaching of philosophy at undergraduate level might be facilitated. Some of the essays place the emphasis on individual self discovery, others focus on the wider political context, many offer practical ideas for enhancing the teaching of philosophy through exercises that engage students in often unconventional ways. The integration of students' views on teaching provides a necessary reminder that teaching is not a one-way process, but a project that will ultimately succeed through cooperation and a shared sense of achievement amongst participants. This thoughtful and important book emphasises the responsibility of the philosophy teacher towards his or her students and to society in general.
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- Jessica Murray - 2006-10-01
Astrology and geopolitics may seem strange bedfellows, but Soul-Sick
Nation puts the two together to provide a perspective as extraordinary as
destiny–uncovering, chapter by chapter, the greater purpose motivating sense of the current global situation, this book invites us to look at the USA from the biggest possible picture: that of cosmic meaning. With a rare blend of compassion, humor and fearless taboo-busting, Soul-Sick Nation reveals America’s noble potential without sentiment and diagnoses its neuroses without delusion, shedding new light on troubling issues that the pundits and culture wars inflame but leave painfully unresolved: the WTC bombings, the war in Iraq, Islamic jihad, media propaganda, consumerism and the American Dream. In her interpretation of the birth chart of the entity born July 4, 1776, Murray offers an in-depth analysis of America’s essential destiny–uncovering, chapter by chapter, the greater purpose motivating this group soul. She shows how this purpose has been distorted, and how it can be re-embraced in the decades to come. She decodes current astrological transits that express the key themes the USA must learn in this period of millennial crisis-including that of the responsibility of power-spelling out the profound lessons the nation will face in the next few years. Combining the rigor of a political theorist with the vision of a master astrologer, this keenly intelligent book elucidates the meaning of an epoch in distress, and proposes a path towards healing–of the country and of its individual citizens. Murray explains how each of us can come to terms with this moment in history and arrive at a response that is unique and creative. This book will leave you revitalized, shorn of illusions and full of hope.

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JFK and the Unspeakable - James W. Douglass - 2010-10-19
Suggests that John F. Kennedy was assassinated because military leaders feared his dedication to peace would result in the United States falling to Russia.

A New Understanding of Terrorism - M.R. Haberfeld - 2009-07-09
Terrorism is a complex phenomenon that cannot be understood through reading of a number of unrelated academic articles or a dry overview of the history of terrorism or the investigative techniques. For A New Understanding of Terrorism, the Editors have chosen a different paradigm. They have selected numerous case studies from actual events that illustrate various typologies of terrorist actions, be it from a separatist, nationalist, lone-wolf individual terrorist, religious fanatics or environmentalist orientation, and they present these cases within the context of following the trajectories of the terrorist activity, the terrorist act itself and, the response to the event from the relevant authorities. Some chapters concentrate on terrorist attacks that actually took place, others speculate about the possibilities of an attack occurring sometime in the future, such as the chapters on the Olympic Games, Aviation or Rail Security. When possibilities rather than a specific event are discussed, the authors of these chapters draw the attention of the reader towards the same direction—the reasoning, the actual event and the response that followed. The thorough analysis of the presented case studies and the applied counter-measures will, hopefully, if not curtail then possibly at least mitigate the operational and ideological strength of terrorist groups or individual actors. A New Understanding of Terrorism will enable the reader to make the connection between the emotional charge inherent in any terrorist activity, the cold-blooded tactics that lead to the terrorist event itself and the pragmatic and very straightforward, but at the same time very simplistically designed, strategic response that has to come from a synergy between academics, military and law enforcement brainstorming design in order to be more effective in the future. ABOUT THE EDITORS: M.R. (Maki) Haberfeld is a Professor of Police Science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. She has worked for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, in
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Does Israel Have a Future? - Constance Hilliard - 2011
The Jewish people are in greater danger than ever before. Given the debacle in Iraq, many Americans who had not taken a serious interest in the Middle East have begun asking themselves, What are we doing wrong? Why do we keep misreading the signals coming from that part of the world? More fundamentally, where will Israel be in two, five, ten years from now? Should Zionism be replaced by a post-Zionist state that welcomes all people, rather than one that privileges only the Jews? Will there even be a Jewish state? These are the questions Constance Hilliard addresses in Does Israel Have a Future?, forgoing polemics and wishful thinking for straight talk and painful truths. In this thoroughly researched book, Hilliard presents an honest assessment of the Jewish state's chances for survival given the forces ranged against it. The discussions about the future of the Jewish state analyzed in this book are some of the most significant to engage Israelis since 1948, dominating the airwaves, newspapers, and café conversations. Distilling these disparate views into a simple, straightforward exploration of one of the most explosive issues of our time--one into which few people outside Israel have delved as deeply as Hilliard has--the author presents a provocative argument that will appeal to scholars and students of international affairs, political science, and the Middle East, as well as general readers concerned about Israel's future.

Horrors of War - Cynthia J. Miller - 2015-05-14
This volume explores the representation of the supernatural in war stories in various media. These essays show how such depictions reflect (or challenge) the popular memory of particular wars and engage with cultural attitudes toward war in general and associated issues such as battlefield heroism, military ethics, and the politics of sacrifice.

The Anatomy of Neoliberalism and Education - Maria Nikolakaki - 2021-10-01
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