

**BIGOTRY**

**M ECOLOGY**

Jeffrey Lockwood, *Grasshopper Dreaming: Reflections on Killing and Loving*. Skinner House, 2002. Essays on ethics and science focusing on control of grasshoppers.  
ary Beth Norton. *In the Devil's Snare: The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692*. Knopf, 2002.

**BIOETHICS**

Leon Kass. *Life, Liberty and the Defense of Dignity: the Challenge for Bioethics*. Encounter Books, 2002. An exposition of the moral complexities of 21st-century biotechnology.

**CITIES (see: Ecology below)**

Mike Davis. *Dead Cities and Other Tales*. New Press, 2002

**COLD WAR**

Kathryn Olmsted. *Red Spy Queen: A Biography of Elizabeth Bentley*. U of NC P, 2002.

**COMPASSION, JUSTICE, PEACE STORIES**

Colleen McDonald, ed. *What If Nobody Forgave? And Other Stories*. 2nd ed. Skinner House, 2002.

**CORPORATIONS**

Justin Martin, Nader: *Crusader, Spoiler, Icon*. Perseus, 2002. Rev. IRE Journal (Nov.-Dec. 2002).

**DEMOCRACIES AND WAR**

Pietrzyk, Mark. *International Order and Individual Liberty: Effects of War and peace on the Development of Governments*. UP of America, 2002. Examines the relationship between democracies and peace and war.

**DISSENT**

Terry Teachout. *The Skeptic: A Life of H. L. Mencken*. HarperCollins, 2002. A sceptical appraisal.

Dick Perrin. *GI Resister (see: Vietnam War below)*.

**ECOLOGY**

Jeffrey Lockwood, *Grasshopper Dreaming: Reflections on Killing and Loving*. Skinner House, 2002. Essays on ethics and science focusing on control of grasshoppers.  
Joan Gussow. *This Organic Life: Confessions of a Suburban Homesteader*. Chelsea Green, 2002. On reclaiming the gardens of an overgrown property she bought.  
Stephen Jay Gould. *The Structure of Evolutionary Theory*. Harvard UP, 2002.

**EDUCATION FOR PEACE**

My book, *Education for a Culture of Peace in a Gender Perspective*, UNESCO, 2000, Paris (I think you can find it on the web) is intended for teacher education.. I also have a piece in a miniprint series from University of Lund, "Educating the Educators," edited by Ake Bjerstedt. Betty Reardon

**FAMILY**

Al and Tipper Gore. *Joined at the Heart: The Transformation of the American Family*. Henry Holt, 2002. "an earnest and sympathetic account of the strains on the modern American family."

**FBI AND TERRORISM**

Daniel Benjamin and Steven Simon. *The Age of Sacred Terror*. Random House, 2002.

**HUMANITARIAN AID**

David Rieff, *A Bed for the Night: Humanitarianism in Crisis*. Simon & Schuster, 2002.

**IMPERIALISM**

*American Power and the New Mandarins* (1967 reprinted) by Noam Chomsky. Decries the Vietnam War but is timely as ever on the pitfalls of imperialism. New foreword by Howard Zinn.

*Prophets Without Honor: A Requiem for Moral Patriotism* William M. Strabala and Michael J. Palecek (New York: Algora Publishing, 2001). A review by Rachel Skoney.

Most of us take for granted the day to day functioning of institutions such as the American government and our religious organizations. We may not wish to think about or face the gap between the noble vision of the American experiment, the high moral precepts of our churches, and how these institutions fail vision and precepts.

The authors have faced the question. One attended Catholic seminary, the other became a Catholic priest; here they recount the stories of several priests and seminarians who became political dissidents. Their outlook provides a religious tone to the book; they consider political action to be a warning and foreshadowing of the future - a prophecy.

In the course of the stories, the authors argue that the American government in its foreign policy has routinely accepted and condoned undemocratic, immoral and violent acts. They argue that it is the politics of oil that has led to our ignoring the plight of the poor in Latin America, our sanctioning of the mistreatment of Palestinians by Israelis, and what is in effect our humiliation of the Middle East. Our friendships have been arbitrary, and our School of the Americas has spread American influence by teaching foreign soldiers torture techniques. The stories contained in the book provide accounts of the Viet Nam war, war protests, and the Church's role in the violent history of Latin America.

In return for following the lead of their conscience, for choosing to act upon the expressed values of the Church by working for peace using peaceful and democratic methods, these men were thrown into prison by the government and even rejected by their religious orders. The authors argue that the tragedy of September 11 would have been avoided if these men and their prophecies had been heeded.

The book is particularly relevant to Catholics at a time when they are taking a hard look at the Catholic Church. If our churches call us to constructive action in the world, this book provides a reality check that can shed light on the present functioning of American institutions.

#### IRAQ: RAMSEY CLARK'S BOOK REPRINTED

The White House-Pentagon-Congress-Weapons Contractors-Media complex has never been more obvious than with the invasion of Iraq. Prepare for a long struggle whether the invasion occurs or not.

Read "Iraq: The Fire This Time" by Ramsey Clark. Learn a powerful lesson from history.

One of the best arguments against a new attack on Iraq is understanding the devastation caused by the last Gulf War. Read former U.S. Attorney General, Ramsey Clark's amazing exposé that details the damage done to civilian targets across Iraq.

This book, long in demand, as been updated with a special new introduction: After September 11th, an assessment of the U.S./Iraq conflict.

You can now buy "Iraq: The Fire This Time" on-line at <http://www.leftbooks.com>

#### KOREAN WAR, US ATROCITIES

Charles Hanley, Sang-Hun Choe, and Martha Mendoza. *The Bridge at No Gun Ri: A Hidden Nightmare From the Korean War*. Henry Holt, 2001. Rev. in *The Veteran* (Fall 2002).

#### MILITARISM, MASCULINITY

Miriam Cooke & Angela Woollacott, eds. *Gendering War Talk*. Princeton UP, 1993. Not a new book, but I ran across it again the other day, and it is excellent. E.g., the essay by Lynda Boose, "Techno-Muscularity and the 'Boy Eternal'" From the Quagmire to the Gulf," discusses the warrior ethos, its crisis in the VN War, and its revival in the Gulf War.

#### NUCLEAR POWER AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Kenneth Bergeron. *Tritium on Ice: The Dangerous New Alliance of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power*. MIT Press, 2002. The US government's 1998 decision to produce tritium in three civilian nuclear plants endangers the US and the world.

#### PAKISTAN

Own B. Jones. *Pakistan: Eye of the Storm*. Yale UP, 2002.

Mary A. Weaver. *Pakistan: In the Shadow of Jihad and Afghanistan*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2002.

#### RACISM

Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley and Nancy Jones, eds. *Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies in Dialogue*. Skinner House, 2002.

#### JEANNETTE RANKIN

I thought you would be interested in learning about our new biography of Jeannette Rankin. Written by Rankin friend Norma Smith, "Jeannette Rankin: America's Conscience" provides a long overdue look at the life of the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress; the only representative to vote against U.S. entry into both World War One and Two; a tireless worker for children's protective legislation, women's rights, election reform and world peace; and a woman who toward the end of her life led the Jeannette Rankin Brigade during a march in the nation's capitol in 1968 to protest the Vietnam War. I have attached a complete press release.

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#### EXTREME RIGHT-WING USA

Daniel Levitas. *The Terrorist Next Door: The Militia Movement and the Radical Right*. St. Martin's, 2002. Virulent anti-Semites, racists, advocates of armed revolt, etc.

#### SECRET GOVERNMENT

Bamford, James. *Body of Secrets*. Doubleday, 2001. Includes revelation of US military plans to attack US in order to justify military attack on Cuba.

#### VICTIMS OF WAR

See: Korean War above.

#### VIETNAM WAR

Sgt. John O'Donnell. *None Came Home: The War Dogs of Vietnam*. 1stBooks, 2002. The relationship between a soldier and his canine partner.

Daniel Ellsberg. *Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers*. Viking, 2002. How the bonds of secrecy and loyalty and ambition caused officials on all levels during the VN War to lie in its defense. The war was unjust from the start and the unjustified killing was mass murder.

Dick Perrin with Tim McCarthy. *GI Resister: The Story of How One American Soldier and His Family Fought the War in Vietnam*. Trafford, 1997. Rev. in *The Veteran* (Fall 2002).

#### WAR AND PEACE AS INSTITUTIONS

Caplow and Hicks. *Systems of War and Peace*. 2nd Ed. UP of America, 2002. On why and how wars start and end; what military organizations are; how peace has been achieved in the past and it can be achieved in the future; etc.

#### WAR'S CONSEQUENCES

John Huddleston. *Killing Ground: The Civil War and the Changing American Landscape*. Johns Hopkins UP, 2002. Photographs of then and now show the human costs of war.

#### WORKING CLASS

Chuck Farley. *The Disgruntled Employee: A Cynical Expose of the Blue-Collar 'Sweatshop'*. 1stBooks, 2002.

#### TWO BOOKS ON CHANGING SOCIETY

##### ECOLOGY

#### One Makes the Difference by Julia Butterfly Hill

The author of the best-selling "The Legacy of Luna" shows how we all can help protect our environment.

After her record-breaking two-year tree sit, Julia Butterfly Hill has ceaselessly continued to promote sustainability and ecologically-minded ways to save the old-growth redwoods she acted so valiantly to protect. Here she answers the question she hears so often from her fans and supporters: What can I do to help?

"One Makes the Difference" is a hands-on guide full of advice on how to promote change and improve the health of the planet. This book is accessible to both adults and young people who look to Julia as an example of how one person can change the world.

Packed with information, inspirational stories, and commonsense actions, "One Makes the Difference" provides easy-to-follow guidance for everyone who wants to help save their environment.  
195 pp. \$15. OMTD

#### GENERAL

The Better World Handbook

>[From Good Intentions to Everyday Actions](#)

Ellis Jones, Ross Haenfler and Brett Johnson with Brian Locke

Here's the essential guide for busy people who care about making the world a better place but don't know where to begin.

It shows us how to live our values by choosing from a wide range of simple but effective actions that we can take every day -- actions that focus on: money, shopping, food, personal life, friends and family, community, home, work, media, politics, transportation, travel and organizations

It discusses the global challenges we face, outlines the seven foundations for a better world and includes a Better World Shopping Guide, a Top Ten List of Actions for a Better World, and a wide range of follow-up resources that cover everything from socially responsible investing to alternative news sources.

300 pp. \$19. BWH

#### GREEN BUSINESSES

National Green Pages 2003. Co-op America.

Connects you to socially responsible businesses.

Peace Calendar 2003 by Syracuse Cultural Workers

Each month offers a different vision of peace and justice; also includes people's history annotations, poetry, famous quotations, holidays.

Peace Novel Casts War on Terrorism in New Light

November, 2002; Chicago, IL - It is often said that, "truth, is the first casualty of war." If this is so, then humanity must be its close second.

This is the premise explored by *The Sayings*, a political counter-thriller set in the midst of the new war on terrorism that defies the black-and-white portrayals of good and evil which always seem to overtake the popular mentality in times of war. It is the story of a young woman officer captured in Northern Iraq by a Kurdish relief doctor believed to have Soviet smallpox weapons. Seen through the eyes of her fellow captives (members of her military intelligence unit), the heroine takes the thinking reader with her on an incredible yet plausible journey that challenges their deepest convictions to the core.

As the doctor leads his American captives deep into the heart of Kurdistan, the young officer struggles to uncover whether her captor is a maligned humanitarian or a demented terrorist. What she discovers along the way tells her so much more - about herself, about her enemy, and about the common humanity that they both share. All the while, the reader is left wondering until the very end (and maybe beyond) whether the villain turns out to be a hero, the hero a villain, or neither, or both. It all depends on your point of view, which is one of the main points of this controversial tale.

At 132 pages, *The Sayings* can be read in one long sitting (and probably will be for most readers, given the page-turning intensity of its twisting plot). The book marks the debut of W.C. Scheurer, a former lay minister, lawyer and technology entrepreneur, now turned full-time writer. This story was inspired in part by the fact that one of his daughters was a U.S. army intelligence officer who did a tour in Kuwait.

Hourglass Books is an independent publisher dedicated to short fiction, including literary novellas and themed short story anthologies. To order your copy of "*The Sayings: A Modern Tale*" (Hourglass Books, ISBN: 0-9725254-0-8) visit [www.hourglassbooks.com](http://www.hourglassbooks.com).

#### MASCULINE VIOLENCE

Dr. Myriam Miedzian writes extensively on issues of gender and violence. *BOYS WILL BE BOYS: Breaking the Link between Masculinity and Violence*, (Doubleday 1991, Anchor 1992) will be re-released in November 2002 by Lantern Press. Dr. Miedzian has lectured widely on how to change the socialization of boys to decrease violence. Here's a description of the talk and a brief bio.

Dr. Miedzian has appeared on over 300 TV and radio programs, including OPRAH WINFREY, CHARLIE ROSE, and LARRY KING LIVE; and was the subject of the Time Magazine Interview.

Dr. Miedzian's book, GENERATIONS: A Century of Women Speak about Their Lives, (The Atlantic Monthly Press, 1997; Dell 1998), deals with issues such as the transformation of the family, work/child rearing conflicts, sexual harassment and violence against women. Her contributions to anthologies include chapters in VIOLENCE AND GENDER (Prentice Hall, 2004); THE SECOND NUCLEAR AGE : Political & Psychological Perspectives (Rowman & Littlefield, 2002); GENDER VIOLENCE (New York University, 1996); ENDING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE (Sage, 1994); RETHINKING PEACE (Lynne Rienner, 1994); TRANSFORMING A RAPE CULTURE (Milkweed, 1993); and WOMEN RESPOND TO THE MEN'S MOVEMENT (Harper San Francisco, 1992).

Book on international peace walks published by electronic companies

For more information, contact Kevin J. Shay, [kevinjshay@justice.com](mailto:kevinjshay@justice.com) [ARLINGTON, TX.] - Two electronic publishing companies are now offering Walking through the Wall, a 225,000-word book on the development and effectiveness of international peace walks by Texas writer Kevin J Shay, who sometimes writes under the pseudonym, Jackson Thoreau.

The book won a 2002 International PeaceWriting Award, sponsored by the Omni Center for Peace, Justice, & Ecology of Fayetteville, Ark., and the Peace and Justice Studies Association of Evergreen State College, Wash. The contest was established in 1998 by James R. Bennett, a retired professor from the University of Arkansas and author of several books. The program encourages writing about the causes, consequences, and remedies of wars, as well as about nonviolent peacemaking and peacemakers.

#### INTERNATIONAL PEACE WALKS

The book is now available from Bangor, Maine-based Booklocker.com for \$7.95 at <http://www.booklocker.com/books/959.html> and from Mukilteo, Wash.-based Cyberread.com for \$10.99 at [http://cyberread.com/mobishop/index.php?page=shop/flypage&product\\_id=1474](http://cyberread.com/mobishop/index.php?page=shop/flypage&product_id=1474)

Walking through the Wall details Shay's 5,000-mile-plus pilgrimage for peace from Dallas to Moscow, Russia, in 1984-85, and 600-mile journey in India in 1987-88. Shay includes information on more recent projects, such as several cross-country walks for peace in 2002.

When in 1984, the nuclear arms race intensified, Shay and others joined together on "A Walk of the People: A Pilgrimage for Life" to raise awareness of the nuclear danger and to attempt to break through the governments' walls. He felt "it was time to take some extraordinary action" against the nuclear arms race, when some U.S. leaders were talking of a "winnable" nuclear war with the former Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War. The situation was not unlike the current one, with the U.S. gearing for an invasion of Iraq, President Bush canceling the ABM Treaty and discussing the deployment of "smaller" nuclear weapons, and the escalation of conflicts in the Middle East, India-Pakistan, and other places.

"[Shay's] journey's urgent purpose and the stories he tells of individual and official breakthroughs during the march call us today to join the struggle to avert nuclear war," Dr. Bennett said.

Walking through the Wall - the title comes from a passage in Richard Bach's Illusions - gives both a powerful personal story and an engrossing history, Dr. Bennett added. It is a story of not just trying to walk through physical barriers like the former Berlin Wall, but of attempting to break through largely unseen barriers, internal walls, walls between walkers, walls between one's self.

"These walks are not unlike reality television shows like Survivor. They put people together in an intense setting that requires them to use all of their resourcefulness and work with each other towards a common goal. But the goal is something higher than money, fame, and crass entertainment," said Shay, 43, who has been a writer, editor, and photographer for newspapers and magazines, primarily in the Dallas area, since 1978 "Such walks help reduce international tensions on a personal level, when government leaders fail. In the 1980s, they helped inspire people in Eastern Europe to rise up against their governments and get beyond the propaganda that all governments relay. I think they played a significant role in ending the Cold War."

In telling the somewhat intense stories, which includes numerous beyond-the-Berlin-Wall encounters in Eastern Europe, as well as a friend who was hit

by a bus in India and almost died, Shay hopes to inspire more people to work for peace and justice these days, to keep attempting to walk through walls. "After the end of the Cold War, I stopped working for peace so directly and focused on my career," he said. "The world was getting less hostile, but now the Bush administration seems to be making international tensions worse. It just goes to show you can never stop working for peace."

Subject: Of War and Peace

THE PEACE BOOK

Dear friends,

The holiday season is fast approaching, and war may follow soon thereafter. This is the critical moment to say 'yes' to peace - both in our global relations and as a way of life. When enough of us step away from the war path and choose the peace path, we can literally change the world.

To help that happen, I am inviting you to participate in The Great Peace Give-Away. Give the gift of peace and change the world, one 'peace' at a time. The gift is The Peace Book: 108 Simple Ways to Create a More Peaceful World. You can sponsor it by the boxful, at only \$3 per copy, and give it away to all your friends and relations to celebrate this holiday season.

- 1.. Give The Peace Book as a Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanza, Solstice, or Eid-al-Fitr gift to friends, family, colleagues, clients, employees, or perfect strangers! Buy two or more boxes (30 copies) and receive a 10% discount.
- 2.. Participate in our 'Mission Giving' program, and donate The Peace Book to your favorite local community organization (schools, youth clubs, religious groups, peace and justice centers, shelters, etc.), or let us pick a recipient for you. All 'Mission Giving' orders for two or more boxes will receive a 10% discount. We can send the books directly from our office, or you can hand-deliver them as part of your holiday giving. A great idea for a family ritual, so our children too can learn what it means to give the gift of peace!
- 3.. Buy one copy of The Courage for Peace (see our website), and receive a free copy of The Peace Book.
- 4.. Make use of our free gift-wrapping service for individual books - lovingly wrapped and sent from our office, with a personalized card, to anyone (and everyone!) on your gift list.
- 5.. Forward this email to everyone on your email list, and watch our peace network grow!

To participate in The Great Peace giveaway, call us toll-free at 1-888-455-5355, in Vermont at 802-453-7191 or go on-line at [www.peacebook.com](http://www.peacebook.com). Place your order by Dec.18 to take advantage of our holiday specials.

I have also attached a recent article I wrote about the doorway opened by the potential war on Iraq. I invite your comments and reflections - this is a time for all of us to speak out!

I am so grateful we can be of one mind in these days - the mind of peace for all our relations. I wish you a joyous and love-filled holiday season, and thank you for all you are doing to make 'peace on earth' a shared dream come true. With love, Louise Diamond President, PeaceTech Bristol, Vermont 802-453-7191

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