

(Asterisks indicate books that relate to OMNI's Mullins Library victims collection.)

Some 175,000 books are published each year. These biblios. identify some of the peace, justice, and ecology books.

See Kurt Vonnegut's praise of librarians and books in a recent In These Times magazine.

New Internationalist Publications has published a series of pocket books to guide readers through complex world issues, such as Fair Trade, The Arms Trade, Climate Change, and Sexual Diversity.

The Century Foundation publishes pamphlets in their Reality Check series. E.g., "Rags to Riches? The American Dream Is Less Common in the United States than Elsewhere." www.tcf.org

ACTIVISTS

Solnit, Rebecca. Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities. Nation Books, 2004.

AL JAZEERA

"Control Room" video dir. by Jehane Noujaim. Rev. Columbia Journalism R (July-Aug. 2004). Inside Al Jazeera on the eve of the Iraq War.

ANTI-WAR NOVEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (see: Nuclear)

AUTOMOBILES

**Penenberg, Adam. Tragic Indifference: One Man's Battle with the Auto Industry Over the Dangers of SUVs. HarperBusiness, 2004. Rev. Public Citizen News (Jan.Feb. 2004). The case against defective Firestone tires and rollover-prone Ford Explorers: how both companies covered up and how a few people (including Arkansas' Tab Turner) strove to expose them and secure a recall.

BLACK POLITICS

Kelley, Norman. The Head Negro in Charge Syndrome: The Dead End of Black Politics. NationBooks, 2004. The decline of black political culture.

BUSH (see: Ecology, Right Wing)

Mr. President. Significant Others (significantothers.us and cdbaby.com). A plea for sanity.

Rock Against Bush Vol. 2 album. Fatwreck.com

Hightower, Jim. Let's Stop Beating Around the Bush. Viking, 2004. "Life in USA under King George the W."

BUSH EMPIRE

**Burbach, Roger, and Jim Tarbell. Imperial Overstretch: George W. Bush and the Hubris of Empire. Zed, distr. by Palgrave Macmillan.

BUSH VS. ENVIRONMENT

**Devine, Robert. Bush Versus the Environment. Anchor, 2004. Bush the worst environment president in history.

BUSH'S LIES

**Barrett, Jerry, ed. Big Bush Lies. RiverWood Books, 2004. 20 original essays.

**Von Hoffman, Nicholas. Hoax: Why Americans Are Suckered by White House Lies. Nation Books, 2004. Questioning Bush Administration's decisions.

BUSH VS. VETERANS

**Williams, Ian. *Deserter: Bush's War on Military Families, Veterans, and His Past*. Nation Books, 2004. www.nationbooks.org Bush "inhabits a world where our brave men and women are reduced to photo opportunities in service not of their country's security but the President's warped political and foreign policy agendas." (fr Nation ad.)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

*Weber, Michael, et al. *Unstacking the Deck: A Reporter's Guide to Campaign Finance*. IRE, 2004. How to investigate how money affects elections-the loopholes, soft money restrictions, nonprofits funneling money to candidates, etc.

CAPITALISM USA (see: Corporate Crime)

CATHOLIC PEACEMAKING (see: Dorothy Day, Nuclear Weapons,

CELEBRITY

These 2 books were reviewed in *Columbia Journalism R* (July-Aug. 2004).

Calder, Iain. *The Untold Story: My Twenty Years Running the National Enquirer*. Miramax, 2004.

Orth, Maureen. *The Importance of Being Famous: Behind the Scenes of the Celebrity Industrial Complex*. Henry Holt, 2004.

CHILDREN (see: Victims)

**The documentary "A Child's Century of War" (Free Speech TV, shown on CAT 8-5-04) explains and graphically depicts how children have become war's greatest victims. The film focuses on the children of Chechnya, who have suffered through two wars recently, resulting in at least 100,000 children killed. Interspersed in their story are the killings and displacement of children in Leningrad 1941, London 1940, Poland 1942, the mass bombings of cities during WWII, Hiroshima 1945, Palestine and Israel, and much more. During the last 10 years, at least 30,000,000 children are estimated to have been killed, orphaned, or displaced by wars!

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISM

Lee, Earl. *Kiss My-Left Behind*. (see below in reviews)

CHRISTIAN MEDIA

Hendershot, Heather. *Shaking the World for Jesus: Media and Conservative Evangelical Culture*. U of Chicago P, 2004. On the music, videos, films and books marketed to evangelical Christians.

CITIZENSHIP, INTERNATIONALISM

Hanjian, Clark. *The Sovrien: An Exploration of the Right to Be Stateless*. Polyspire P (Vineyard Haven, MA), 2003. Rev. *The Nonviolent Activist* (June 2004). "Sovrien" is the name given by the author to the status of intentional statelessness.

CIVIL RIGHTS: WLBT

Two books on the successful effort to change racist WLBT in Jackson, MS. Rev. *Columbia JR* (July-Aug. 2004).

*Classen, Steven. *Watching Jim Crow: The Struggles Over Mississippi TV, 1955-1969*. Duke UP, 2004. Rev. *Columbia J R* (July-Aug. 2004).

*Mills, Kay. *Changing Channels: the Civil Rights Case That Transformed Television*. UP of Mississippi, 2004.

CIVIL RIGHTS: BLACK PANTHERS

**Abu-Jamal, Mumia. *We Want Freedom: A Life in the Black Panther Party*. South End. Abu-Jamal's take on the Panthers and his lifetime membership.

CLINTON

Clinton, Bill. *My Life*. Knopf, 2004. Rev. *The Nation* (Aug. 2/9) by Stanley Kutler.

COLD WAR

Matlock, Jack, Jr. Reagan and Gorbachev: How the Cold War Ended. Random House, 2004.
Rev. New York Times Book Review (August 1, 2004). Pragmatist Reagan adjusted his
"evil empire" attitudes to encourage a new kind of Soviet leader.

COLOMBIA

**Murillo, Mario. Colombia and the United States: War, Unrest, and Destabilization.
Seven Stories P, 2004. Rev. Fellowship (July-Aug. 2004). The civil war, US policy,
US media coverage, nonviolent resistance.

CONSERVATISM (see: Liberalism)

CORPORATE DOMINATION (see: Media, Moyers)

CORPORATE CRIME (see: Automobiles, Ecology, Pharmaceutical)

DOROTHY DAY

Riegle, Rosalie. Dorothy Day: Portraits by Those Who Knew Her. Orbis Books, 2003.
Rev. Fellowship (July-Aug. 2004). Interview excerpts from 134 people.

DYSTOPIA

**Mieville, China. Iron Council. Del Rey/Ballantine, 2004. Rev. NY Times Book Review
(July 18). Science fiction about a future world dominated by a corrupt, oppressive
ruling elite and the emergence of a resistance movement.

ECOLOGY (see: Bush, Thoreau)

Thoreau, Henry David. Walden: Or, Life in the Woods. Shambhala, 2004. 150th
Anniversary Edition. Illustrations by Michael McCurdy. Rev. UU World (July-Aug.
2004).

Dunlap, Thomas. Faith in Nature: Environmentalism as Religious Quest. U of
Washington P, 2004. Rev. Audubon (July-Aug. 2004). Explores the spiritual side of
environmentalism.

Obach, Brian. Labor and the Environmental Movement: the Quest for Common Ground.
MIT, 2004.

*Peterson, Russell. Patriots, Stand Up! This Land Is Our Land; Fight to Take It
Back. Cedar Tree, 2003. Rev. UU World (July-Aug. 2004). A Republican criticizes
current right-wing Republican policies.

ECOLOGY: CORPORATE CRIME (see: Corporate Crime)

Taylor, J. Gary, and Patricia Scharlin. Smart Alliance: How a Global Corporation and
Environmental Activists Transformed a Tarnished Brand. Yale UP, 2004. Rev. Audubon
(July-Aug. 2004). Chiquita/United Fruit Co. backed a coup in Guatemala and poisoned
its workers and the land. Public criticism induced it to join with Rainforest
Alliance to improve.

ECOLOGY: MOTHS

Scheer, Joseph. Night Visions: The Secret Designs of Moths. Prestel, 2004. Rev.
Audubon (July-Aug. 2004). Uses digital-imaging tech. to reproduce moths.

ECOLOGY: POLLUTION (see: Corporate Crime)

**Luechtefeld, Lori. Covering Pollution: An Investigative Reporter's Guide. IRE and
SEJ, 2004. Useful resources reporters and whistleblowers-and any citizen-can use for
local investigations into environmental pollution.

ECOLOGY: WATER

*SkeGroup and Ocean Futures Society. Water Culture. Phaidon, 2004. Rev. Audubon
(July-Aug. 2004). Text and photos of the glories and environmental threats
(pollution, overfishing, etc.) to water.

ECOLOGY: BUSH

**Devine, Robert. Bush Versus the Environment. Anchor Books. Rev. Progressive
Populist (June 15, 2004). "So where Reagan filled his administration with loud,
crass advocates of environmental de-regulation for ruinous development, Bush has
staffed his team with quiet, crafty operatives skillfully seeking precisely the same

goals."

EMPIRE (see: Bush, Star Wars)

*Schell, Jonathan. *A Hole in the World: An Unfolding Story of War, Protest, and the New American Order*. Nation Books, 2004.

**Vidal, Gore. *Imperial America: Reflections on the United States of Amnesia*. Nation Books, 2004.

ENVIRONMENT (see: Ecology)

FACTORY FARMS

**Johnsen, Carolyn. *Raising a Stink: The Struggle Over Factory Farms*. U of Nebraska P, 2003. Rev. IRE Journal (July-Aug. 2004). Property rights v. right to clean air and water, rural people's desire to protect their way of life v. big pork producers' bottom line, etc.

FASCISM

**Mann, Michael. *Fascists*. Cambridge UP, 2004.

**Giroux, Henry. *Proto-Fascism in America*. Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation. *Encroaching fascism*.

GAY MARRIAGE

*Gerstmann, Evan. *Same-Sex Marriage and the Constitution*. Cambridge UP, 2004.

HAZING (see: Violence)

HUMAN NATURE AND HOPE FOR PEACE

Pinker, Steven. *The Blank Slate: the Modern Denial of Human Nature*. Viking, 2002. Equality, compassion, responsibility, and purpose have nothing to fear from discoveries about an innately organized psyche.

Damasio, Antonio. *Looking for Spinoza: Joy, Sorrow, and the Feeling Brain*. Harcourt, 2003. Reveals the biology of our survival mechanisms.

IMMIGRANTS IN USA

Maglaya, Monette. *The Complete Success Guide for the Immigrant Life: How to Survive, How to Thrive, How to Be Fully Alive*. PDI Books, 2004. Rev. NYTimes Book Review (July 4, 2004).

IRAQ

**The Iraq War and Its Consequences. 2004. More than 30 Nobel Peace laureates and eminent scholars comment on the war.

Cortright, David. *A Peaceful Superpower*. Fourth Freedom Forum, 2004. Cortright as cofounder of Win Without War, gives an account of the 10,000,000 people protest against the war.

**Keneally, Thomas. *The Tyrant's Novel*. Doubleday, 2004. Rev. NY Times Book Review (July 18). Novel about a novelist writing about a country like that of Iraq under Hussein.

**Palacek, Mike. *The Truth*. Writers Pub. Coop, 2003. *The Nonviolent Activist* (May-June 2004). One man's search for the truth about the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

LIBERALISM

Two reviews in NY Times Book Review (July 18) reviewed these 5 books.

McGovern, George. *The Essential America: Our Founders and the Liberal Tradition*. Simon & Schuster, 2004.

Cuomo, Mario. *Why Lincoln Matters Today More Than Ever*. Harcourt, 2004.

Hart, Gary. *The Fourth Power: A Grand Strategy for the United States in the Twenty-First Century*. Oxford UP, 2004.

Lakoff, George. *Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think*. U of Chicago P, 2004.

Reich, Robert. *Reason: Why Liberals Will Win the Battle for America*. Knopf, 2004.
Dionne, E. J., Jr. *Stand Up Fight Back: Republican Toughs, Democratic Wimps, and the Politics of Revenge*. Simon & Schuster, 2004.

LIES BY PRESIDENT BUSH (see: Bush)

MEDIA (see: Al Jazeera, Christian, Moyers, Vietnam War)

Ginsborg, Paul. *Sylvio Berlusconi: Television, Power, and Patrimony*. Verso, 2004.
Rev. *Columbia JR* (July-Aug. 2004). Berlusconi, head of the Italian government and commercial tv mogul, has created "a fully fledged politico-media regime."

Starr, Paul. *The Creation of the Media: Political Origins of Modern Communication*. Basic Books, 2004. Rev. *Columbia JR* (July-Aug. 2004). Depending on the policies, the federal government can be a force for good or bad media.

"Outfoxed" examines how media empires, led by Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, have been running a "race to the bottom" in television news. This film provides an in-depth look at Fox News and the dangers of ever-enlarging corporations taking control of the public's right to know. The film explores Murdoch's burgeoning kingdom and the impact on society when a broad swath of media is controlled by one person. Running Time: 77 minutes

MIDDLE EAST

*Said, Edward. *From Oslo to Iraq and the Road Map*. Pantheon, 2004. Rev. *The Nation* (July 19/26, 2004), in itself a significant essay about Said and the Middle East.

MOYERS

*Moyers, Bill. *Moyers on America: A Journalist and His Times*. New Press, 2004. Much a critique of a "quasi-official partisan press ideologically linked to an authoritarian administration that is in turn the ally and agent of the most powerful financial interests in the world."

9-11

**"David Ray Griffin's book *The New Pearl Harbor*. This noted theologian and author asks the same disturbing questions asked by the families of the victims--questions that were not asked by the commission. The meticulously researched book reads like a novel." Joan Collins

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND CRIMES (see: Empire, Star Wars)

**Balkany, Caron, and Wes McKinley. *The Ambushed Jury*. Apex P. Rev. *Progressive Populist* (June 15, 2004). How the US Dept. of Justice covered up gov't. nuclear crimes at Colorado's Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons plant and how a band of courageous people exposed the government.

*Butigan, Ken. *Pilgrimage Through a Burning World: Spiritual Practice and Nonviolent Protest at the Nevada Test Site*. Rev. *Fellowship* (July-Aug. 2004). NDE is dedicated to the develop. of a spiritual discipline of nonviolence.

*Hurley, Valerie. *St. Ursula's Girls Against the Atomic Bomb*. MacAdam/Cage, 2003. A teenage coming-of-age novel with an antiwar protagonist.

*The Trojan Horses of Nuclear War. *Proceedings of the World Uranium Weapons Conference 2003 in Hamburg, Ger, 2004*. See *The Nonviolent Activist* (May-June 2004, 20).

PALESTINE-ISRAEL

Bridging the Gap: Proposals and Precedents for Third Party Involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Avail. for free download at www.quno.org/publications.htm

PEACE MOVEMENT MUSIC

Scott, Jim, comp., ed., arranger. The Earth and Spirit Songbook: Book One. Jim Scott Music, 2003. Rev. UU World (July-Aug. 2004). ".the soundtrack to the peace and justice and environmental movement."

**PHARMACEUTICAL COPORATIONS

Goozner, Merrill. The \$800 Million Pill: The Truth Behind the Cost of New Drugs. U of California P, 2004. Explains how the pharma industry gets away with systematic overcharging, and why bio-medical advances do not require the current profiteering.

POETRY AGAINST WARS AND BUSH

*Kyle, Frank. In Memoriam. 1stbooks. Collection of anti-war, anti-militarism, anti-Bush poems. At bookstores, Amazon, and can be downloaded.

PREVENTING WARS: MACEDONIA

Sokalski, Henryk. An Ounce of Prevention: Macedonia and the UN Experience in Preventive Diplomacy. 2003. Rev. PeaceWatch (USIP), June 2004. With only a few hundred soldiers, a UN peacekeeping force of US and Scandinavian troops prevented the breakup of Yugoslavia and civil war from engulfing Macedonia.

PRISON INJUSTICE USA

**The Prison Inside the Prison: Control Units, Supermax Prisons, and Devices of Torture. Avail. free download at www.afsc.org/community/justice-visions

RECONSTRUCTION AFTER WARS

Williams, Garland, Col. Engineering Peace: The Military Role in Postconflict Reconstruction. USIP, 2004. The reconstruction gap in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan and role of military engineering brigades in restoration. www.usip.org

RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE

**Krakauer, Jon. Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith. Vintage, Anchor, 2003. Two brothers believed they were ordered by God to murder a woman and her infant.

RIGHT WING (see: Bush)

*Buss, Doris, and Didi Herman. Globalizing Family Values: The Christian Right in International Politics. U of Minnesota P, 2003. Expansion of CR in UN in opposition to human rights and women's advances.

*Conason, Joe. Big Lies: The Right-Wing Propaganda Machine and How It Distorts the Truth. Rev. and updated. St. Martin's Griffin, 2004.

*Heuvel, Katrina Vanden, and Robert Borosage, eds. Taking Back America and Taking Down the Radical Right. Nation Books, 2004.

Rall, Ted. Wake Up, You're Liberal!: How We Can Take America Back from the Right. www.amazon.com

SECURITY vs. FREEDOM

*Maharidge, Dale, with photos by Michael Williamson. Homeland. Seven Stories, 2004. Stories of individual struggles for personal freedom-followers and dissenters, haves and have-not, believers and nonbelievers, etc. M & W won the 1990 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction.

SPRAWL, DEVELOPMENT

Lindstrom, Matthew, and Hugh Bartling. Suburban Sprawl: Culture, Theory, and Politics. Rowman & Littlefield. Land use politics.

STAR WARS (see: Nuclear)

**Wirbel, Loring. Star Wars: U. S. Tools of Space Supremacy. Pluto P, 2004. Rev. The Nonviolent Activist (May-June 2004). Among other subjects, space domination has been the US aim from the beginning, the promotion of the US as dominator of the world always bipartisan.

TAXES

**Johnson, David C. Perfectly Legal: The Covert Campaign to Rig Our Tax System to Benefit the Super Rich-and Cheat Everybody Else. Penguin Group, 2003.

TERRORISM

*Moreno, Jonathan, ed. In the Wake of Terror: Medicine and Morality in a Time of Crisis. MIT, 2004. Why policy made under the threat of terror can so easily go awry.

21ST CENTURY

XXI Century: the Last Empire. Documentary film by Gabriele Zamparini and Lorenzo Meccoli. Voices of dissent.

UNITED NATIONS (see: Preventing Wars)

VICTIMS (see: most of these entries, esp. Children, Imperialism, Violence, War)

VIETNAM WAR AND MEDIA

Landers, James. The Weekly War: Newsmagazines and Vietnam. U of Missouri P, 2004. How Newsweek, Time, and U.S. News & World Report covered the Vietnam War, and their impact on the public, the president, and policymakers.

**Lewis, James. Protest and Survive: Underground GI Newspapers During the Vietnam War. Prager, 2003. (see: review below).

VIOLENCE

**"I just read two books for that class, and they are quite suggestive, On Violence by Hanna Arendt, and Regarding the Pain of Others by Susan Sontag. Sontag (a reflection on photography and war, quite up to date but also putting the consumption of images of war in a historical perspective)." Luis R

Nuwer, Hank, ed. The Hazing Reader. Indiana UP, 2004.

WAR AND PROTEST

*Schell, Jonathan. A Hole in the World: An Unfolding Story of War, Protest and the New American Order. NationBooks, 2004. Essays post-9-11 on the new U. S. way of living, dying, and killing.

WAR'S CONSEQUENCES

**Militarized Zones: Gender, Race, Immigration, Environment. Articles explain how war-making is linked to racism, the criminalization of immigrants, attacks on homosexuals, degradation of the environment, and more. Avail. Free download at www.afsc.org/militarized-zones. Print copies \$6 from AFSC Community Relations, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

**Zuckerman, Larry. The Rape of Belgium: The Untold Story of World War I. NYUP, 2004. History Book Club selection.

WATER

"Thirst" video by Alan Snitow and Deborah Kaufman. 62 min. Rev. Mother Jones (July/Aug. 2004). From Bolivia, to India, to Stockton, CA, battles over privatization of water are increasing.

WHY THEY HATE US (see: Bush, Colombia, Empire, Iraq, Nuclear, Star Wars, 21st Century, War & Protest)

**Lee, Henry. Why They Hate Us. www.justbookz.com 4 generations of broken promises and bullying behavior by the US preceding 9-11.

WORLD WAR I(see: War's Consequences)

REVIEWS

*More interviews by Barsamian: Louder Than Bombs. South End P, 2004

Published just in time to commemorate The Progressive's 95th anniversary, Louder Than Bombs gathers twenty-one celebrity interviews culled from this mainstay of the

left.

In his latest release, David Barsamian, the producer and host of Alternative Radio, talks with luminaries of the left-activists, academics, and progressive artists-about their passions, their hopes for the future, and the biggest obstacles facing today's movements for radical social change.

Interviewees include Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen; prison abolitionist Angela Davis; media critic Ben Bagdikian; actor Danny Glover; author Edwidge Danticat; radical historian Howard Zinn; author Kurt Vonnegut; and ecowarrior Vandana Shiva. Conversations with Arundhati Roy, Noam Chomsky, Tariq Ali, the late Edward W. Said, and the late Eqbal Ahmad are also featured.

Lauded by Robert McChesney as "one of the greatest journalists of our era," Barsamian ignites urgent conversations with his subjects who, in turn, open their hearts and minds, offering compelling personal and political insights. Readers are invited to listen in as he converses with some of the best minds of our time and skillfully weaves their analyses and wisdom into a digest of the world's most pressing issues.

Protest and Survive; Underground GI Newspapers during the Vietnam War
James Lewis, Prager, Westport, Ct., 2003, 243 pp.

by Thomas F. Barton

As discontent within the Armed Forces over the war in Iraq spreads, more interest is being taken in how a soldiers rebellion during the Vietnam War brought the army to its knees.

This book is a valuable introduction to that story, with photos and cartoons reproduced from soldiers' anti-war newspapers extremely difficult to find elsewhere in print today.

The last 40 pages form a "Partial Chronology of Dissent, 1965-1970", calendaring important events in the development of the GI resistance movement. A second appendix brings together a list of GI Publications, by name, location, and dates of issue. I haven't seen a list like this currently available in book form elsewhere.

Of course there are glitches. Vietnam GI, the leading anti-war GI publication of the day, is located in Miami when in fact it came out of Chicago. Compared to the contribution made, that's small potatoes.

The opening two chapters are a bit heavy, "semiotics" and so forth, but once past the academic groundwork, a story begins to unfold that makes exciting reading in chapters like "Response and Repression," and "Envisioning Resistance."

For example, the chapter "Envisioning Resistance" takes up a too-little known dimension of the soldiers rebellion: troops not only refused en mass to keep fighting in Vietnam, they frequently refused orders to be used to control unrest at home. Incidents where troops home from Vietnam simply refused to be deployed to control urban rebellions by blacks were the governments ultimate nightmare come true.

Tables showing year by year "Reported Incidents of GI Dissent," "Military Antiwar Activists Arrested," and "Average Sentence per GI Activist," are fresh contributions, documenting what we felt at the time: the more the resistance grew, the weaker the Army became in trying to suppress it.

For instance, in 1966, the average sentence per GI Activist was +40 months at hard labor. By 1969 it had fallen to less than 5 months at hard labor. Since by 1969 troops in Vietnam were killing troublesome officers wholesale, the simultaneous violent jump in reported incidents of dissent and drop in prison sentences fits the reality of a disintegrating army and order of discipline.
As one paper, Broken Arrow, quoted by Lewes (p. 69), summed it up:

"Our minds have not become warped and closed by twenty years of blind obedience to a corrupt, blind institution bent on not building, but destroying everything for which our country has good these last two centuries. We as intelligent human beings are pressured to adopt these same standards with their moral and human wrongs.

"This we cannot, in all good conscience, do. As a result of this feeling, the GI Movement has become an important first step, one so unified and strong that for the last two years the brass have been faced with something they still don't fully understand. And it frightens them. They can no longer expect their impulsive moves to end our struggle. This has been proven many times in the past..This has prevented much of the kangaroo court activity for which the military is infamous."

What does all this have to do with Iraq? The Bush crowd like to repeat a new mantra: "Iraq Is Not Vietnam." They're right. It certainly isn't. It took years for resistance to an Imperial war to grow in the army in Vietnam. It has taken only months in Iraq. There was no military families' movement during the Vietnam war, because most troops were single men who had no immediate families. Today husbands, wives, and even children of troops are organizing and beginning to raise hell right alongside their loved ones in Iraq and elsewhere in the service. The ironic joke is that the "professional, all-volunteer army" was supposed to be a cure for the kind of rebellion that broke out during Vietnam. Instead, the resistance now has a home base.

Books like this are so important because they show our hidden history of resistance to Imperial Dreams and hearten us all about what can be. It's not that what happened before could happen again. What happened before is happening again, right in front our eyes, at a higher level of awareness and organization. It's our job to lend a helping hand.

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BOOKS ON BUSH

Earl Lee, Kiss My-Left Behind.

(This comment from Amazon): This book made me laugh out loud. It is a hilarious parody of Tim LaHaye's Left Behind and other right-wing fundamentalist nonsense. I especially enjoyed the satiric attack on George W. Bush as Nickelay Dubyah, the Antichrist. Dubyah is the so-called Fearless Leader of Texrectumstan. Dubyah represents everything that is wrong with Christian fundamentalism: the ignorance, the hypocrisy, and the self-righteousness. I think it's interesting that this book was published at least six months before the Iraqi prison scandal, yet it predicts the abuse of Islamic prisoners by the "Christian" Dubyah.

*Bush on the Couch by Dr. Justin Frank.

Review: "Geo.W.Bush, Presidential or Pathological?" by Arianna Huffington

"When the house is on fire, you don't quibble about redecoration plans."
- Arianna Huffington

"GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENTIAL OR PATHOLOGICAL?"

by Arianna Huffington

That is the highly provocative question being asked in "Bush on the Couch," a new book in which well-respected psychoanalyst and professor of psychiatry Dr. Justin Frank, uses the president's public pronouncements and behavior, along with biographical data, to craft a comprehensive psychological profile of Bush. (SEE: below, two editorial book reviews.)

It's not a pretty picture, but it goes a long way in explaining how exactly our country got itself into the mess we are in: an intractable war, the loss of allies and international goodwill, a half-trillion-dollar deficit.

Poking around in the presidential psyche, Frank uncovers a man suffering from megalomania, paranoia, a false sense of omnipotence, an inability to manage his emotions, a lifelong need to defy authority, an unresolved love-hate relationship with his father, and the repercussions of a history of untreated alcohol abuse.

One of the more compelling sections of the book is Frank's dissection of what he calls Bush's "almost pathological aversion to owning up to his infractions" - a mindset common to individuals Freud termed "the Exceptions," those who feel "entitled to live outside the limitations that apply to ordinary people."

Limitations like, for instance, not driving while drunk. Or the limitation of having to report for required Air National Guard duty. Or the limitation of having to adhere to international law.

And it doesn't help one outgrow this sense of entitlement when Daddy and his pals are always there to rescue you when you get in trouble - whether it's keeping you out of Vietnam by bumping you to the top of the National Guard waiting list or bailing you out of lousy business deals with cushy seats on corporate boards or making sure the votes in Florida (just another limitation) aren't properly counted.

But you don't make it as far as W. has without some psychological defenses of your own - especially when it comes to insulating yourself against your own fears and insecurities.

Raised in a family steeped in privilege and secrecy, and prone to the intense aversion to introspection and denial of responsibility that are the hallmarks of a so-called dry drunk - one who has kicked the bottle without dealing with the root causes of the addiction - Bush has become a master of the psychological jiu-jitsu known as Freudian Projection.

For those of you who bailed on Psych 101, Freudian Projection is, according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, a defense mechanism in which "the individual deals with emotional conflict or internal or external stressors by falsely attributing to another his or her own unacceptable feelings, impulses or thoughts."

In layman's terms, it's the pot calling the kettle "black."

On the 2004 campaign trail, it's the pathologically inconsistent Bush attempting to portray John Kerry as a two-faced flip-flopper.

It's become the Bush-Cheney campaign mantra. GOP talking points 1 through 100. The president's go-to laugh and applause line:

"Senator Kerry has been in Washington long enough to take both sides on just about every issue," chided Bush at a spring fundraiser. "My opponent clearly has strong beliefs, they just don't last very long." Ba-da-bum! (Incidentally, how is this consistent with Bush's other contention, that Kerry is a rock-ribbed liberal?)

Or as Dick "Not Peaches and Cream" Cheney ominously put it at a Republican fundraiser: "These are not times for leaders who shift with the political winds, saying one thing one day and another the next."

I couldn't f---ing agree more, Mr. Cheney. But it's your man George W. who can't seem to pick a position and stick to it. He's reversed course more times than Capt. Kirk battling Khan in the midst of the Mutara Nebula. Gone back on his word more times than Tony Blundetto. Flip-flopped more frequently than a blind gymnast with an inner-ear infection.

The list of Bush major policy U-turns is as audacious as it is long. Among the whiplash-inducing lowlights:

In September 2001, Bush said capturing bin Laden was "our number one priority." By March 2002, he was claiming, "I don't know where he is. I have no idea and I really don't care. It's not that important."

In October 2001, he was dead-set against the need for a Department of Homeland Security. Seven months later, he thought it was a great idea.

In May 2002, he opposed the creation of the 9/11 Commission. Four months later, he supported it.

During the 2000 campaign, he said that gay marriage was a states' rights issue: "The states can do what they want to do." During the 2004 campaign, he called for a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Dizzy yet? No? OK:

Bush supported CO2 caps, then opposed them. He opposed trade tariffs, then he didn't. Then he did again. He was against nation building, then he was OK

with it. We'd found WMD, then we hadn't. Saddam was linked to Osama, then he wasn't. Then he was . sorta. Chalabi was in, then he was out. Way out.

In fact, Bush's entire Iraq misadventure has been one big costly, deadly flip-flop:

We didn't need more troops, then we did. We didn't need more money, then we did. Preemption was a great idea - on to Syria, Iran and North Korea! Then it wasn't - hello, diplomacy! Baathists were the bad guys, then Baathists were our buds. We didn't need the U.N., then we did.

And all this from a man who, once upon a time, made "credibility" a key to his appeal.

Now, God knows, I have no problem with changing your mind - so long as you

admit that you have and can explain why. But Bush steadfastly - almost comically - refuses to admit that there's been a change, even when the entire world can plainly see otherwise. He's got his story and he's sticking to it. But that darn Kerry, he keeps shifting his positions!

At the end of his analysis, Dr. Frank offers the following prescription:

"Having seen the depth and range of President Bush's psychological flaws . . . our sole treatment option - for his benefit and for ours - is to remove President Bush from office."

You don't need to be a psychiatrist to heartily second that opinion.

TWO EDITORIAL REVIEWS:

*(Editorial Reviews: "Bush on the Couch," by Justin Frank, PhD.)

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For all his simplicity and affability, George W. Bush has remained, to paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill, "a mystery wrapped in an enigma." In Bush on the Couch, Dr. Justin A. Frank, a well-respected Washington, D.C.-based psychoanalyst and professor of psychiatry, unwraps that mystery, assembling a comprehensive psychological profile of President Bush.

Using the principles of applied psychoanalysis -- the discipline of psychoanalyzing public and historical figures pioneered by Freud -- Frank fearlessly builds his case . . . and reaches conclusions that are at once highly persuasive and deeply disturbing.

Through a close analysis of Bush's public statements and behavior, as well as the historical record provided by journalists, biographers, and those who

have known the president well, Frank traces the development of Bush's character from childhood to the present day. Examining closely the role of the president's parents -- especially Barbara Bush, an acknowledged disciplinarian whose own insecurities may have prevented her from adequately nurturing her son -- Frank finds in Bush's childhood the roots of a dramatic psychic split that remains a dominant influence on his adult worldview. Frank argues that this split has inevitably hampered Bush's ability to manage his emotions, charging his psyche with restless anxiety, and conditioning him to view the world in the black-and-white terms that have so evidently shaped his administration.

Among other issues and pathologies, Frank explores:

- * Bush's false sense of omnipotence, instilled within him during childhood and emboldened by his deep investment in fundamentalist religion
- * The president's history of untreated alcohol abuse, and the questions it raises about denial, impairment, and the enabling streak in our culture
- * The growing anecdotal evidence that Bush may suffer from dyslexia, ADHD, and other thought disorders
- * His comfort living outside the law, defying international law in his presidency as boldly as he once defied DUI statutes and military reporting

requirements

* His love-hate relationship with his father, and how it triggered a complex and dangerous mix of feelings including yearning, rivalry, anger, and sadism
* Bush's rigid and simplistic thought patterns, paranoia, and megalomania
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and how they have driven him to invent adversaries so that he can destroy them

At once a compelling portrait of George W. Bush and a damning indictment of his policies, *Bush on the Couch* sheds startling new light on an administration whose record of violence and cruelty seems increasingly dependent on the unstable psyche of the man at its center. Insightful and accessible, courageous and controversial, *Bush on the Couch* tackles the question no one seems willing to ask: "Is our president psychologically fit to run the country?"

2. From Publishers Weekly

Bush Administration policies are not only a "great catastrophe" but the products of a disturbed mind, according to this provocative blend of psychological case-study and partisan polemic. Psychoanalyst Frank sifts through family memoirs, the public record of Bush's personal idiosyncrasies, and the writings of critics for clues to the President's character, interpreting the evidence in the rigidly Freudian framework of child psychoanalyst Melanie Klein.

He finds that Bush, psychically scarred by an absentee father and a cold, authoritarian mother, has developed a galloping case of megalomania, characterized by a Manichaeian worldview, delusions of persecution and omnipotence and an "anal/sadistic" indifference to others' pain, with removal from office the only "treatment option."

The author's exegesis of Bush's personality traits -- the drinking problem, the bellicose rhetoric, the verbal flailings and misstatements of fact, the religiosity and exercise routines, the hints of dyslexia and hyperactivity, the youthful cruelty to animals and schoolmates, the smirk -- paints an intriguing, if contemptuous, portrait of a possibly troubled public figure.

But Frank's attempts to translate psychoanalysis into political analysis are unconvincing. Indeed, if Bush's reneging on campaign promises is a form of clinical "sadism," and his budget deficits an "unconscious attack on his own parents," then Karl Rove, the Cabinet, and both houses of Congress belong in group therapy with him.

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