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The Grey House Homeland Security Directory (Review)

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The Grey House Homeland Security Directory. 2003. 669p. indexes. Grey House, paper, \$195 (1-59237-035-7). 363.3.

Here is an easy-to-use guide to the newly formed Department of Homeland Security and the various governmental, private, and nonprofit organizations that support it. Nearly 700 pages of directory information divided into five sections include federal agencies, state agencies, private company profiles, industry resources, and indexes to key personnel and products and services.

The federal agency section contains 40 pages outlining the Department of Homeland Security. Entries include a description of each office, top officials, and standard directory information of address, phone, fax, and occasional URLs and e-mail addresses. An additional 110 pages contain directory information on the Office of the President, Senate, House, and 12 of the 15 cabinet-level departments—excluding Labor, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs. Top department officials are listed along with selective offices that support Homeland Security. House and Senate committees related to Homeland Security are included.

Likewise, the state agency profiles arranged by state include the State Homeland Security Office, governor and lead state officials, and related homeland security offices such as public safety, National Guard, public health, emergency management, air traffic control, and port authority.

Company and industry sections contain 1,175 private company profiles and a multitude of associations, periodicals, directories and databases, trade shows, and seminars. Entries are alphabetical within each category and include a general business description, directory information, and, when available, URL, number of employees, and budget data.

Comparable information can be found online or in print publications such as the *State Yellow Book*, *Federal Yellow Book*, *U.S. Government Manual*, and Grey House's *Directory of Business Information Resources*. However, *The Grey House Homeland Security Directory* compiles this information in one place and is discerning in content. A useful purchase for public and academic libraries.

The Halloween Encyclopedia. By Lisa Morton. 2003. 232p. appendixes. bibliog. illus. index. McFarland, \$39.95 (0-7864-1524-X). 394.2646.

Several hundred A-Z entries cover the history, folklore, symbols, rituals, artifacts, and activities of Halloween. Morton's research extends to Wiccan lore, Celtic observances, and Christian mythology, including the Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead. She writes enthusiastically about folk customs and is sensitive to the controversies surrounding horror literature, witchcraft, and demonism. Without undue pedantry, she explains the house-to-house souling pilgrimage, the incorporation of cabbages in Scottish holidays, the source of the boogeyman in bogs, and the lengthy training of Druid priests in predicting the future. Contributing to data are detailed photos and line drawings—players enjoying a fireside game of snap-apple, an illustration from the *Luttrell Psalter*, a cook preparing holiday eggs, children around a bonfire. A lengthy entry on Guy Fawkes Day, which absorbed many Halloween traditions, includes a detailed history, an engraving of the gunpowder conspirators, descriptions of regional variations, and the texts of several popular rhymes.

Assisting teachers, researchers, and the media is a two-page chronology of Halloween, beginning with ancient Egyptian writings and a post-9/11 urban legend about going to malls on Halloween. A second appendix lists and summarizes literature and films from 1714 to 2001. The bibliography is thorough, covering early sources as well as recent works. The author could have improved on the list of books by separating primary and secondary sources.

This generously illustrated and indexed overview is a worthy addition to public and school libraries as well as the reference shelves of journalists and leaders of community events. Information on Halloween can be found in resources such as *Folklore of American Holidays* (3d ed., Gale, 1998) and *Holidays, Festivals, and Celebrations of the World Dictionary* (3d ed., Omnigraphics, 2003), but *The Halloween Encyclopedia* offers much more detail.

Indian Placenames in America: Volume 1: Cities, Towns, and Villages. By Sandy Nestor. 2003. 240p. bibliog. index. McFarland, \$45 (0-7864-1654-8). 917.3.

Nestor does an admirable job of reviewing the Indian-language sources for the names of American cities, towns, and villages. The text, divided by state, presents each name along with county or parish and population based on the 2000 U.S. census. The body of each entry contains a history of the naming averaging 15 lines. Entries cover alternate meanings and spellings, for example, variants of the town of Tehama, California, and of the Potawatomi nation. The bibliography contains extensive listings of books, media articles, and archival materials but little guidance regarding Internet sites. The index lists only place-names.

Nestor's writing style intrigues the reader to examine minutiae of American history, such as the effects on aboriginal cultures of railroads, European diseases, missionaries, outposts, mining, crafts, and trade in hides and whiskey. Commentary names tribes and their leaders, settlers, and dates and places of significant events, such as immigration over the Oregon Trail and the emergence of the weaving trade in Chimayo, New Mexico. Faults of the book are few but worth mentioning. The author fails to explain criteria for inclusion and to account for the absence of such familiar places as Miami, Florida, and Pontiac, Michigan. The indexing of important people, tribes, and events, such as Lewis and Clark, the Narragansett, and King Philip's War, would increase the value of the work for a wider range of users. Despite these omissions, the book is a useful, easy-to-use aid for the historian, genealogist, student, teacher, and librarian seeking precise data.

Jesus in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia. 2v. Ed. by Leslie Houlden. 2003. 984p. bibliogs. glossary. illus. index. ABC-CLIO, \$185 (1-57607-856-6). 232.

Jesus in History, Thought, and Culture aims to collect and organize a myriad of scholarly commentaries on the life and influence of Jesus of Nazareth. Houlden, professor emeritus at Kings College London, utilizes the expertise of some 100 leading authorities across the globe to clearly articulate the unique position of Jesus Christ in world civilization. These scholars each add their singular interpretations based on academic background, religious affiliation, gender, and nationality to create this encyclopedic mosaic of Jesus. Although heavily influenced by British academics, the text has an international flavor.

The alphabetical arrangement of this set is easily browsed thanks to numerous *see also* references to parallel or derivative themes. Each of the 200 precisely written and signed articles range in length from two pages (*Crossan, J. D.*; *Didache*; *Manichaeism*; *Masculinity*; *Paranormal*) to forty pages (*Art*, on Jesus' depiction in art through the ages). A sampling of other articles includes *Adoptianism*; *Baptism*; *Chinese Christianity*; *Gnosticism*; *Hinduism*; *Jesus, parables of*; *Second Coming of Jesus*; and *Wealth*. A bibliography is provided for each entry suggesting additional reading for study or reflection. In its entirety, almost every aspect of the historical Jesus, subsequent theologizing, and cultural interpretation is given a fair and balanced treatment. Reference aids include both a convenient alphabetical and topical list of entries and a concluding glossary of technical terms and comprehensive 80-page general index. Black-and-white illustrations make this encyclopedia aesthetically pleasing. Recommended for academic libraries and large public libraries as well as for appropriate smaller collections.

Pollution A to Z. 2v. Ed. by Richard M. Stapleton. 2003. 756p. bibliogs. glossary. illus. index. maps. Macmillan, \$195 (0-02-865700-4). 363.73.

Intended for use in high-school, public, and academic libraries, these volumes include articles on various causes of pollution and their effects on human and environmental health, on people and organizations that have been active in cleanup, and on agencies and legislation related to these issues. Contributors are connected with government agencies, universities, or scientific organizations.

There are 264 alphabetically arranged articles, from *Abatement* to *Zero population growth*. Some articles, such as the excellent *Global warming* and *Space pollution*, deal with specific issues related to pol-