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The Five-Year Presidency

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Blueprint for Going Green
How a Small Foundation Changed the Model for Environmental Conservation

How one organization took on industrial pollution—and the lessons for our new century

“Far too often, environmental history focuses on combative advocacy and neglects the incremental construction of enduring environmental protection. Mr. McCarthy’s account of the founding and operation of the Virginia Environmental Endowment is essential to an understanding of the state’s environmental history.”—WILLIAM KOVARIK, Radford University, author of Resolutions in Communication: Media History from Gutenberg to the Digital Age

In 1977, one forward-thinking judge took an ecological disaster—the poisoning of the James River by Allied Chemical—and turned it into a great environmental-protection legacy. The $8 million payment made by Allied would go on to fund the game-changing Virginia Environmental Endowment.

Blueprint for Going Green provides an insider’s account of the remarkable results of this landmark ruling and the foundation it spawned. Over the following decades, the VEE helped to grow the fledgling environmental movement in Virginia into a powerful force for protecting the state’s water quality and conserving its landscape. This inspiring story reveals how a small group can make a profound difference by engaging in public policy work, funding science to advance public policy, and helping to build a lasting and effective citizen-led environmental movement.

CHARLES TRUEHEART

Diplomats at War
Friendship and Betrayal on the Brink of the Vietnam Conflict

For two Americans in Saigon in 1963, the personal and the political combine to spark the drama of a lifetime

“An engaging narrative, an evocative memoir, and an important contribution to understanding a critical moment in America’s descent into the quagmire.”—ANTHONY LAKE, former US National Security Advisor

Before it spread into a tragic war that defined a generation, the conflict in Vietnam smoldered as a guerrilla insurgency and a diplomatic nightmare. Into this volatile country stepped Frederick “Fritz” Nolting, the US ambassador, and his second-in-command, William “Bill” Trueheart, immortalized in David Halberstam’s landmark work The Best and the Brightest and accidental players in a pivotal juncture in modern US history.

Diplomats at War is a personal memoir by former Washington Post reporter Charles Trueheart—Bill’s son and Nolting’s godson—who grew up amid the events that traumatized two families and an entire nation. The book embeds the reader at the US embassy and dissects the fateful rift between Nolting and Trueheart over their divergent assessments of the South Vietnamese regime under Ngo Dinh Diem, who would ultimately be assassinated in a coup backed by the United States. Charles Trueheart retells the story of the United States’ headlong plunge into war from an entirely new vantage point—that of a son piecing together how his father and godfather participated in, and were deeply damaged by, this historic flashpoint. Their critical rupture, which also destroyed their close friendship, contains the kernel of how the United States became inextricably embroiled in the Vietnam conflict.
The Witch of Pungo
Grace Sherwood in Virginia History and Legend

The authoritative cultural history of Virginia’s most famous accused witch

“Did Grace Sherwood really sail from England to Virginia in an eggshell? Did she dance with the devil at night? Moore delves into these and other legends about the so-called Virginia witch whose statue today adorns the grounds of a Virginia Beach hospital. Exhaustively researched, The Witch of Pungo is the definitive account of Sherwood’s real life and the three centuries’ worth of fascinating and sometimes bizarre stories that people have told about her.” —Cynthia A. Kierner, George Mason University, author of The Tory’s Wife: A Woman and Her Family in Revolutionary America

In 1706, Grace Sherwood was “ducked” after her neighbors in Princess Anne County accused her of witchcraft. Binding and throwing her into the Lynnhaven River, they waited to see whether she would float to the top (evidence of her guilt) or sink (proof of her innocence). Incredibly, she survived. This bizarre spectacle became an early piece of Virginia folklore as stories about Sherwood, the “Witch of Pungo,” spread. Her legend still looms large in Tidewater. In 2006, Governor Tim Kaine even issued an informal pardon of Sherwood, read aloud by the mayor of Virginia Beach before the annual reenactment of Sherwood’s ducking.

This is the first book to explore Grace Sherwood’s life and cultural impact in depth. Anyone interested in colonial Virginia, American folklore, and the history and legacy of witch trials will find much to enjoy in this spellbinding book.

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Race and Resilience at a Northern Virginia Crossroads

The compelling history of a racially integrated, and now forgotten, community in Northern Virginia

“In clear, engaging prose, A Place Called Ilda plots out the promise and tribulations that have centered around a small African American cemetery that anchored a crossroads community from the mid-nineteenth century on. Shoop finds the resonance of national historical forces in an overlooked corner of today’s nondescript suburbs.” —Ryan K. Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University, author of Death and Rebirth in a Southern City: Richmond’s Historic Cemeteries

Established by two Black entrepreneurs and their families, who provided the economic engine for its initial success, the village of Ilda flourished as a racially integrated community before the Jim Crow era. More than simply a history of a racially and socially pioneering community, this remarkable book tells a broader story, recounting the Black experience in Fairfax County over generations and shedding new light on the racial, economic, political, and bureaucratic factors that drove the development of Northern Virginia and the nation as a whole. Weaving together accounts of horse thievery, attempted murder, savage beatings, hate crimes, and a long-forgotten cemetery, this gripping and often moving narrative provides a rich and unusually detailed record of the rise, decline, and rediscovery of a crossroads whose secrets and mysteries depict an America that might have been, and might still be.

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The Last of the African Kings follows the wayward fortunes of a noble African family. It begins with the regal Béhanzin, an African king who opposed French colonialism and was exiled to distant Martinique. In the course of this brilliant novel, Maryse Condé tells of Béhanzin’s scattered offspring and their lives in the Caribbean and the United States. A book made up of many characters and countless stories, The Last of the African Kings skillfully interweaves the themes of exile, lost origins, memory, and hope. It is set mainly in the Americas, from the Caribbean to modern-day South Carolina, yet Africa hovers always in the background.

MARYSE CONDÉ
TRANSLATED BY RICHARD PHILCOX

Popa Singer

A Novel

“The latest novel by one of Haiti’s most brilliant writers

“Popa Singer is the book we need now—necessary, timely, and urgent in the face of the crisis unfolding in Haiti today. The translation is wonderfully precise, no small feat when we consider the stylistic innovation that Depestre brings to this text. Glover faithfully preserves Depestre’s quintessentially quirky writing, and his radical nature comes through in word, style, and form. A fascinating read for students and scholars of world literatures in French and of African diasporic literatures in general.”—Régine Michelle Jean-Charles, Northeastern University, author of Looking for Other Worlds: Black Feminism and Haitian Fiction

The most recent book by renowned Haitian novelist, essayist, and poet René Depestre, Popa Singer is a semi-autobiographical chronicle of Haiti in the late 1950s, the very moment when the country first came under decades of despotic rule.

To celebrate her son’s return home after years of exile, Diana Fontoriel (aka “Popa Singer”)—an indomitable mother armed only with her sewing machine and her personal convictions—determines to resist in her own way the infamous Ubu King of the Tropics: François “Papa Doc” Duvalier. Depestre’s novel tells the story of this at once intimate and epic struggle. Combining colorful fantasy and biting social satire, it is a deeply personal and singularly artistic take on an infamous chapter in Haitian history.

RENÉ DEPESTRE
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Buildings of Missouri

Generously illustrated, definitive guide to the built world of Missouri

An nineteenth-century traveler once described Missouri as “neither east nor west nor north nor south.” It is a place of topographical transitions, delineated on the east by the Mississippi River and bisected by the Missouri River, encompassing a landscape of plains, bottomland, forests, and mountains, and home to iconic figures of American history—Laura Ingalls Wilder, Mark Twain, Scott Joplin, Jesse James, and Harry Truman, among them—as well as explorers, settlers, enslaved persons, immigrants, migrant workers, and, to this day, people starting new lives. Missouri has an equally rich mix of architectural styles and influences. The “Show Me State” volume in the award-winning Buildings of the United States series includes substantive guides to the major urban centers of St. Louis and Kansas City, surveys everything from Native American villages and petroglyphs to farms and small-town streetscapes, and highlights such landmarks of modern design as Adler and Sullivan’s Wainwright Building, Eero Saarinen’s iconic Gateway Arch, and Moshe Safdie’s Kauffman Center.

OSMUND OVERBY, CAROL GROVE, AND COLE WOODCOX

MIHO MAZEREEUW

Design Before Disaster
Japan’s Culture of Preparedness

The architecture of disaster preparedness

“A well-researched, clearly written investigation of the ways that Japanese decision makers, designers, and emergency managers have built physical infrastructure in ways that can save lives and mitigate loss. Those who seek to keep residents and communities safe from shocks of all kinds will learn something important from this book. It sets a high bar for future scholarship in the field.”—DANIEL F. ALDRICH, Northeastern University, author of Black Wave: How Networks and Governance Shaped Japan’s 3/11 Disasters

The islands of the Japanese archipelago are among the most frequent sites of natural disaster in the world—catastrophes that include typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, cyclones, and tsunamis. Residents of Japan have responded to their precarious environmental circumstances by developing a unique culture of preparedness—known as bōsai—that has become embedded in everyday life, equipping the island nation to make provision for what disasters may come and even, to an extent, prevent them. In this practical, engaging text, Miho Mazereeuw, whose interdisciplinary team has carried out ethnographic fieldwork and space-based analysis for more than two decades, offers a detailed guide to the concept of bōsai and its effective application on the ground. An urgent and timely book, Design Before Disaster represents the cutting edge in disaster mitigation and architectural planning in endangered places across the globe.

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**Boredom and the Architectural Imagination**

Rudofsky, Venturi, Scott Brown, and Steinberg

Boredom as an impetus for architectural theory and practice

“Mihalache’s book is timely, and her scholarship is first rate. She uses an original frame to situate her subjects and is able to unpack architectural drawings to reveal what was hidden in plain sight.”—Marc Neveu, Arizona State University

Any theorist or practitioner of architecture must confront, and even be compelled by, boredom. Called ennui, Langeweile, or acedia, boredom is a pressing concern, as the production and obsolescence of images accelerates with new technologies, leaving individuals saturated with information presented in fleeting displays that are easy to produce, easy to delete, and easy to consume. In this innovative book, Andreea Mihalache discusses the work of a quartet of well-known thinkers—designer Bernard Rudofsky, architects Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown, and artist Saul Steinberg—who all recognized this form of exhaustion and shallowness as the disease of the modern world. Rudofsky found it in a deeper and more intimate engagement between the human body and its environment. Proclaiming “Less is a bore,” Venturi, and later Scott Brown, explored excess as the remedy to boredom. With detachment and irony, Steinberg mocked the homogenous architecture of the American city. Taken together, Mihalache shows, these four offer a comprehensive view of the alienated relationship of individuals with their world at three different, yet interrelated scales: the body, the building, and the urban space.

**DANIELLE S. WILLKENS**

**The Transatlantic Design Network**

Thomas Jefferson, John Soane, and Agents of Architectural Exchange

Tracing the mutual influence of great architects of the eighteenth century on both sides of the Atlantic

“Shifting the typical discussion of architectural history from buildings to the people who influenced those buildings, this book makes a substantial contribution to the field. The Transatlantic Design Network contains much that is new and worthy. I learned a great deal.”—Mark Reinberger, University of Georgia

Although a good deal has been written about the voluminous intellectual exchange between Europe and the Americas in the eighteenth century across various humane disciplines, no study to date has focused on architectural culture, despite the fact that numerous Europeans made their way across the Atlantic to design some of America’s most important buildings. In this groundbreaking work, Danielle Willkens authoritatively fills that gap, defining and expounding the “transatlantic design network” of mainly British and American individuals that included Thomas Jefferson, the architect John Soane, and Maria Cosway, an acclaimed painter, musician, composer, and educator who maintained a lifelong correspondence with both Jefferson and Soane.

Willkens places Jefferson’s and Soane’s famous homes in a historical and aesthetic context that extends beyond their respective renown as national shrines. She shows how, contrary to their reputations, neither represents the product of a singular architectural vision. The contributions of other architects, designers, philosophers, and friends have been effectively effaced from both Monticello and the Soane House. Willkens here corrects the record, mapping the influence of this crucial hidden network on architecture and aesthetics on both sides of the Atlantic.
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US HISTORY / ECONOMIC HISTORY

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Empire of Commerce
The Closing of the Mississippi and the Opening of Atlantic Trade

A groundbreaking study situating the Mississippi River valley at the heart of the early American republic’s political economy

“Takes a striking approach to one of the key issues in the first decades after the Revolutionary War—full use of the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico—by weaving together the various inhabitants of the trans-Appalachian southwest, including the Chickasaws, the policymakers and diplomats in the national capital and abroad, and the changing trading patterns of the Atlantic world.”—James E. Lewis Jr., Kalamazoo College, author of The Burr Conspiracy: Uncovering the Story of an Early American Crisis

Shortly after the ratification of the US Constitution in 1789, twenty-two-year-old Andrew Jackson pledged his allegiance to the king of Spain. Prior to the Louisiana Purchase, imperial control of the North American continent remained an open question. Spain controlled the Mississippi River, closing it to American trade in 1784, and western men on the make like Jackson had to navigate the overlapping economic and political forces at work with ruthless pragmatism.

In Empire of Commerce, Susan Gaunt Stearns takes readers back to a time when there was nothing inevitable about the United States’ untrammeled westward expansion. Her work demonstrates the centrality of trade on and along the Mississippi River to the complex development of the political and economic structures that shaped the nascent American republic. Stearns’s perspective-shifting book reconfigures our understanding of key postrevolutionary moments—the writing of the Constitution, the outbreak of the Whiskey Rebellion, and the Louisiana Purchase—and demonstrates how the transatlantic cotton trade finally set the stage for transforming an imagined West into something real.

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US HISTORY / RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Sacred Capital
Methodism and Settler Colonialism in the Empire of Liberty

How Methodist settlers in the American West acted as agents of empire

“Accessibly written, with an eye for colorful details. Speaking back to the standard works on Methodism in the early republic, Price provides a more textured view of the itinerant ministry. He shows how early Methodists, seeing themselves as both pilgrims and settlers, built new settler networks across the expanding western borders of the United States.”—Lisa Wenger, Yale University, author of Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal

In the early years of American independence, Methodism emerged as the new republic’s fastest growing religious movement and its largest voluntary association. Following the contours of settler expansion, the Methodist Episcopal Church also quickly became the largest denomination in the early American West. With Sacred Capital, Hunter Price resituates the Methodist Episcopal Church as a settler-colonial institution at the convergence of “the Methodist Age” and Jefferson’s “Empire of Liberty.”

Price offers a novel interpretation of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a network through which mostly white settlers exchanged news of land and jobs and facilitated financial transactions. Benefiting from Indigenous dispossession and removal policies, settlers made selective, strategic use of the sacred and the secular in their day-to-day interactions to advance themselves and their interests. By analyzing how Methodists acted as settlers while identifying as pilgrims, Price illuminates the ways that ordinary white Americans fulfilled Jefferson’s vision of an Empire of Liberty while reinforcing the inequalities at its core.
Black Reason, White Feeling
The Jeffersonian Enlightenment in the African American Tradition

The lofty Enlightenment principles articulated by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, so central to conceptions of the American founding, did not emerge fully formed as a coherent set of ideas in the eighteenth century. As Hannah Spahn argues in this important book, no group had a more profound influence on their development and reception than Black intellectuals. The rationalism and universalism most associated with Jefferson today, she shows, actually sprang from critical engagements with his thought by writers such as David Walker, Lemuel Haynes, Frederick Douglass, and W. E. B. Du Bois.

Black Reason, White Feeling illuminates the philosophical innovations that these and other Black intellectuals made to build on Jefferson’s thought, shaping both Jefferson’s historical image and the exalted legacy of his ideas in American culture. It is not just the first book-length history of Jefferson’s philosophy in Black thought; it is also the first history of the American Enlightenment that centers the originality and decisive impact of the Black tradition.
Lynching in Virginia
Racial Terror and Its Legacy

Uncovering the history and examining the legacy of lynching in the state of Virginia

“An important contribution. The editor and authors have shed new light on mob violence and Virginia, most notably in their treatment of recent memorial efforts in the state, and the ways in which the criminal justice system interacted with lynch mobs and their goals.”—Michael J. Pfeifer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, author of Rough Justice: Lynching and American Society, 1874–1947

Although not as associated with lynching as other southern states, Virginia has a tragically extensive history with these horrific crimes. This important volume examines the more than one hundred people who were lynched in Virginia between 1866 and 1932. Its diverse set of contributors—including scholars, journalists, activists, and students—recover this wider history of lynching in Virginia, interrogate its legacy, and spotlight contemporary efforts to commemorate the victims of racial terror across the commonwealth. Together, their essays represent a small part of the growing effort to come to terms with the role Virginia played in perpetuating America’s national shame.

Justice for Ourselves
Black Virginians Claim Their Freedom after Slavery

A new look at the Black Virginians who defined and realized their freedom after the collapse of slavery

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The Poisoning of the American Mind

We were once warned that the “center cannot hold.” Today, when many broad societal beliefs once thought unimpeachable have been called into question, we wonder what, if anything, is left of the center. What was indispensable to our previous societal consensus? What are the technological, political, and media drivers behind the challenges to that consensus? What remedies—if any—to address the present circumstance are available to us? The essays collected in The Poisoning of the American Mind represent not a single unified perspective but a conversation around these questions. Issues on both the right and left of the political spectrum are explored without devolving into false equivalences, making the collection not only a conversation unto itself but a valuable starting point for engaging in further discussion.

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Does Privilege Prevail?

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We, Us, and Them
Affect and American Nonfiction from Vietnam to Trump

How prominent writers of the past half century have presented the divergent visions of “We the People”

“Dowland makes a convincing case for the importance of thinking about affect and nonfiction as a way not only to understand the political moment of the present but also to trace some of the ways this present has developed and come into being.”
—SEAN AUSTIN GRATTTAN, author of Hope Isn’t Stupid: Utopian Affects in Contemporary American Literature

When Americans describe their compatriots, who exactly are they talking about? This is the urgent question that Douglas Dowland asks in We, Us, and Them. In search of answers, he turns to narratives of American nationhood written since the Vietnam War—stories in which the ostensibly strong state of the Union has been turned increasingly into an America of us versus them. Dowland explores how a range of writers across the political spectrum, including Hunter S. Thompson, James Baldwin, and J. D. Vance, articulate a particular vision of America with such strong conviction that they undermine the unity of the country they claim to exalt. We, Us, and Them pinpoints instances in which criticism leads to cynicism, rage leads to apathy, and a broad vision narrows in our present moment.

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CULTURAL FRAMES, FRAMING CULTURE

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Changed Men
Veterans in American Popular Culture after World War II

Postwar culture and anxiety over the reintegration of veterans into American society

“An exemplary contribution to our understanding of the postwar American landscape and its complicated negotiations of gender, demobilization, and violence through a range of cultural media.”—ABIGAIL CHEEVER, University of Richmond, author of Real Phonies: Cultures of Authenticity in Post–World War II America

Millions of GIs returned from overseas in 1945. A generation of men who had left their families and had learned to kill and to quickly dispatch sexual urges were rapidly reintegrated into civilian life, told to put the war behind them with cheer and confidence. Many veterans struggled, openly or privately, with this transition. Others in society wondered what the war had wrought in them. As Erin Lee Mock shows in this insightful book, the “explosive” potential of men became a central concern of postwar American culture.

This wariness of veterans settled into a generalized anxiety over men’s “inherent” violence and hypersexuality, which increasingly came to define masculinity. Changed Men engages with studies of film, media, literature, and gender and sexuality to advance a new perspective on the artistic and cultural output of and about the “Greatest Generation,” arguing that depictions of men’s violent and erotic potential emerged differently in different forms and genres but nonetheless permeated American culture in these years. Viewing this homecoming through the lenses of war and trauma, classical Hollywood, pulp fiction, periodical culture, and early television, Mock shows this history in a provocative new light.

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Developments in the southern states offered other opportunities. Major General Lafayette, who commanded in Virginia, stalked the withdrawal of Lt. Gen. Charles Cornwallis and his British army toward the Chesapeake Bay and deployed his troops to contain the enemy once they took post at Yorktown. Learning that de Grasse would sail to the Chesapeake Bay abruptly changed Washington’s thinking. Rather than besiege New York City, he would seize the initiative and move the bulk of his force to Virginia.

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