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Personalities

Adenauer / Ronald Irving. Harlow : Longman, 2002.
DD259.7 Ade.Ir 2002.

Konrad Adenauer was Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany during the crucially important post-war years 1949-63, often referred to as the 'Adenauer Era'. Adenauer was certainly a very influential figure in post-war Germany politics. In 1949 he became Chancellor of a still-occupied country, which lay in ruins after the collapse of Hitler's dictatorship. When his Chancellorship ended fourteen years later, the Federal Republic was a prosperous, powerful, sovereign, liberal democracy, firmly committed to the Western Alliance.

Albert Einstein : the incorrigible plagiarist / Christopher Jon Bjerknes. Downers Grove, IL : XTX, 2002.
QC16 Ein.Bj 2002

Arrested development: The Aaron Cohen Story / Paul Little. St Leonards, NSW : Allen & Unwin, 2000.
DU420.34 Coh.L 2000.

New Zealanders Aaron Cohen and his mother Lorraine were arrested in Singapore for drug trafficking. This is an account for Aaron's childhood, his imprisonment, and his life after release in 1996.

The Bolivian diary of Ernesto Che Guevara / Mary-Alice Waters (ed.), Ernesto Che Geuvara. New York : Pathfinder, 1994.
F3326 Gue 1994

Charmed lives : a family romance / Michael Korda. New York : Perennial, 2002.
PN1998.3 Kor.K 2002



A rags-to-riches tale of three Hungarian brothers who rose to the top of Hollywood's elite circles. Sir Alexander Korda, one of Hollywood's most flamboyant movie tycoons, and a legendary film-maker is portrayed by his nephew in this memoir, along with his two brothers, Zoltan and Vincent, which traces their rise to glory, and their tragic end.

The curious enlightenment of Professor Caritat : a comedy of ideas / Steven Lukes. London : Verso, 1995.
PR6062 L954C 1995

The Curious Enlightenment of Professor Caritat is a whirlwind journey through a series of vividly imagined political landscapes where eighteenth-century ideas confront twentieth-century concerns. Caritat, a middle-aged Candide, walks naively through worlds of ideological extremes, equipped only with a small travelling bag and a knowledge of such thinkers as Voltaire, Rousseau, Kant and Hume.

Dare to do: the story of William Soeryadjaya and PT Astra International / Charlotte Butler.
Singapore : McGraw-Hill, 2002.
HC446.5 *Soe.Bu 2002

A daughter of Isis : the autobiography of Nawal El Saadawi / translated from the Arabic by Sherif Hetata. Spinifex Press : Australia, 2002.
PJ7862 Sad.D

Emperor of Japan : Meiji and His world, 1852-1912 / Donald Keene. New York : Columbia UP, 2002.
DS882.7 Kee 2002

The gloves : a boxing chronicle / Robert Anasi. New York : North Point Press, 2002.
GV 1125 Ana

Autobiographical account of a man's attempt at age thirty-three to enter the Golden Gloves tournament. Meanwhile, he observes the changing world of amateur boxing, in which investment bankers spar with ex-convicts and everyone dreads a fatal blow to the head.

Greene on Capri : a memoir / Shirley Hazzard. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2000.
PR6013 G799*H 2000

In the 1960s, Graham Greene came to know Shirley Hazzard and her husband, writer Francis Steegmuller, in Capri. Their friendship lasted until Greene's death in 1991. Hazzard illuminates Green's mercurial character, and the extraordinary literary culture that long thrived on this island.


Love at Goon Park : Harry Harlow and the science of affection / Deborah Blum. Cambridge, MA : Perseus Pub., 2002.
BF109 Har.B 2002

In the early 20th century, affection between parents and children was discouraged, as psychologists thought it would create needy and demanding offspring. It took a

revolution in psychology to overturn these beliefs, and prove that a loving touch not only didn't harm but in fact ensured emotional and intellectual growth. Brilliant, alcoholic and work-obsessed, Harry Harlow was a psychologist pursuing an idea that human affection could be studied and understood. His darkest experiments of neglect and its consequences – on the primates in his laboratory – confirmed love's central role in making us smarter.

Lucky him : the life of Kingsley Amis / Richard Bradford. London : Peter Owen, 2001.
PR6001 Bra 2001

Marie Antoinette : the journey / Antonia Fraser. New York : Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, 2001.
DC137.1 Fra 2001

On  publishing : a professional memoir / Lionel Leventhal. London : Greenhill Books, 2002.
Z325 Lev 2002

Peter the Great : a biography / Lindsey Hughes. New Haven : Yale UP, 2002.
DK131 Hug 2002

Sakharov : a biography / Richard Lourie. Hanover : Brandeis UP, 2002.
DK 275 Sak.L

Serpent in the bosom : the rise and fall of Slobodan Milošević / Lenard J. Cohen. Colorado : Westview Press, 2001.
DR 1309 Coh

The Stranger from Paradise : a biography of William Blake / G.E. Bentley, Jr. Published for the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art by Yale University Press : New Haven, 2001.
PR 4146 Ben

Tenzing Norgay and the Sherpas of Everest / Tashi Tenzing with Judy Tenzing. Camden, ME : Ragged Mountain Press/McGraw-Hill, 2001.
GV199.44 Eve.T
Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Tenzing received many honours, but he was never comfortable with his celebrity status. Instead he chose to champion the cause of the Sherpa people, live simply and work to improve their conditions. Authored by his grandson, this provides an account of the Sherpa culture and how their lives were forever changed by the Western obsession with the world's highest mountain.

The letters of Arturo Toscanini / compiled, edited, and translated by Harvey Sachs. London : Faber 2002. ML422 Tos.To 2002

↻ People ↻

An Asperger marriage / Chris and Gisela Slater-Walker ; foreword by Tony Attwood. London : Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2002.
RC553 Asp.S 2002
Asperger's Syndrome(AS) is a neurobiological disorder. Persons with AS may suffer from problems with social and emotional situations, such as emotional bonding, body language and

determining personal space. Chris Slater-Walker has AS and despite an inability to develop an intuitive understanding with each other, the couple has proved that persons with AS can strive for a healthy marriage relationship.

Blue cats and chartreuse kittens : how synesthetes color their worlds. 1st ed. / Patricia Lynne Duffy. New York : Times Books, 2001.
BF497 Duf 2001
Synesthesia: a condition where a stimulus excites more than the normal senses. A synesthete may 'feel' a taste, hear a color, or words and letters may also evoke color or sound.

Clinicians' guide to adult ADHD : assessment and intervention / Sam Goldstein, Anne Teeter Ellison. Amsterdam ; San Diego, CA : Academic Press, 2002.
RC394 Att.Go 2002
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is a biological condition that also affects both children and adults.

Making history : interviews with four generals of Cuba's Revolutionary Armed Forces / introduction, edited by Mary-Alice Waters ; preface by Juan Almeida Bosque. New York : Pathfinder, 2000.
F1788 Mak 2000

Migrant Labour in Japan / Yoko Sellek. New York : Palgrave, 2001
HD8728.5 Sel

The Mummy congress : science, obsession and the everlasting dead / Heather Pringle. New York : Hyperion, 2001
GN 293 Pri
Science journalist Heather Pringle finds herself in the midst of the most passionate gathering in her life – dozens of mummy experts lodged in a small hotel in Chile, battling over the implications of their latest discoveries. Infected by their mania, Pringle circles the globe, and recounts the intriguing findings during her travels.



Port of last resort : the diaspora communities of Shanghai / Marcia Reynders Ristaino. Stanford, CA : Stanford UP, 2001.
DS 796 Sha.Ri

Special siblings : growing up with someone with a disability. Rev. ed. / Mary McHugh. Baltimore, MD : Paul H. Brookes, 2003.
HV1553 Mch 2003

A time for tea : women, labor, and post/colonial politics on an Indian plantation / Piya Chatterjee. Durham : Duke UP, 2001.
HD 8039 Tea.C

Twenty-five yards of war: the extraordinary courage of ordinary men in World War II / Ronal J. Drez. New York: Hyperion, 2001.
D736 Dre

Women and the Machine: Representations from the spinning wheel to the Electronic age / Julie Wosk. Baltimore : Johns Hopkins UP, 2001.
HQ1233 Wos

Women on the verge : Japanese women, Western dreams / Karen Kelsky. Durham, NC : Duke UP, 2001. HQ1762 Kel 2001

↻ Places ↻

Crescent and star : Turkey between two worlds / Stephen Kinzer. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2001. DR 576 Kin

Culture and conquest in Mongol Eurasia / Thomas T. Allsen. Cambridge, UK : CUP, 2001. DS740.5 Ira.Al 2001

Empires of the Sand : the struggle for mastery in the Middle East 1789-1923 / Efraim Karsh, Inari Karsh. Cambridge, MA : Harvard UP, 1999. DS62.7 Kar

Journeys through Southeast Asia : ceritalah 2 / Karim Raslan. Singapore : Times Books International, 2002. DS597 Kr 2002 (CL Main Shelves ; CL SMC)

Male colors : the construction of homosexuality in Tokugawa Japan / Gary P. Leupp. Berkeley : University of California Press, 1995. HQ76.3 Jap.L

↻ Past ↻

A word a day : a romp through some of the most unusual and intriguing words in English / Anu Garg; with Stuti Garg. Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley, 2003. PE1449 Gar 2003

Ancestors in post-contact religion : roots, ruptures, and modernity's memory / Steven J. Friesen (ed.). Cambridge, MA : Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, 2001. BL467 Ane 2001

Bugis navigation / Gene Ammarell. New Haven, CT : Yale University Southeast Asia Studies, 1999. DS632 Bug.Am 1999



Deconstructing the starships : science, fiction and reality / Gwyneth Jones. Liverpool : Liverpool UP, 1999.

PN3448 Sci.Jo
These essays and reviews have been selected from work by a practicing Science Fiction (SF) writer produced during a decade in which the stuff of SF became part of everyday life. The subject matter of this collection is varied, but displays Jones' stance as a SF writer and a feminist.

Dreaming : an introduction to the science of sleep / J. Allan Hobson. Oxford : OUP, 2002. QP426 Hob 2002

The first fossil hunters : paleontology in Greek and Roman times / Adrienne Mayor. Princeton, NJ : Princeton UP, 2000. QE705 Gre.Ma 2000
The ancient Greeks and Romans had already developed theories about fossil findings - some wildly fantastic, and some unexpectedly accurate. From ancient bones and ancient

archaeologists come tales of centaurs, griffons and other mythical creatures.

Jumbo's hide, Elvis's ride, and the tooth of Buddha : more marvelous tales of historical artifacts / Harvey Rachlin. New York : H. Holt, 2000. D10 Rac

The house : its origins and evolution. Rev., updated ed. / Stephen Gardiner. London : Constable, 2002. NA7105 Gar 2002



The imperial mind : the fascinating and deeply strategic mind of Empress Wu Zetian / Foo Check Teck. Singapore : Horizon Books, 2002. DS749.42 Wh.Fo 2002

Making history count : a primer in quantitative methods for historians / Charles H. Feinstein, Mark Thomas. New York : Cambridge UP, 2002. D16.17 Fei 2002

The matrix and philosophy : welcome to the desert of the real / William Irwin (ed.). Chicago, IL : Open Court, 2002. PNI997 Mat.M 2002

The measure of all things : the seven-year odyssey and hidden error that transformed the world / Ken Alder. New York : Free Press, 2002. QB291 Ald 2002

In the chaos of the French Revolution, two astronomers set out to measure the world, north to Dunkirk, and south to Barcelona. Their findings would define the meter as one ten-millionth of the distance between pole and equator. One of the astronomers, Pierre-Francois-Andre Mechain, made and then covered up his contradictory measurements in Barcelona. The guilt of his misdeed drove him to madness and death. Only after that, and the public announcement of the meter, did his partner Jean-Baptist-Joseph Delambre, discover the truth and face a fateful choice.

Milan since the miracle : city, culture and identity / John Foot. Oxford : Berg, 2001. DG662 Foo 2001

This book traces Milan's "biography" through its buildings, design, fashion, cinema, families, immigrants and television. The city emerges as a potent economic power-house and laboratory for change, where art and culture converge in a modern but problematic urban space.

The origins of the First World War. 3rd ed. / Ruth Henig. London : Routledge, 2002. D511 Hen 2002

Peony Pavilion onstage : four centuries in the career of a Chinese drama / Catherine C. Swatek. Ann Arbor : Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2002. DS701 Mmc 88 2002

"Mu dan ting" depicts the melancholic drama of the incessant love of Du Liniang for the man who appeared in her dream. The greatest masterpiece among the four by China's greatest classical opera composer, Tang Xianzu.

Renaissance and Reformation: the intellectual genesis / Anthony Levi. New Haven : Yale UP, 2002.

CB359 Lev 2002
Russia and the Russians: a history / Geoffrey Hosking.
Cambridge, MA : Belknap press of Harvard UP, 2001.
DK40 Hos

Theorizing fandom : fans, subculture, and identity /
Cheryl Harris, Alison Alexander (eds.) Cresskill, NJ :
Hampton Press, 1998.
PN21 The 1998

Unthinking social science : the limits of nineteenth-
century paradigms. 2nd ed., with a new preface. /
Immanuel Wallerstein. Philadelphia : Temple UP, 2001.
HD78 Wal 2001

*A discussion of the roots of social scientific thinking. It
develops a critique of the legacy of 19th-century social science,
arguing that we need to "unthink" - radically revise and
discard - many of the presumptions that still remain the
foundation of dominant perspectives today.*

The viol : history of an instrument /
Annette Otterstedt : Hans Reiners (trans.).
Kassel : Bnreiter, 2002.
ML927 Vio.O 2002



↔ Present ↔

Anatomy of greed : the unshredded truth from an Enron
insider / Brian Cruver; foreword by Steve Salbu. New
York : Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2002.
HD9502 *Uni.C 2002

Cooking the books : mythologies of money / Anna
Kassulke. Westport, CT : Praeger, 2001.
HG220 Kas 2001

How to make brilliant stuff that people love ... and make
big money out of it / Patrick W. Jordan. Chichester, W.
Sussex : Wiley, 2002.
TS171.4 Jor 2002

IQ and the wealth of nations / Richard Lynn and Tatu
Vanhanen. Westport, CT : Praeger, 2002.
BF431 Lyn 2002

Journeys through Southeast Asia : ceritalah 2 / Karim
Raslan. Singapore : Times Books International, 2002.
DS597 Kr 2002 (CL Main Shelves ; CL SMC)

The joy of freedom : an economist's odessey / David R.
Henderson. London : Prentice Hall, 2002.
HB95 Hen 2002
*Henderson shines a light on freedom at work in every corner of
human life, making the most powerful case for free markets
since Milton and Rose Friedman's Free to Choose. Along the
way, he demolishes the conventional "wisdom" that has
justified government's role in environmental regulation,
education, social security, and healthcare and shows once and
for all why government programs perpetuate poverty instead of
eliminating it.*

Life, liberty, and the defense of dignity : the challenge for
bioethics. 1st ed. / Leon R. Kass. San Francisco :
Encounter Books, 2002.
QH332 Kas 2002
*As in Huxley's dystopia, where life has been smoothed out by
genetic manipulation, psychoactive drugs and high-tech
amusement, our own accelerating efforts to master
reproduction and genetic endowment, to retard aging, and to*

*conquer illness, imperfection and even death are animated
by our most humane and progressive aspirations. But we
are walking too quickly down the road to physical and
psychological utopia, Kass believes, without pausing to
assess the potential damage to our humanity from this
brave new biology.*

Prime Mover : a natural history of muscle / Steven
Vogel, illustrated by Annette deFerrari and the author



New York: W. W. Norton and
Company, 2001.
QP 321 Vog

Quantum City / Ayssar Arida. Oxford : Architectural
Press, 2002.
NA9050 Ari 2002.

*Ayssar Arida explores the metaphorical relationships
between quantum theory, urban design and the concept of
the city. Using the terminology and themes of quantum
physics, the author draws the reader into an intriguing
discussion of the principles, practices and operations of
urbanism.*

Shared fantasy : role-playing games as social worlds /
Gary Alan Fine. Chicago : University of Chicago Press,
1983.
GV1469.6 Fin 1983

Smoke-filled rooms : a postmortem on the tobacco
deal / W. Kip Viscusi. Chicago : University of
Chicago Press, 2002.
HD9136 Vis 2002
*"Viscusi, a longtime student of the economics of risk,
makes a convincing case that the \$243 billion settlement
wrung from the tobacco companies by state attorneys
general did little to improve public health or the financial
condition of smokers and invited another round of spurious
private litigation from relatives of smokers whose untimely
deaths were largely their own fault. The only winners,
according to the Harvard Law School professor, are state
taxpayers who don't deserve the windfall and the private
lawyers, whose \$20 billion to \$30 billion payday bears no
relation to the work or risk involved." (From Washington
Post, July 7, 2002)*

The time bind : when work becomes home and home
becomes work. New ed. / Arlie Russell Hochschild.
New York : Henry Holt & Co., 1997.
HQ536 Hoc 1997
*Hochschild exposes the disturbing time bind of American
families: parents are putting more hours in at work to
support their families, which creates more stress at home,
which pushes parents into seeking more work time to
escape tensions at home. The result of this time crunch is
the growth of the "third shift"-- time parents spend to
repair the damage of their compulsion to work.*

Transforming technology: a critical theory revisited /
Andrew Feenberg. New York : OUP, 2002.
T14 Fee 2002

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