



World Series of Books

"Everywhere have I sought rest and found it not, except sitting apart in a nook with a little book." —Thomas à Kempis



Each fall the "Mindszenty Report" publishes a list of books which we believe will interest and inspire our readers. Our subject recommendations range from faith and culture to government and history. Most of these books can be found in your local bookstore while others may be ordered directly from the publisher, or borrowed from your local library, (not from CMF).

FAITH

- **THE DOLOROUS PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** by Anne Catherine Emmerich (North Bay Books, 2003) With all the attention given to Mel Gibson's highly successful movie **The Passion of the Christ** it is edifying to know that this book which inspired the movie is readily available. First published in 1833, it describes the last days in the life of Christ in vivid detail, serving as a splendid book for Holy Hour meditation and private prayer.
- **PERSECUTION: How Liberals Are Waging War Against Christianity** by David Limbaugh, (Regnery, 2003). The First Amendment is the most often quoted amendment in the U. S. Constitution, yet it is the least understood. David Limbaugh, a Cape Girardeau, MO lawyer has hit the issue right between the eyes. The free exercise clause in the Amendment is under a severe "tornado" warning. The forces of liberalism are doing everything to hinder, prevent, and eliminate organized religion from having an influence in American life. The book is rich in anecdotal information with hundreds of examples, demonstrating this left-wing strategy.

Limbaugh assiduously chronicles the left's hypocrisy in scrubbing the last vestiges of Christian belief and practice from the schools and government and replacing them with enlightened secular humanism. The book is an indispensable tool in fighting the culture war on the religious front.
- **WHY AMERICA SHOULD BE UNDER GOD** by William J. Federer (Amerisearch, 2004). The author shows why we must be under God to experience true equality and freedom; includes acknowledgments of God from all fifty State Constitutions and all 43 Presidential Inaugural Addresses.
- **THE RIGHTEOUS** by Martin Gilbert (Conservative Book Club, 2004). Mainstream historians have largely ignored the story of the many Christians who risked their lives to help the Jewish people during World War II. Distinguished British historian Sir Martin Gilbert has corrected that imbalance with his new book. Drawing on 25 years of research Gilbert vividly recreates the dramatic stories of Christian priests, nuns, nurses, diplomats and other lay people who risked the death camps with their heroic efforts to help their Jewish neighbors. The book is also a vindication of Pope Pius XII's role in opposing Hitler and saving hundreds of thousands of Jewish lives from the Holocaust.
- **THE DA VINCI HOAX** by Carl Olson and Sandra Miesel. (Ignatius Press, 2004). The authors have done a superb and meticulous job of dissecting the fraud of *The Da Vinci Code* best-selling book. They expose the sloppy research, the misleading "evidence", and the outright fabrication of Dan Brown's novel, and they offer truthful, Biblical answers regarding Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Leonardo Da Vinci and others. Gnosticism, paganism, rationalism, contemporary New Age religion are all put in perspective. Must reading for all those taken in by the Brown theological hoax.
- **INSIDE ISLAM: A GUIDE FOR CATHOLICS** by Daniel Ali and Robert Spencer (Ascension Press, 2003). The authors utilize an easy-to-follow Question & Answer format so that all Catholics-both the theological novice and the well catechized-can learn the basics of Islam. Ali is a convert from Islam to Catholicism. This is an essential resource for anyone who wants to know more about this historic and controversial faith from the Middle East.

- Also Robert Spencer, who has studied Islam for more than 20 years, has authored **ONWARD MUSLIM SOLDIERS**. The book explores jihad, both historically and as it is preached in mosques around the world, the intensity of Islamic hatred toward our free society and its alliance with the American Left.

CULTURE

- **WEAPONS OF MASS DISTORTION: The Coming Meltdown of the Liberal Media** by L. Brent Bozell III, (Crown/Forum, 2004). Bozell, founder and President of the Media Research Center, has written a timely book that uses hundreds of examples to expose the mainstream media's endemic preference for left-wing tenets. He explores the media's systemic hypocrisy that constantly condemns conservative "hate speech," while blindly overlooking the vicious assaults on conservatives from the left. The author's most compelling chapter concerns the media's blatant attempt to steal the 2000 presidential election for Al Gore. His book has an arsenal of facts that support arguments against abortion, gun control, and homosexual rights. It is a wonderful life preserver for anyone who wants to swim in the muddy waters of America's public debate.
- **UNCLE SAM'S PLANTATION** by Star Parker (WND Books, 2003). The author, a former single welfare mother, sheds much needed light on how government's bungled bureaucratic attempts to end poverty are fraught with insidious deceptions, and the end result is another form of slavery. With fresh perspective, intelligence and compassion, Parker lays out a constructive, empowering plan to transcend poverty and return dignity to the poor.
- **EVERYDAY GRACES: A CHILD'S BOOK OF GOOD MANNERS** by Karen Santorum (ISI Books, 2003). Described as a handy guide, a finely illustrated keepsake and an educational tool, Karen Santorum, wife of Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, has edited this collection of instructive literature to teach good manners for children. The author is on a mission to increase civility in our culture as she says we have reached a saturation point of rudeness. She extols the joys of motherhood, which is part of the pleasure of imparting good manners to children.
- **EDMUND BURKE & THE NATURAL LAW** by Peter J. Stanlis (Transaction Publishers, 2003). Stanlis re-affirms the rich tradition of moral and political thought of Natural Law and its central place in the philosophy of conservatism's "founding father," Edmund Burke. Stanlis explains why Burke belongs in the great classic tradition of Aristotle and Cicero, and the scholastic tradition of Thomas Aquinas. The book is relevant today and should be mandatory reading for students of philosophy, political science, law and history.

- **7 MYTHS OF WORKING MOTHERS** by Suzanne Venker (Forward by Dr. Laura Schlessinger) (Spence Publishing, 2004). Drawing upon extensive current social science research and her own experience as a mother and a teacher, Venker tackles the most contentious issues of working motherhood: equality, family economics, guilt, stress, day care and more. She questions women's attempts at balancing career and motherhood during children's young, formative years.

GOVERNMENT

- **HATING AMERICA: The New World Sport** by John Gibson, (Regan Books, 2004). This book picks up where Daniel Flynn's book **WHY THE LEFT HATES AMERICA: Exposing the Lies That Have Obscured Our Nation's Greatness** left off. While Flynn's book concentrated on the left-wing animus for conservative thinking and patriotic fervor within the nation's own shores, author Gibson expands the parameters of vitriol and disdain to around the globe. Since 9/11 he has collected hundreds of examples that are "off-the-chart" levels of venom, false assumptions, endless suspicions, mistrust and the promulgation of outright, willful lies. From the Canadian Rockies to the Steppes of Russia, even tiny Belgium has seized every opportunity to tweak the American superpower.
- **RECKLESS DISREGARD: How Liberal Democrats Undercut our Military, Endanger our Soldiers, and Jeopardize our Security** by Lt. Col. Robert "Buzz" Patterson, (Regnery, 2004). Liberal disdain and even hatred of the military has been standard fare in Washington for generations. Lt. Col. Patterson, who spent two years as a military aide to President Clinton, knows this firsthand. In light of post- 9/11 American national security, especially military security, Patterson exposes the embellished military exploits of presidential candidate John Kerry. His "war wounds" and his eagerness to exit the military so he could run for office, while undermining the war effort in Vietnam, speak volumes about the self-serving ambitions of this potential president.
- **LOSING BIN LADEN: How Bill Clinton's Failures Unleashed Global Terror**, by Richard Minter (Regnery, 2003). It is an excellent companion volume to Patterson's book. Journalist Minter focuses primarily on the Clinton administration's decided failure in capturing Osama bin Laden and ultimately preventing the 9/11 attacks.
- **AMERICA THE VIRTUOUS: The Crisis of Democracy and the Quest for Empire** by Claes G. Ryn (Transaction Publishers, 2003). A native of Sweden and a Catholic University professor of Political Science, Claes Ryn advances a thought-provoking argument that the current ideological movement to extend the "virtues"

of democracy around the globe is a rapid departure from the worldview of America's founders. Ryn calls this new ideological force "the New Jacobins," who have discarded reliance on virtue and character for popular sovereignty and unbridled free choice. The author argues that the country has turned its back on the old adage that America served as a model for other countries, a proverbial "city on a hill," which led by example and not force.

Alarming, the uncritical export of democracy has implicit within it abortion, euthanasia, and the advancement of homosexuality. This book challenges some of the very basic assumptions in the current debate over foreign policy.

- **WAITING FOR SNOW IN HAVANA** by Carlos Eire (Simon & Schuster, 2003). The author, a professor of History & Religious Studies at Yale University, tells of how Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution wrecked his family. It is an inspiring account of gut-wrenching loss, tenacity, struggle, and eventual redemption, yet much humor and tenderness abound. Castro's Cuba continues to repress thought, expression and freedom to read and write. Eire won the 2003 prestigious National Book Award for this book.
- **THE SUPREMACISTS: THE TYRANNY OF JUDGES AND HOW TO STOP IT** by Phyllis Schlafly (Spence Publishing, 2004). According to Schlafly, the gravest threat to the American republic is the supreme power of judges (at all levels) over political, social and economic policies. In this bracing indictment, the author exposes the courts' 50-year conquest of legislative authority. The book is both a warning and a battle plan for overthrowing this tyranny.

HISTORY

- **LEFT ILLUSIONS: An Intellectual Odyssey** by David Horowitz (Spence, 2003). Chinese military philosopher Sun Tzu said that one must study his enemy to learn how to defeat him. For most of his early life David Horowitz was a dedicated enemy of Christianity, America and capitalism. A "red diaper baby," he learned the basic tenets of Marxist-Leninism and Freudianism from his parents who were card-carrying Communists. Horowitz became one of the Left's intellectual leaders. After working for the Black Panthers in Oakland, CA in 1974, he had an epiphany as sharp and clear as Saul at TARSUS. The book is ambitious intellectual forage through the weeds and fog of Horowitz's thirty-year journey and ultimate conversion to conservatism.
- **CATHOLICISM AND AMERICAN FREEDOM: A History**, by John T. McGreevy (Norton, 2003). Notre Dame Professor McGreevy has written an incisive history of the struggle of American Catholics to gain acceptance in America. It is a compelling story of the

dynamics of Catholic social history since the mid-19th century, when the nation was dominated by a deep-seated anti-Catholic bigotry. McGreevy assiduously explores the *Kulturkampf* or culture war that erupted between the Protestant majority and a rapidly growing Catholic population, which was trying to assimilate into the mainstream of American life.

- **RUSSELL KIRK AND THE AGE OF IDEOLOGY** by W. Wesley McDonald (University of Missouri Press, 2004). It was Russell Kirk's seminal work, *The Conservative Mind*, published in 1953 that gave rise to a movement that crystallized with the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980 and 1984. A Professor of Political Science at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania who was mentored by Kirk for many years, McDonald has written a superlative biography that succinctly captures the depth and flavor of Kirk's incisive mind. Relying heavily on 18th century Irish political philosopher, Edmund Burke, Kirk developed a profound respect for the prescriptive wisdom of the past, or what G. K. Chesterton called "the democracy of dead". It is a country's traditions, reflected in its religious dogma, letters, social mores and customs that historically have provided a continuity that supports the foundations of its national vitality. In loosening these moorings, 20th century liberalism has advanced the destruction of American civilization. This book will help Kirk take his rightful place in the pantheon of Catholic thinkers who include Orestes Bronson, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Christopher Dawson, John Henry Cardinal Newman, and Flannery O'Connor.
- **THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC VOTER: Two Hundred Years of Political Impact** by George J. Marlin, (St. Augustine Press, Inc., 2004). A history of American Catholics in the electoral process to the present in which the Catholic vote will be the pivotal bloc in the 2004 election.
- * **STALIN: THE COURT OF THE RED TSAR** by Simon S. Montefiore (Knopf, 2004). The author describes the infamous Joseph Stalin as an especially brutal Bolshevik of above-average intelligence and natural shrewdness who gained power ruthlessly in the decade of the 30's. He solidified his power by assassinations, torture, murder, imprisonment and by sending thousands to the ghastly Siberian gulags. Stalin's idols were Adolph Hitler because of his anti-Semitism and Ivan the Terrible because of his everyday beastliness. Montefiore has mined the open Soviet archives to write this well-researched biography and presents an intimate and full picture of the notorious Communist dictator.

Book recommendations are prepared by Elaine Middendorf, Radio Producer of Dangers of Apathy and William A. Borst, Ph.D., author, editor, talk show host.

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