

Recent Books by Rackham Alumni

An Illuminated Life: Belle da Costa Greene's Journey from Prejudice to Privilege

Heidi Ardizzone

Publisher: W. W. Norton & Company
2007

In this expertly written biography, Heidi Ardizzone explores the fascinating life of a mixed-race socialite in early 20th century New York. Hiding her African American heritage, Belle da Costa Greene rose to prominence in New York high society and wielded influence amongst some of the most powerful figures of her time. Ardizzone reveals the mysteries of da Costa Greene's life, while offering insight on the complexities of racial identity, gender, and power in American history.

East, West and Beyond

Gloria Dyc

Publisher: Plain View Press
2007

The author's young life in the Eastern US, her adulthood in the West, and her vision for the future are the inspiration for this collection of poems. Vivid descriptions allow the reader to experience her journey across time and space.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Palmer House

Grant Hildebrand with Ann and Leonard K. Eaton

Publisher: University of Washington Press
2007

The authors offer an informative and engaging look at the design, construction, history, and meaning of Frank Lloyd Wright's Palmer House in Ann Arbor. The book includes extensive photographs and sketches of a family home that the authors describe as "the finest" of Wright's later designs.

Frankenstein: A Cultural History

Susan Tyler Hitchcock

Publisher: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.
2007

The influence of this iconic monster on our cultural history is undeniable. Susan Tyler Hitchcock traces the history of Frankenstein, using film, politics, books, science, and social movements over the last two hundred years to illustrate its meaning in our society.

The New Rules of International Negotiation: Building Relationships, Earning Trust, and Creating Influence Around the World

Catherine Lee

Publisher: The Career Press, Inc.
2007

As the business world becomes increasingly global, cross-cultural communication has become a critical skill. Drawing upon her own experiences in international business negotiations, Catherine Lee offers the reader guidelines on how to negotiate respectfully and effectively in a range of cultural contexts.

Body of Work: Meditations on Mortality from the Human Anatomy Lab

Christine Montross

Publisher: The Penguin Press
2007

A poet turned medical student, Christine Montross writes an introspective and exquisitely detailed memoir about her relationship with Eve, the cadaver she dissected during her first year of medical school. She captures the challenges and revelations involved in the clinical task of anatomical dissection, when faced with the undeniable reality of her subject's humanity.

Mice Make War

Leo Rockas

Publisher: PublishAmerica
2006

With inspiration taken from the *Nutcracker* and George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, Leo Rockas writes a story about a little girl's dream involving a war between mice, squirrels and ferrets in the countryside. A closer read reveals a scathing critique of the Bush administration.

Memories and Migrations: Mapping Boricua and Chicana Histories

Vicki L. Ruiz and John R. Chavez

Publisher: University of Illinois Press
2008

This collection of essays explores the complex ways in which Latina identities interact with location, memory and migration. Focusing on the stories of Chicana and Puerto Rican women in Los Angeles, New York, Tucson, and elsewhere, the collection seeks "a fuller recounting of Latina history."

An Economic History of the United States from 1607 to the Present

Ronald E. Seavoy

Publisher: Routledge
Taylor & Francis Group, LLC
2006

How has the US emerged as a leader in the world economy in just 400 years? Ronald E. Seavoy explores this complex question in simple terms, examining issues such as the colonial economy, the railroad era, the world wars, and globalization, and how they all play into the nation's current status in the global arena.

Budo Mind and Body: Training Secrets of the Japanese Martial Arts

Nicklaus Suino

Publisher: Weatherhill
2006

This instructional guide offers the reader an overview of the essentials of budo, a traditional Japanese martial arts form. The author, a black belt himself, explains the practice and philosophy of budo in a style accessible to both beginners and advanced students.

The Witch Hunts: A History of the Witch Persecutions in Europe and North America

Robert W. Thurston

Publisher: Pearson Education Limited
2007

Thousands of people were killed during the witch hunts that occurred in Europe and America between 1400 and 1700. Robert W. Thurston's review of scholarship on this topic explores the psychological, social and historical forces that caused the witch hunts to take place.

Zublinka Among Women

Robert Wexelblatt

Publisher: Ken Arnold Books LLC
2008

In this clever and touching novel, Zublinka is a lovable seventy-year old author and philosopher living in exile in America, having falsely claimed authorship of a political pamphlet in a country once under communist rule. Though he lives a rich life in the US, he decides to confront his past and return to his homeland after the fall of communism. The novel chronicles his journey and reveals that "the discovery of truth and one's self is the work of a lifetime." ■