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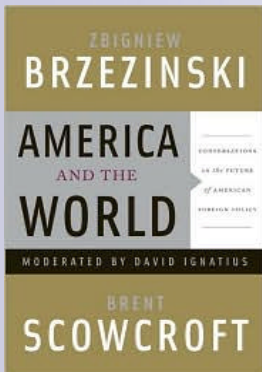


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## Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik; Terrorismus



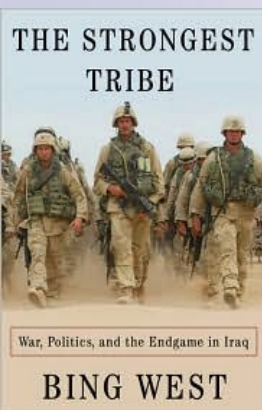
### "America and the World: Conversations on the Future of American Foreign Policy"

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Brent Scowcroft, David Ignatius

Publisher: Perseus Publishing  
Pub. Date: September 2008  
Hardcover  
304pp

#### Synopsis

The two most respected figures in American foreign policy define the international challenges facing the next president in the must-read foreign policy book of the season. Given the bitterness of partisan debates about foreign policy, now exacerbated by a tight race for the presidency, one might expect Brzezinski and Scowcroft to disagree vehemently about the challenges America faces abroad, the decisions that have shaped the nation's current travails and what the next president should do. Instead, they seem to see eye to eye on nearly every major foreign policy issue facing the United States...And, contrary to the operative assumption behind Sunday morning TV talk shows, it turns out that two wise interlocutors who concur can be as interesting and informative as experts with completely divergent views...The next president would do well to heed their counsel but should not underestimate the difficulty of sticking to it.

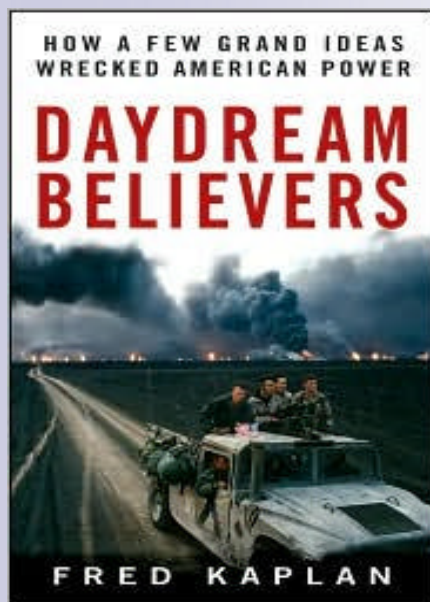


### "Strongest Tribe: War, Politics, and the Endgame in Iraq" Bing West

Publisher: Random House Adult Trade Publishing Group  
Pub. Date: August 2008  
Hardcover  
464pp

#### Synopsis

From a universally respected combat journalist, a gripping history based on five years of front-line reporting about how the war was turned around—and the choice now facing America. In Iraq, America made mistake after mistake. Many gave up on the war. Then the war took a sharp U-turn. Two generals—David Petraeus and Raymond Odierno—displayed the leadership America expected. Bringing the reader from the White House to the fighting in the streets, this remarkable narrative explains the turnaround by U.S. forces. In the course of fourteen extended trips over five years, West embedded with more than sixty front-line units, discussing strategy with generals and tactics with corporals. He provides an expert's account of counterinsurgency, disposing of myths. By describing the characters and combat in city after city, West gives the reader an in-depth understanding that will inform the debate about the war. This is the definitive study of how American soldiers actually fought.



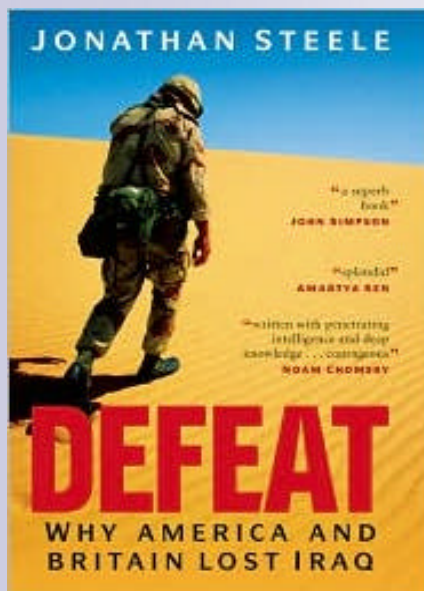
## "Daydream Believers: How a Few Grand Ideas Wrecked American Power"

[Fred Kaplan](#)

Publisher: Wiley, John & Sons, Incorporated  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 246pp

### Synopsis

For eight years, Kaplan reminds us, the White House—and many of the nation's podiums and opinion pages—rang out with appealing but deluded claims: that we live in a time like no other and that, therefore, the lessons of history no longer apply; that new technology has transformed warfare; that the world's peoples will be set free, if only America topples their dictators; and that those who dispute such promises do so for partisan reasons. They thought they were visionaries, but they only had visions. And they believed in their daydreams. Kaplan traces the genesis and evolution of these ideas—from the era of Nixon through Reagan to the present day—and reveals how they have been either twisted through the years or rebutted as illusions at every step. Packed with stunning anecdotes, hidden history, and a level of insight only Fred Kaplan can bring to issues of national security, *Daydream Believers* tells a story whose understanding is central to getting America back on track and to finding leaders who can improve the world, and America's position in it, by seeing the world as it really is.



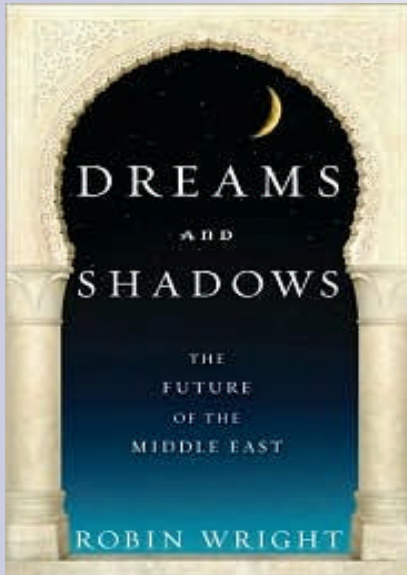
## "Defeat: Why America and Britain Lost Iraq"

[Jonathan Steele](#)

Publisher: Counterpoint  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Hardcover  
 290pp

### Synopsis

As the dreadful reality of the coalition's defeat in Iraq begins to sink in, one question dominates Washington and London: Why? In this controversial new book, Jonathan Steele provides a stark and arresting answer: Bush and Blair were defeated from the day they decided to occupy the country. Steele describes the centuries of humiliation that have scarred the Iraqi national psyche, creating a powerful and deeply felt nationalism and spreading cultural landmines along the road to winning Baghdad. Steele shows for the first time how the invasion and occupation were perceived by ordinary Iraqis, whose feelings and experiences were completely ignored by Western policymakers. The result of such arrogance, Steele demonstrates, was a failure that will forever resonate with such dark chapters of American and British history as the Vietnam War and the Suez Canal crisis. Blending vivid reportage, informed analysis, and sweeping historical narrative, *Defeat* is the definitive post-mortem on this pivotal catastrophe.



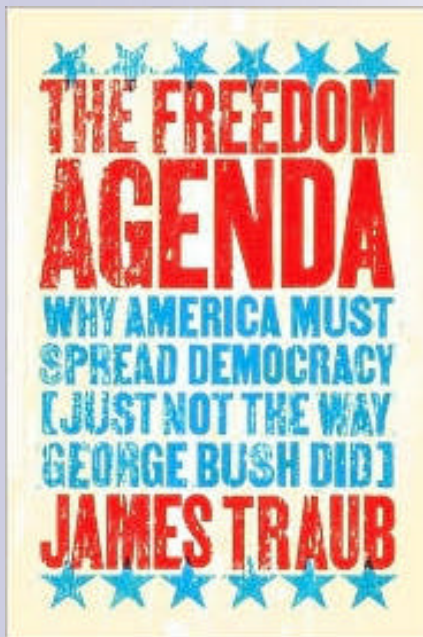
## “Dreams and Shadows: The Future of the Middle East”

[Robin Wright](#)

Publisher: Penguin Group (USA) Inc.  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 480pp  
 Edition Number: 1

### Synopsis

*Dreams and Shadows* is an extraordinary tour de horizon of the new Middle East, with on-the-ground reportage of the ideas and movements driving change across the region—and the obstacles they confront. Through the powerful storytelling for which the author is famous, *Dreams and Shadows* ties together the players and events in Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Morocco, Turkey, the Gulf states, and the Palestinian territories into a coherent vision of what lies ahead. A marvelous field report from the center of the storm, the book is animated by the characters whose stories give the region’s transformation its human immediacy and urgency. It is also rich with the history that brought us to this point. It is a masterpiece of the reporter’s art and a work of profound and enduring insight. At the end, Wright offers perspective on the United States’ most ambitious and costly foreign policy initiative since the rebuilding of Europe after World War II. The stakes are far greater than winning the war on terrorism, stabilizing Iraq, or achieving a lasting Arab-Israeli peace. Transforming the greater Middle East is the last great political challenge of the modern era. Yet the early burst of activity in a region long stagnant is already becoming one of the first grand surprises of the twenty-first century.



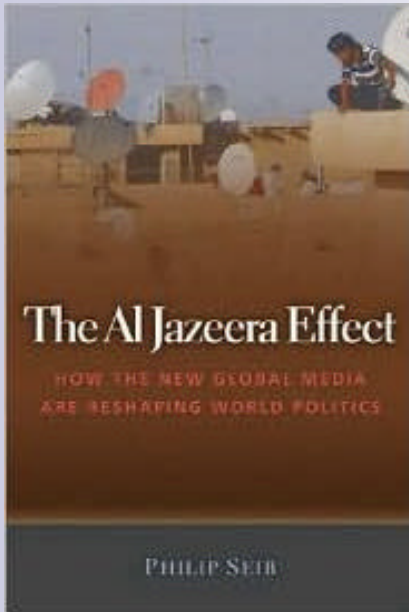
## “The Freedom Agenda: Why America Must Spread Democracy [Just Not the Way George Bush Did]”

[James Traub](#)

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 272pp

### Synopsis

*The Freedom Agenda* traces the history of America’s democratic evangelizing. James Traub, a journalist for *The New York Times Magazine*, describes the rise and fall of the Freedom Agenda during the Bush years, in part through interviews with key administration officials. He offers a richly detailed portrait of the administration’s largely failed efforts to bolster democratic forces abroad. In the end, Traub argues that democracy matters—for human rights, for reconciliation among ethnic and religious groups, for political stability and equitable development—but the United States must exercise caution in its efforts to spread it, matching its deeds to its words, both abroad and at home.



## “The Al Jazeera Effect: How the New Global Media Are Reshaping World Politics”

[Philip Seib](#)

Publisher: Potomac Books, Inc.

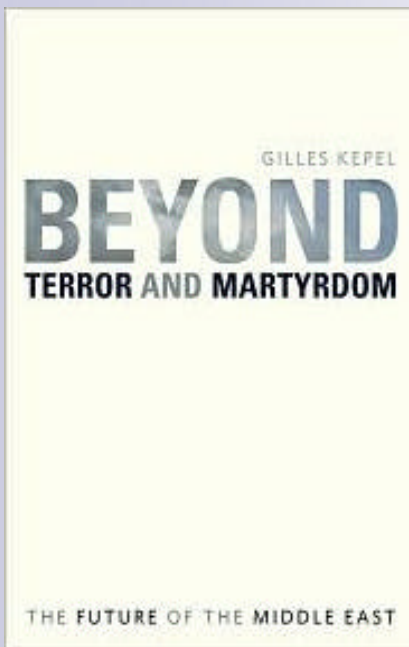
Pub. Date: August 2008

Hardcover

240pp

### Synopsis

Traditional ways of reshaping global politics have been superseded by the influence of new media-satellite television, the Internet, and other high-tech tools. What is involved is more than a refinement of established practices. We are seeing a comprehensive reconnecting of the global village and a reshaping of how the world works. Al Jazeera is a paradigm of new media's influence. Ten years ago, there was much talk about "the CNN effect," the theory that news coverage-especially gripping visual storytelling-was influencing foreign policy throughout the world. Today, "the Al Jazeera effect" takes that a significant step further. The concept encompasses the use of new media as tools in every aspect of global affairs, ranging from democratization to terrorism, and including the concept of "virtual states." "The media" are no longer just the media. They have a larger popular base than ever before and, as a result, have unprecedented impact on international politics. The media can be tools of conflict and instruments of peace; they can make traditional borders irrelevant and unify peoples scattered across the globe. This phenomenon, the Al Jazeera effect, is reshaping the world.



## “Beyond Terror and Martyrdom: The Future of the Middle East”

[Gilles Kepel](#)

Publisher: Harvard University Press

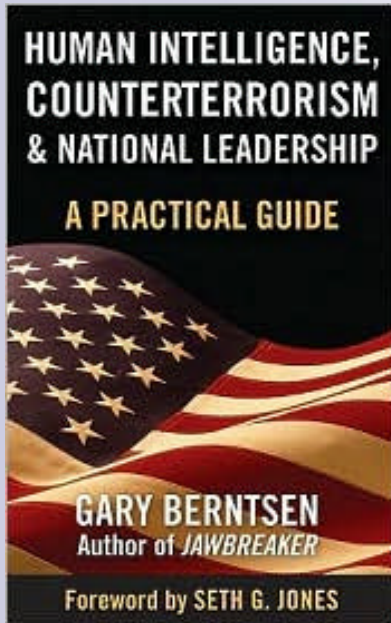
Pub. Date: November 2008

Hardcover

336pp

### Synopsis

As the noted Middle East scholar and commentator Gilles Kepel demonstrates, President Bush's War on Terror masks a complex political agenda in the Middle East—enforcing democracy, accessing Iraqi oil, securing Israel, and seeking regime change in Iran. Osama bin Laden's call for martyrs to rise up against the apostate and hasten the dawn of a universal Islamic state papers over a fractured, fragmented Islamic world that is waging war against itself. *Beyond Terror and Martyrdom* sounds the alarm to the West and to Islam that both of these exhausted narratives are bankrupt—neither productive of democratic change in the Middle East nor of unity in Islam. Kepel urges us to escape the ideological quagmire of terrorism and martyrdom and explore the terms of a new and constructive dialogue between Islam and the West, one for which Europe, with its expanding and restless Muslim populations, may be the proving ground.



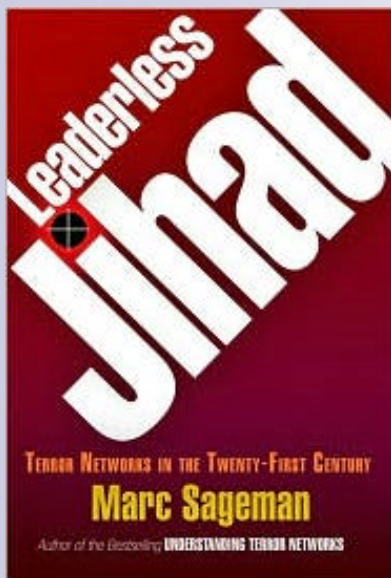
**“Human Intelligence, Counterterrorism, and National Leadership: A Practical Guide”**

[Gary Berntsen](#)

Publisher: Potomac Books, Inc.  
Pub. Date: October 2008  
Hardcover  
154pp

**Synopsis**

Gary Berntsen has written this book as a guide for an incoming president and White House staff so that they may master current human intelligence and counterterrorism operations. After reading its highly specific recommendations and policy prescriptions, the president and his or her staff will be able to draft a First Directive for the leadership of the intelligence and national security communities outlining how the administration wants those communities to proceed and to defend the nation’s interests. *Human Intelligence, Counterterrorism, and National Leadership* will be of interest to legislators, policymakers, and anyone concerned about intelligence and terrorism policy. With a foreword by Seth G. Jones, a political scientist at the RAND Corporation and Adjunct Professor in the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University. He is the author of *In the Graveyard of Empires: America’s War in Afghanistan* and *The Rise of European Security Cooperation*.



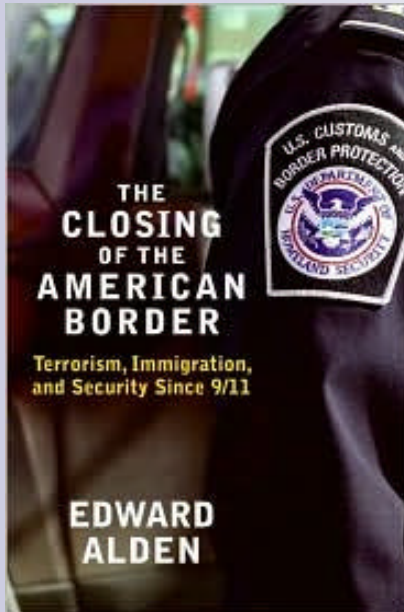
**“Leaderless Jihad: Terror Networks in the Twenty-First Century”**

[Marc Sageman](#)

Publisher: University of Pennsylvania Press  
Pub. Date: January 2008  
Hardcover  
144pp

**Synopsis**

Building on his previous groundbreaking research on the Al Qaeda network, forensic psychiatrist Marc Sageman has greatly expanded his research to explain how Islamic terrorism emerges and operates in the twenty-first century. Based on biographical profiles he has compiled of 500 jihadists who used violence against the United States and its allies, *Leaderless Jihad* sets out to explain how people become terrorists: What drives some individuals to ideological violence? What is the tipping point? How do terrorist networks radicalize, mobilize and militarize their recruits? In Sageman's view, terrorists are not born, they are made, and terrorism has less to do with culture or religion than with politics. He makes a convincing case that these assertions are neither partisan nor speculative but based on hard evidence, carefully weighed.



## "The Closing of the American Border: Terrorism, Immigration, and Security Since 9/11"

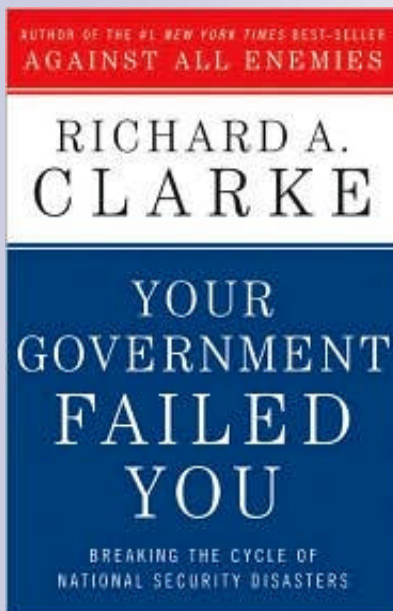
[Edward Alden](#)

Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 368pp

### Synopsis

*The Closing of the American Border* is based on extensive interviews with the Bush administration officials charged with securing the border after 9/11, including former secretary of homeland security Tom Ridge and former secretary of state Colin Powell, and with many of the innocent people whose lives have been upended by the new border security and visa rules. A pediatric heart surgeon from Pakistan is stuck in Karachi for nearly a year, awaiting the security review that would allow him

to return to the United States to take up a prestigious post at UCLA Medical Center. A brilliant Sudanese scientist, working tirelessly to cure one of the worst diseases of the developing world, loses years of valuable research when he is detained in Brazil after attending an academic conference on behalf of an American university.



## "Your Government Failed You: Breaking the Cycle of National Security Disasters"

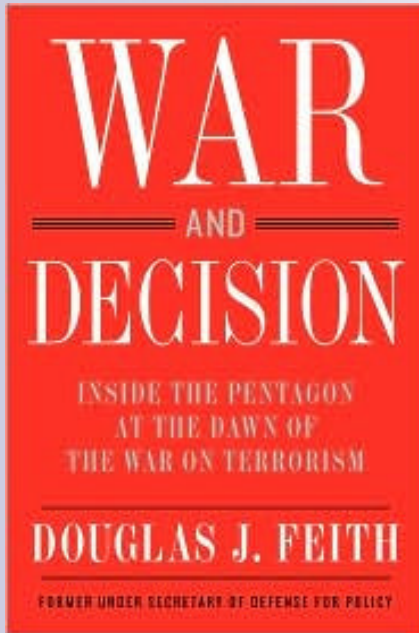
[Richard A. Clarke](#)

Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers  
 Pub. Date: May 2008  
 Hardcover  
 416pp

### Synopsis

Clarke's first book, the number one bestseller *Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror*, explained how the United States had stumbled into a struggle with violent Islamist extremists. Now, in *Your Government Failed You*, Clarke looks at why these unconscionable failures have continued and how America and the world can succeed against the terrorists. Yet Clarke also goes far beyond terrorism, to examine the inexcusable chain of recurring U.S. government disasters. Despite the lessons of Vietnam, there is Iraq. A trail of intelligence failures litters the Washington landscape. From Katrina to color codes and duct tape, "homeland security" has been an oxymoron. Why does the superpower continue to bobble national security? Drawing on his thirty years in the White House, Pentagon, State Department, and intelligence community, Clarke gives us a privileged, if horrifying, look into the debacle of government policies, discovering patterns in the failures and offering ways to stop the cycle once and for all

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**“War and Decision: Inside the Pentagon at the Dawn of the War on Terrorism”**

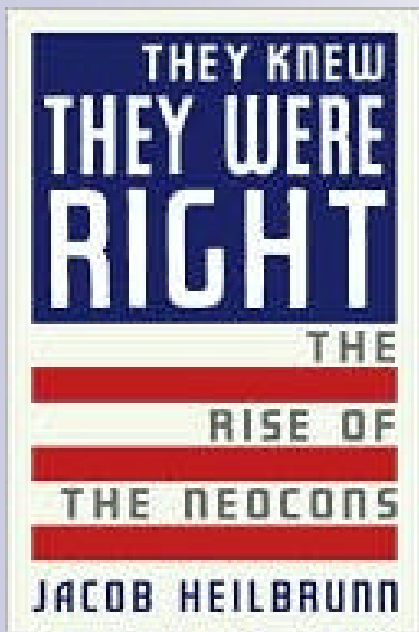
**Douglas Feith**

Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 688pp

**Synopsis**

A highly influential international policy analyst for more than a quarter century before joining the Bush Administration in 2001, Feith worked closely with Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Vice President Cheney, and President Bush in defining the U.S. response to the attacks of 9/11 -- from the successful war on Afghanistan to the more challenging invasion of Iraq and its aftermath. Now, in this candid and revealing memoir, Feith -- a founding member of

the "neoconservative" movement and an architect of the administration's preventive strategy in the war on terrorism -- offers the most in-depth and authoritative account yet of the Pentagon's evolving stance during one of the most controversial eras of American history. Drawing upon a unique trove of documents and records, this extraordinary chronicle will put the reader in the room for scores of previously unreported senior-level meetings, showing how hundreds of critical decisions were made in defense of American interests during and after the crisis of 9/11 -- decisions both successful and controversial. Where journalists like Bob Woodward could only speculate, Feith is the first inside player to reveal the inner workings of the Pentagon, at a time when history hung in the balance.



**“They Knew They Were Right: The Rise of the Neocons”**

**Jacob Heilbrunn**

Publisher: Bantam Books  
 Pub. Date: January 2008  
 Hardcover  
 240pp

**Synopsis**

The neocons have become the most reviled and controversial intellectual movement in American history. Critics on left and right describe them as a tight-knit cabal that ensnared the Bush administration in an unwinnable foreign war—primarily on Israel's behalf. Who are the neoconservatives? How did an obscure band of policy intellectuals, left for dead in the 1990s, suddenly rise to influence the Bush administration and revolutionize American foreign policy? Jacob Heilbrunn wittily

and pungently depicts the government officials, pundits, and think-tank denizens who make up this controversial movement, bringing them to life against a background rich in historical detail and political insight. Setting the movement in the larger context of the decades-long battle between liberals and conservatives, first over communism, now over the war on terrorism, he shows that they have always been intellectual mavericks, with a fiery prophetic temperament (and rhetoric to match) that sets them apart from both liberals and traditional conservatives.

## “Marching Toward Hell: America and Islam After Iraq”

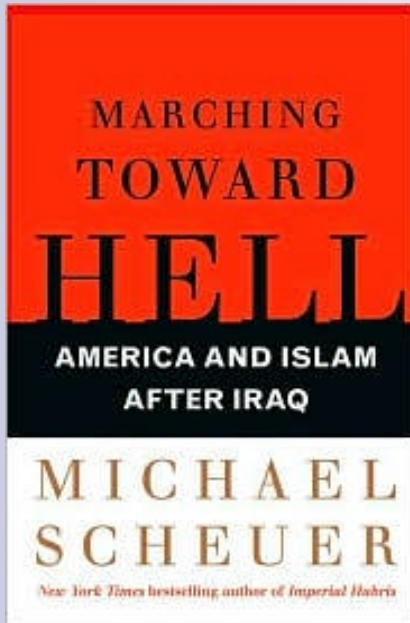
[Michael Scheuer](#)

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Hardcover  
 384pp

### Synopsis

Scheuer offers a scathing and frightening look at how the Iraq War has been a huge setback to America's War on Terror, making our enemy stronger and altering the geopolitical landscape in ways that are profoundly harmful to U.S. interests and security concerns. *Marching Toward Hell* is not just another attack on the Bush administration. Rather, it sounds a critical alarm that must be heard in order to preserve the nation's security. Scheuer outlines the ways that America's foreign policy since the end of the Cold War has undermined the very goals for which we are fighting and played right into bin Laden's hands. The on-

going instability in Iraq, for example, has provided al Qaeda and its allies with the one thing they want most: a safe haven from which to launch operations across borders into countries that were previously difficult for them to reach. With U.S. forces and resources spread thinner every day, the war has depleted our strength and brought al Qaeda a kind of success that it could not have achieved on its own.



## “Path Out of the Desert: A Grand Strategy for America in the Middle East”

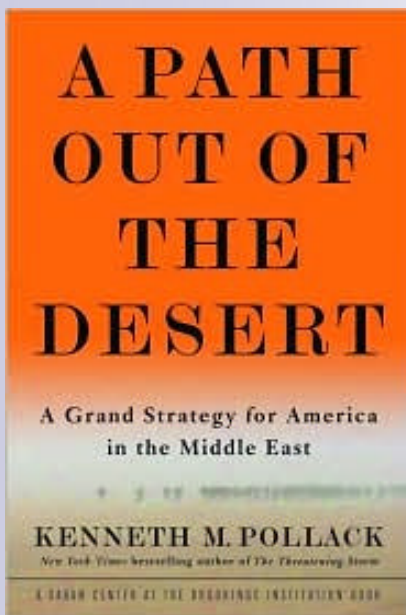
[Kenneth M. Pollack](#)

Publisher: Random House Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: July 2008  
 Hardcover  
 539pp.

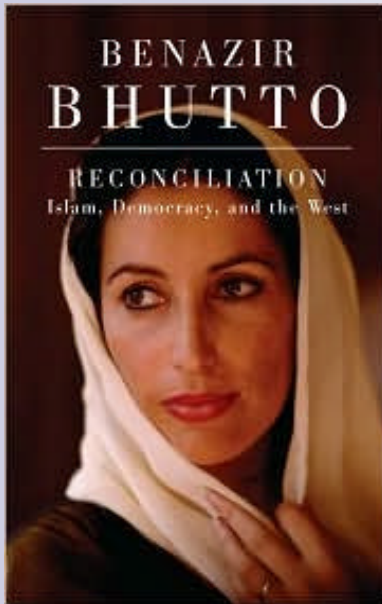
### Synopsis

Pollack argues that Washington's greatest sin in its relations with the Middle East has been its persistent unwillingness to make the sustained and patient effort needed to help the people of the Middle East overcome the crippling societal problems facing their governments and societies. As a result, the United States has never had a workable comprehensive policy in the region, just a skein of half-measures intended

either to avoid entanglement or to contain the influence of the Soviet Union. Beyond identifying the stagnation of civic life in Arab and Muslim states and the cumulative effect of our misguided policies, Pollack offers a long-term strategy to ameliorate the political, economic, and social problems that underlie the region's many crises. Through his suggested policies, America can engage directly with the governments of the Middle East and indirectly with its people by means of cultural exchange, commerce, and other “soft” approaches. He carefully examines each of the region's most contested areas, including Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Lebanon, as well as the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and explains how the United States can address each through mutually reinforcing policies.







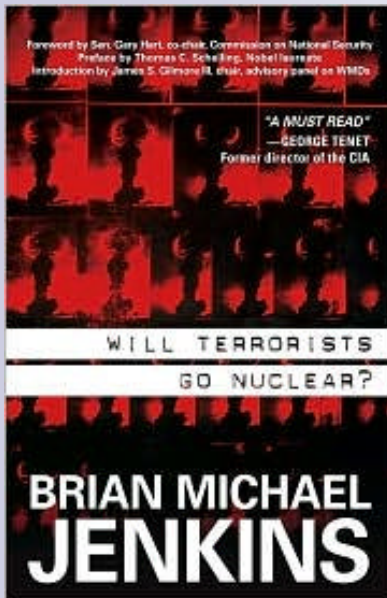
## "Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy, and the West"

**Benazir Bhutto**

Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 336pp

### **Synopsis**

In *Reconciliation*, Bhutto recounts in gripping detail her final months in Pakistan and offers a bold new agenda for how to stem the tide of Islamic radicalism and to rediscover the values of tolerance and justice that lie at the heart of her religion. With extremist Islam on the rise throughout the world, the peaceful, pluralistic message of Islam has been exploited and manipulated by fanatics. Bhutto persuasively argues that America and Britain are fueling this turn toward radicalization by supporting groups that serve only short-term interests. She believed that by enabling dictators, the West was actually contributing to the frustration and extremism that lead to terrorism. With her experience governing Pakistan and living and studying in the West, Benazir Bhutto was versed in the complexities of the conflict from both sides. She was a renaissance woman who offered a way out. In this riveting and deeply insightful book, Bhutto explores the complicated history between the Middle East and the West. She traces the roots of international terrorism across the world, including American support for Pakistani general Zia-ul-Haq, who destroyed political parties, eliminated an independent judiciary, marginalized NGOs, suspended the protection of human rights, and aligned Pakistani intelligence agencies with the most radical elements of the Afghan mujahideen.



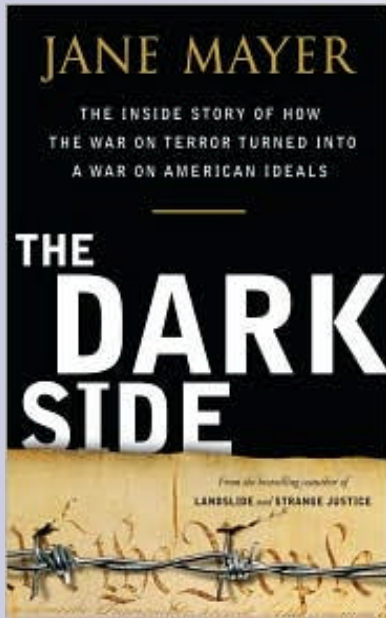
## "Will Terrorists Go Nuclear?"

**Brian Michael Jenkins**

Publisher: Prometheus Books  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 457pp

### **Synopsis**

According to a British intelligence report leaked to the press in 2007, al Qaeda operatives are planning a large-scale attack "on par with Hiroshima and Nagasaki." How likely is it that terrorists will develop the capability of such an attack? No one understands the nature of the threat posed by nuclear terrorism better than Brian Michael Jenkins—one of the world's most renowned experts on terrorism. For more than thirty years, he has been advising the military, government, and prestigious think tanks on the dangers of escalating terrorism. Jenkins goes beyond what the experts know about terrorists' efforts to acquire nuclear weapons, nuclear black markets, "suitcase bombs," and mysterious substances like red mercury to examine how terrorists themselves think about such weapons. decision.



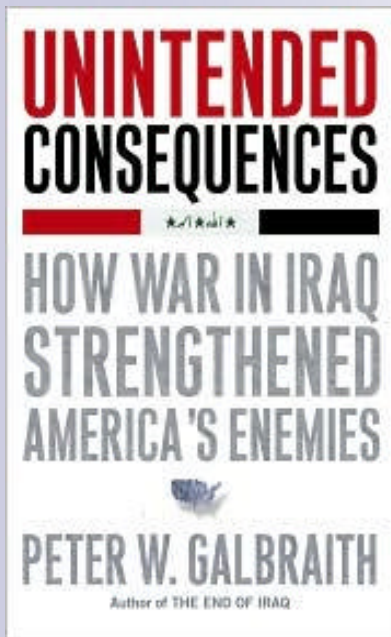
**“The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideals”**

**Jane Mayer**

Publisher: Doubleday Publishing  
 Pub. Date: July 2008  
 Hardcover  
 336pp

**Synopsis**

In the days immediately following September 11th, the most powerful people in the country were panic-stricken. The radical decisions about how to combat terrorists and strengthen national security were made in a state of utter chaos and fear, but the key players, Vice President Dick Cheney and his powerful, secretive adviser David Addington, used the crisis to further a long held agenda to enhance Presidential powers to a degree never known in U.S. history, and obliterate Constitutional protections that define the very essence of the American experiment. The DARK SIDE is a dramatic, riveting, and definitive narrative account of how the United States made terrible decisions in the pursuit of terrorists around the world-- decisions that not only violated the Constitution to which White House officials took an oath to uphold, but also hampered the pursuit of Al Qaeda. In gripping detail, acclaimed *New Yorker* writer and bestselling author, Jane Mayer, relates the impact of these decisions—U.S.-held prisoners, some of them completely innocent, were subjected to treatment more reminiscent of the Spanish Inquisition than the twenty-first century.



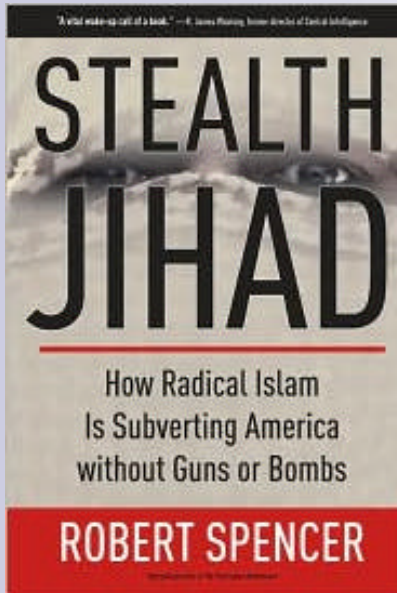
**“Unintended Consequences: How War in Iraq Strengthened America's Enemies”**

**Peter W. Galbraith**

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 224pp

**Synopsis**

Peter Galbraith was the earliest expert to describe Iraq's breakup into religious and ethnic entities, a reality now commonly accepted. The Iraq war was intended to make the United States more secure, bring democracy to the Middle East, intimidate Iran and Syria, help win the war on terror, consolidate American world leadership, and entrench the Republican Party for decades. Galbraith provides some rules for a national strategy that will appeal equally to conservatives and liberals -- indeed, to anyone who believes the United States needs an effective national security strategy.



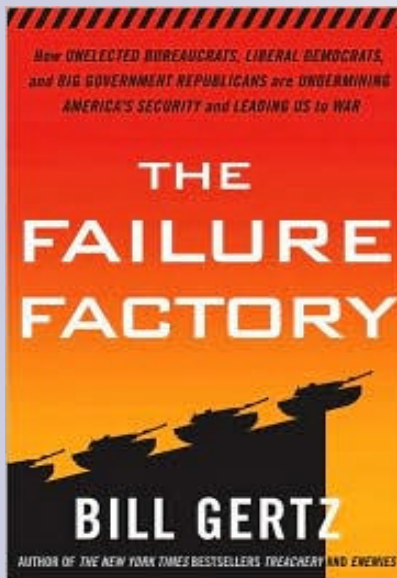
**“Stealth Jihad: How Radical Islam is Subverting American without Guns or Bombs”**

**[Robert Spencer](#)**

Publisher: Regnery Publishing, Inc., An Eagle Publishing Company  
 Pub. Date: November 2008  
 Hardcover  
 256pp

**Synopsis**

In *Stealth Jihad*, Islam expert and *New York Times* bestselling author Robert Spencer blows the whistle on a long-term plot by Islamic jihadists to undermine the United States. This effort aims not to bring America to its knees through attacks with guns or bombs, but to subvert the country from within by gradually Islamizing America. The ultimate goal, the stealth jihadists themselves declare, is nothing less than the adoption of Islamic law in the United States. Describing the disturbing ease with which stealth jihadists have already become ensconced in the American political and media landscapes, Spencer exposes the full modus operandi of the movement as revealed in a stunning document unveiled in a recent terrorism funding trial. America, Spencer demonstrates, is all but oblivious to a new kind of threat presented by a loosely organized movement whose activists are well funded, highly motivated, and relentless in pursuit of their agenda.



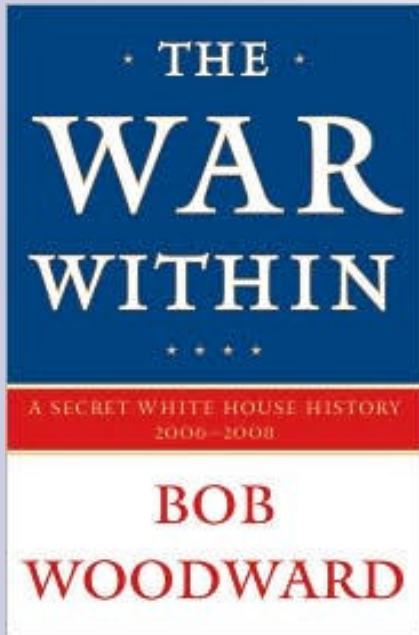
**“Failure Factory: How Unelected Bureaucrats, Liberal Democrats, and Big Government Republicans Are Undermining America's Security and Leading Us to War”**

**[Bill Gertz](#)**

Publisher: Random House Inc  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 304pp

**Synopsis**

With America's attention fixated on who will step into the Oval Office in 2009, no one has noticed where the real power has shifted—to a vast network of unelected officials whose authority has grown wildly out of control. In his latest blockbuster book, acclaimed defense and national security reporter Bill Gertz exposes these astonishingly powerful leaders and their enablers in the political class—and their devastating impact on America's national security. Gertz shows how entrenched liberal activists have become dominant even under an ostensibly conservative administration. And he names of those who actively subvert official U.S. policy—including not only liberal Democrats but also a number of so-called Republicans who have joined this insidious “Blame America First” crowd. Based on scores of exclusive interviews and displaying the groundbreaking reporting that has made Bill Gertz's previous books smash bestsellers, *The Failure Factory* offers a chilling look at the threats to our national security that exist within our own government.



## "The War Within: A Secret White House History 2006-2008"

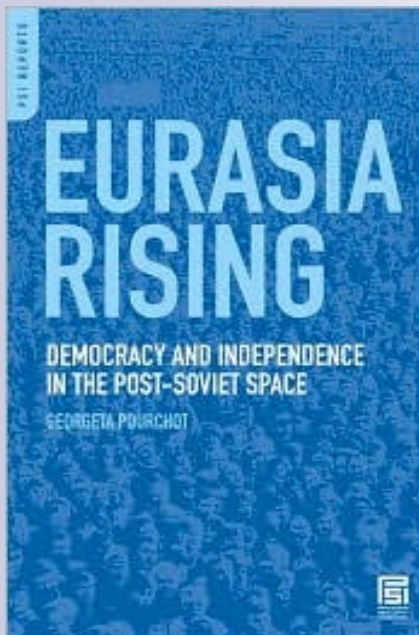
[Bob Woodward](#)

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 512pp

### Synopsis

As violence in Iraq reaches unnerving levels in 2006, a second front in the war rages at the highest levels of the Bush administration. In his fourth book on President George W. Bush, Bob Woodward takes readers deep inside the tensions, secret debates, unofficial backchannels, distrust and determination within the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department, the intelligence agencies and the U.S. military headquarters in Iraq. With unparalleled intimacy and detail, this gripping account of a president at war describes a period of distress and

uncertainty within the U.S. government from 2006 through mid-2008. *The War Within* addresses head-on questions of leadership, not just in war but in how we are governed and the dangers of unwarranted secrecy.



## "Eurasia Rising: Democracy and Independence in the Post-Soviet Space"

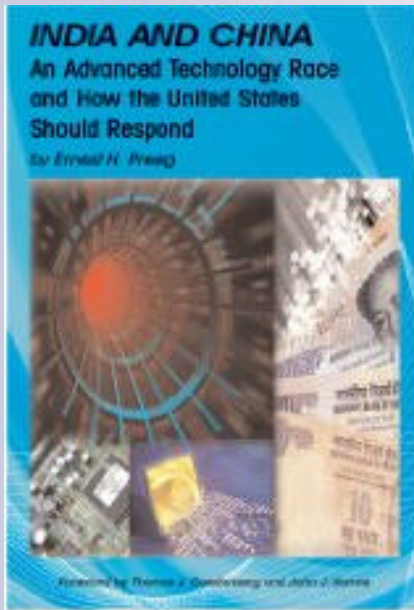
[Georgeta Pourchot](#)

Publisher: Greenwood Publishing Group, Incorporated  
 Pub. Date: July 2008  
 Hardcover  
 192pp

### Synopsis

Although the score of countries comprising Russia's "near abroad" (the former non-Russian Soviet republics) and "far abroad" (the former non-Russian Warsaw Pact states) are behaving with variably increasing independence in their domestic and foreign policies, Russia continues to regard them as remaining within the same core-periphery sphere of influence formerly exerted by the Soviet Union within the

same geographic space. Russia misinterprets bids by these countries to adopt liberalizing structural reforms and to join Euro-Atlantic organizations as foreign-inspired and inimical to Russia's security. Whether Russia can learn to recognize that such bids are in fact natural developments of national self-interest will determine whether healthy and mutually beneficial bilateral relations can develop between Russia and the states of her near and far abroad in the 21st century. No previous study of the dynamics of post-Soviet assertive sovereignty has as broad a geographic scope as *Eurasia Rising*, which considers the whole of Post-Soviet Space: DT Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine DT \_ Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania DT Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia DT Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan DT Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia.



## **"India and China: An Advanced Technology Race and How the United States Should Respond"**

**Ernest H. Preeg**

Publisher: Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI and CSIS

Pub. Date: March 2008

Paperback

283 pages

### **Synopsis**

This book analyzes the rapid development of export-oriented advanced technology industry in India and China and projects the course ahead. Specific issues examined include education, research and development (R&D), foreign direct investment, trade, and technological innovation. Over the coming two to five years, the author's net assessment is that India is likely to continue its 8 to 10 percent annual growth, while China is likely to experience a structural shift from export-led to do-

domestically oriented growth, including lower growth of perhaps 5 to 7 percent per year. The book also provides a comprehensive U.S. policy response to the rise of China and India as "advanced technology superstates." Specific policy recommendations are made in the areas of international finance, trade, and investment. These include a more forceful response to currency manipulation by China and other Asian trading partners, additional free trade agreements across the Pacific and with India as building blocks toward multilateral free trade for nonagricultural merchandise, and negotiated disciplines, starting with transparency, for rapidly growing sovereign investment funds. A corresponding domestic policy agenda includes education, publicly supported R&D for basic research, tax reform, and tort reform.



## **"Recast Partnership?: Institutional Dimensions of Transatlantic Relations"**

**Simon Serfaty (Editor), Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington (Contribution by))**

Publisher: Center for Strategic & International Studies

Pub. Date: March 2008

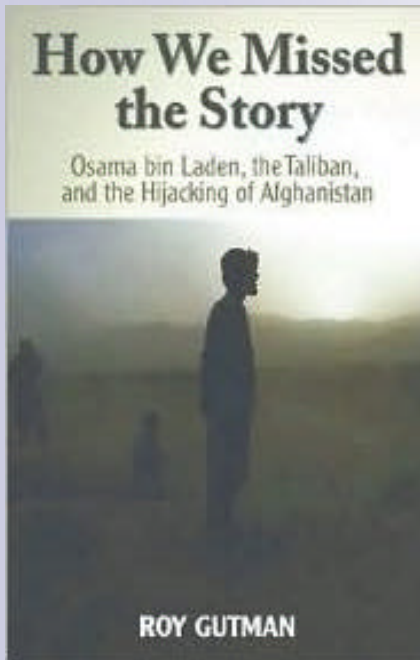
Paperback

240pp

### **Synopsis**

"Simon Serfaty has long been at the cutting edge of thinking about the future of the Euro-Atlantic community. In *A Recast Partnership?* the essays he has compiled add up to a convincing and provoking argument that we are at another historical turning point, one little recognized by any of our presidential candidates. One walks away convinced

that if we don't understand the complex dynamics involved in redefining and relaunching the relationship, we will pay huge consequences globally as reduced players in our newly multipolar world."--Fred Kempe, President and CEO, Atlantic Council of the United States With new leaders in place in Germany, France, and Britain and with elections in Russia, Spain, Italy, and the United States in 2008, the stage is set for change and a new transatlantic beginning in 2009. The contributors to this volume offer an agenda for action that aims at the ever-closer Euro-Atlantic partnership needed for the emerging multipolar system of the twenty-first century.



**“How We Missed the Story: Osama Bin Laden, the Taliban, and the Hijacking of Afghanistan”**

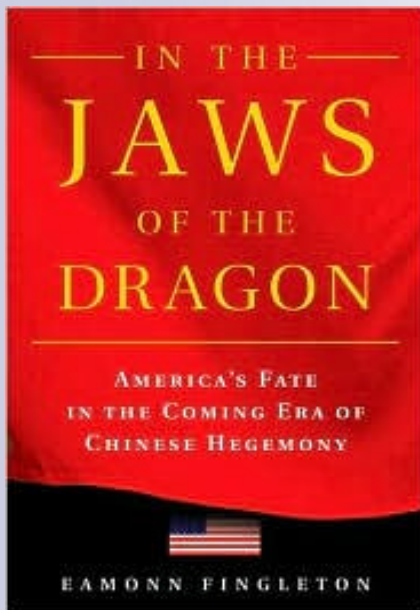
[Roy Gutman](#)

Publisher: United States Institute of Peace Press (USIP Press)  
 Pub. Date: January 2008  
 Hardcover  
 304pp

**Synopsis**

Focusing principally on events and policy missteps in Afghanistan in the 1980s and 1990s, award-winning journalist Roy Gutman weaves a narrative that exposes how and why the U.S. government, the United Nations, and the Western media “missed the story” in the lead-up to 9/11. Advancing his narrative carefully and persuasively, he approaches his subject with an objective, journalistic eye and draws heavily on his own original research and extensive interviews with key players both in the United States and abroad. Arguing that the U.S.

government made a strategic mistake by categorizing bin Laden's murderous assaults prior to 9/11 as terrorism, he ultimately concludes that the core failure was in the field of U.S. foreign policy.



**“In the Jaws of the Dragon: America's Fate in the Coming Era of Chinese Hegemony”**

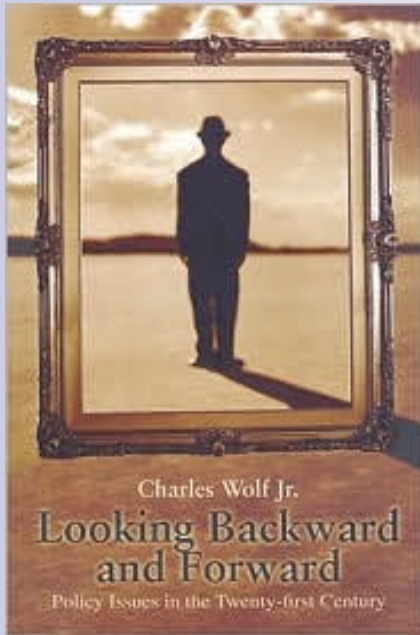
[Eamonn Fingleton](#)

Publisher: St. Martin's Press  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Hardcover  
 368pp

**Synopsis**

In recent years, popular wisdom has held that opening American markets to Chinese goods was the best way to promote democracy in Beijing---that the Communist Party's grip would quickly weaken as increasingly affluent Chinese citizens embraced American values. That popular wisdom was *wrong*. As Eamonn Fingleton shows in this devastating book, instead of America changing China, China is changing America. Although this process of *reverse convergence* has

been swept largely under the carpet by knee-jerk globalists in the American press, Americans will soon be hearing much more about it. Nowhere is the pattern more obvious than in business. Many top American corporations---Boeing, AT&T, the Detroit automobile companies, among them---openly collaborate with the Chinese Communist Party. In a stunning rejection of Western values, Yahoo! even provided the Chinese secret police with vital evidence that resulted in a ten-year jail sentence for one of its Chinese subscribers, a brave young dissident, under draconian censorship laws. Selling the American national interest short, countless other corporations abjectly do Beijing's lobbying in Congress.



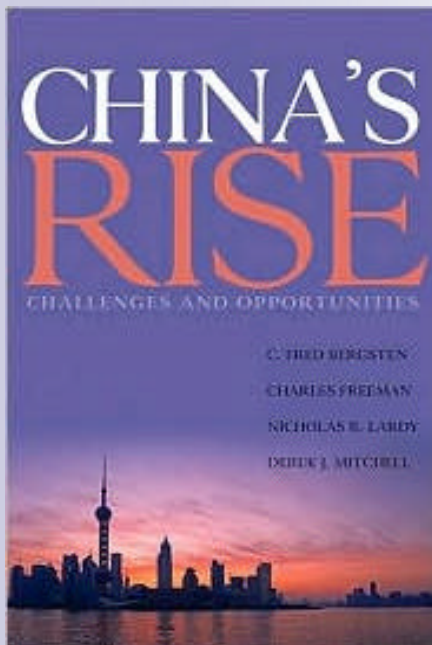
## “Looking Backward and Forward: Policy Issues in the Twenty-First Century”

[Charles Wolf](#)

Publisher: Hoover Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 165pp

### Synopsis

This collection of twenty-five essays written over the past five years by international economic policy expert Charles Wolf Jr. covers a range of worldwide economic, political, security, and diplomatic issues. Wolf looks at the challenges facing the United States at home and around the globe including critical issues regarding China, Japan, Korea, Russia, Iraq, and other key locales. Throughout the book, the author offers his often-controversial viewpoints, such as his assertion that "unilateralism" in U.S. national security policy may sometimes be preferable to multilateralism or that the erroneous expectation that Iraq possessed nuclear weapons does not imply that the intelligence leading to this expectation was flawed. Wolf reexamines each essay in the light of later developments with a "postaudit" comment to address whether the original argument is still valid and relevant compared with when it was first written.



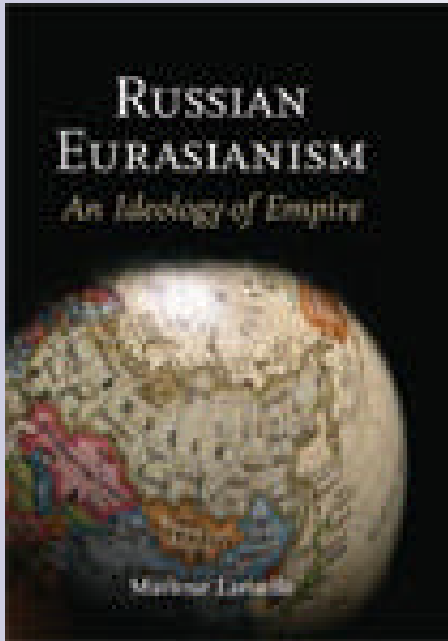
## “China's Rise: Challenges and Opportunities”

[Fred Bergsten](#) (Editor), [Charles Freeman](#)

Publisher: Peterson Institute for International Economics  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 256pp

### Synopsis

"China's Rise: Challenges and Opportunities is the latest book from a multi-year project launched by two of the world's preeminent public policy research institutions, the Peterson Institute for International Economics and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. It examines the critical facts and dynamics underpinning China's rise and suggests policy responses that will maximize the opportunities for China's constructive integration into the international community." This new book seeks to take the analysis several important steps further, connecting China's development directly to US and global interests and offering a series of possible policy responses.



## “Russian Eurasianism: An Ideology of Empire”

[Marlène Laruelle](#)

Publisher: Johns Hopkins University Press

Pub. Date: October 2008

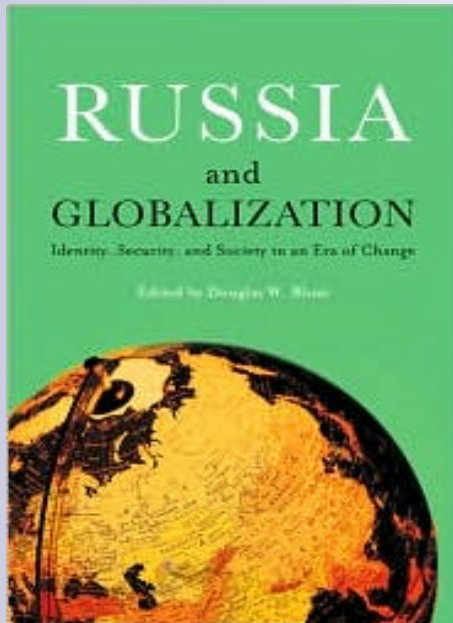
Hardcover

296pp

### Synopsis

Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Russia has been marginalized at the edge of a Western-dominated political and economic system. In recent years, however, leading Russian figures, including former president Vladimir Putin, have begun to stress a geopolitics that puts Russia at the center of a number of axes: European-Asian, Christian-Muslim-Buddhist, Mediterranean-Indian, Slavic-Turkic, and so on. This volume examines the political presuppositions and expanding intellectual impact of Eurasianism, a movement promoting

an ideology of Russian-Asian greatness, which has begun to take hold throughout Russia, Kazakhstan, and Turkey. Eurasianism purports to tell Russians what is unalterably important about them and why it can only be expressed in an empire. Using a wide range of sources, Marlène Laruelle discusses the impact of the ideology of Eurasianism on geopolitics, interior policy, foreign policy, and culturalist philosophy



## “Russia and Globalization: Identity, Security, and Society in an ERA of Change”

[Douglas W. Blum](#) (Editor)

Publisher: Johns Hopkins University Press

Pub. Date: April 2008

Hardcover

383pp

### Synopsis

Russia is a battered giant, struggling to rebuild its power and identity in an era of globalization. Several of the essays in this diverse and original collection point to the difficulty of guaranteeing a stable domestic order due to demographic shifts, economic changes, and institutional weaknesses. Other contributors focus on the country's efforts to respond to the challenges posed by globalization, and discuss the various ways in which Russia is reconceptualizing its role as an international actor. Ambivalence is a recurrent theme, according to editor Douglas W. Blum—ambivalence about globalization's costs and benefits and the efforts required to manage them.

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## “Undeclared War and the Future of U. S. Foreign Policy”

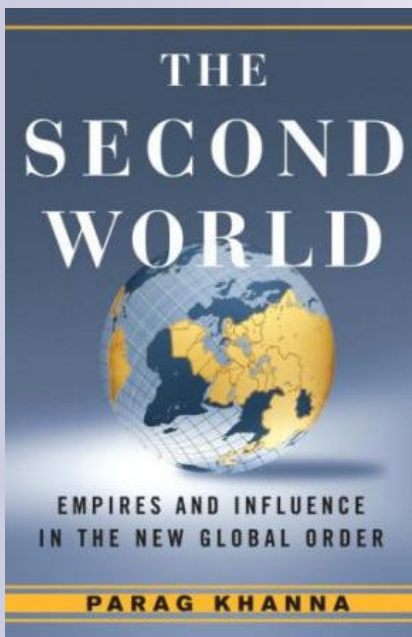
[Kenneth B. Moss](#)

Publisher: Johns Hopkins University Press  
 Pub. Date: June 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 298pp

### Synopsis

Undeclared wars have a history in the United States almost as old as the country itself and bear an importance that has grown along with the nation’s power, international status, and technological proficiency. Kenneth B. Moss’s highly original argument in *Undeclared War and the Future of U.S. Foreign Policy* demonstrates that though the framers of the Constitution had a broad notion of the varieties of war and the authority under which they would be undertaken without a formal declaration, Congress and the President are leading the United States into conflicts without fundamental oversight and accountability. The concentration of power in the president’s hands is particularly troubling to

Moss, and he traces the shift to congressional deference and even timidity. Presidential accountability to Congress and the public for limited wars has been harmfully weak, most recently in the wars against Vietnam and Iraq, says the author, and he proposes a new strategy for improving congressional institutions for oversight



## “The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order”

[Parag Khanna](#)

Publisher: Random House Inc  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 256pp

### Synopsis

Grand explanations of how to understand the complex twenty-first-century world have all fallen short—until now. In *The Second World*, the brilliant young scholar Parag Khanna takes readers on a thrilling global tour, one that shows how America’s dominant moment has been suddenly replaced by a geopolitical marketplace wherein the European Union and China compete with the United States to shape world order on their own terms. Informed, witty, and armed with a traveler’s intuition

for blending into diverse cultures, Khanna mixes copious research with deep reportage to remake the map of the world. He depicts second-world societies from the inside out, observing how globalization divides them into winners and losers along political, economic, and cultural lines—and shows how China, Europe, and America use their unique imperial gravities to pull the second-world countries into their orbits. Along the way, Khanna also explains how Arabism and Islamism compete for the Arab soul, reveals how Iran and Saudi Arabia play the superpowers against one another, unmasks Singapore’s inspirational role in East Asia, and psychoanalyzes the second-world leaders whose decisions are reshaping the balance of power. He captures the most elusive formula in international affairs: how to think like a country.

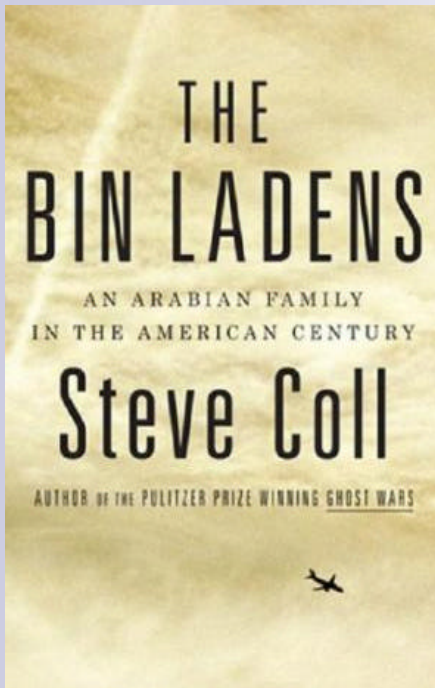
## “The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century”

[Steve Coll](#)

Publisher: Penguin Group (USA) Inc.  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 688pp  
 Edition Number: 1

### Synopsis

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Steve Coll tells the epic story of the rise of the Bin Laden family and of the wildly diverse lifestyles of the generation to which Osama bin Laden belongs, and against whom he rebelled. Starting with the family's escape from famine at the beginning of the twentieth century through its jet-set era in America after the 1970s oil boom, and finally to the family's attempts to recover from September 11, *The Bin Ladens* unearths extensive new material about the family and its relationship with the United States, and provides a richly revealing and emblematic narrative of our globally interconnected times.



## “Lessons from Iraq: Avoiding the Next War”

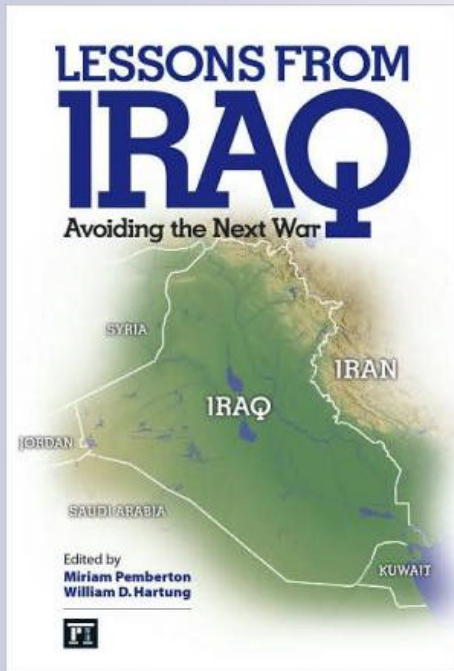
[Miriam Pemberton](#) (Editor), [William D. Hartung](#) (Editor)

Publisher: Paradigm Publishers  
 Pub. Date: May 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 160pp

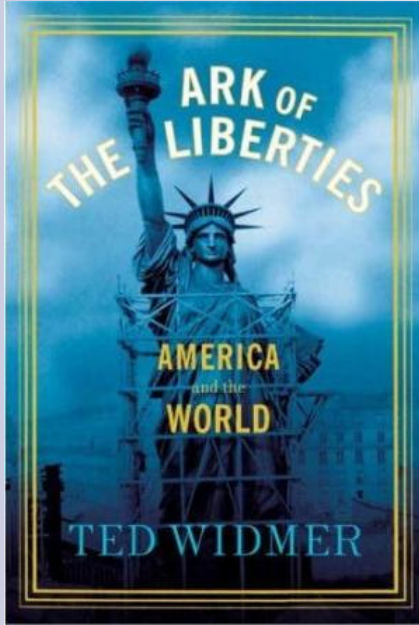
### Synopsis

If what is shaping up to be the worst foreign policy disaster in U.S. history has an upside, it is that the current war in Iraq should definitively, permanently settle a handful of critical questions about American conduct in the world. This book provides a list of those questions and even ventures some answers in the form of key lessons from Iraq. The idea of assembling lessons as tools for avoiding the next war is less of a stretch than it seems, given the group of writers represented here. They include a Nobel Prize—winning economist; the former chief UN weapons inspector; and an Iraqi American whose weekly conversations with his relatives have given

him a grim education on what living through a war to spread democracy is like on the ground. Also here is a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner who traces the recurring American bad habit of starting wars as tryouts for big ideas. All societies need a ready reference handbook that draws some lines around its conduct of war. The Bush administration has produced a radical overhaul of the U.S. manual. Given the Iraq experience, it is urgent that we reject this version and think again. This book is a manageably sized, accessibly written, affordable compilation of key points that most urgently need to be rethought.



## “Ark of the Liberties: America and the World”

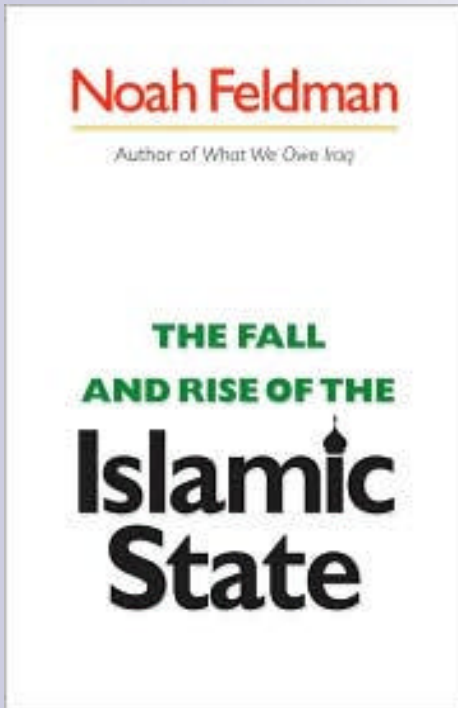


[Ted Widmer](#)

Publisher: Hill and Wang  
 Pub. Date: June 2008  
 Hardcover  
 384pp

### Synopsis

The United States stands at a historic crossroads, essential to the world yet unappreciated. America's decline in popularity over the last eight years has been nothing short of astonishing. With wit, brilliance, and deep affection, Ted Widmer, a scholar and a former presidential speechwriter, reminds everyone why this great nation had so far to fall. In a sweeping history of centuries, *Ark of the Liberties* recounts America's ambition to be the world's guarantor of liberty. It is a success story that America, and the world, forgets at its peril.



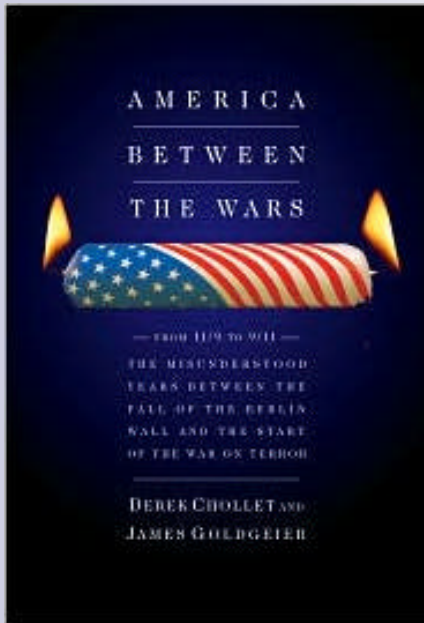
## The Fall and Rise of the Islamic State

[Noah Feldman](#)

Publisher: Princeton University Press  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Hardcover  
 200pp

### Synopsis

Perhaps no other Western writer has more deeply probed the bitter struggle in the Muslim world between the forces of religion and law and those of violence and lawlessness as Noah Feldman. His scholarship has defined the stakes in the Middle East today. Now, in this penetrating book, Feldman tells the story behind the increasingly popular call for the establishment of the shari'a--the law of the traditional Islamic state--in the modern Muslim world. *The Fall and Rise of the Islamic State* gives us the sweeping history of the traditional Islamic constitution--its noble beginnings, its downfall, and the renewed promise it could hold for Muslims and Westerners alike.



**"America Between the Wars: From 11/9 to 9/11: The Misunderstood Years Between the Fall of the Berlin Wall and the Start of the War on Terror"**

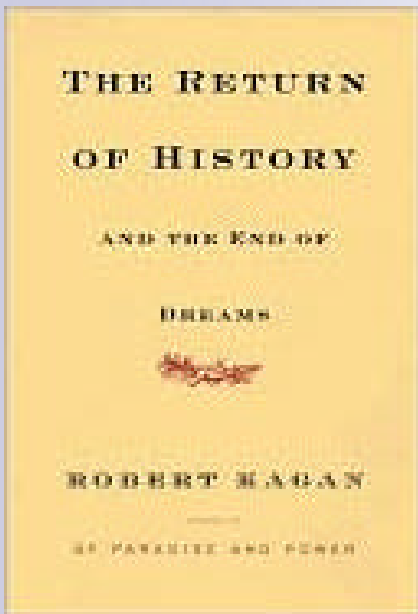
**Derek Chollet, James Goldgeier**

Publisher: Perseus Publishing  
 Pub. Date: June 2008  
 Hardcover  
 440pp

**Synopsis**

"An indispensable history to the decade preceding 9/11. You can't understand today's American crisis without understanding how we got there. This book tells us, loudly and compellingly."—Richard Holbrooke  
 Mr. Chollet (who served in the State Department during the Clinton administration and who is now a senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security) and Mr. Goldgeier (a professor of political science

and international affairs at George Washington University and a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations) have written an astute and highly informed book, lucidly mapping the forces that have been reshaping the post-cold-war world as a clearly defined superpower rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union has given way to a far more complex and chaotic set of circumstances involving terrorism, ethnic conflict and the integration of the global economy.



**"The Return of History and the End of Dreams"**

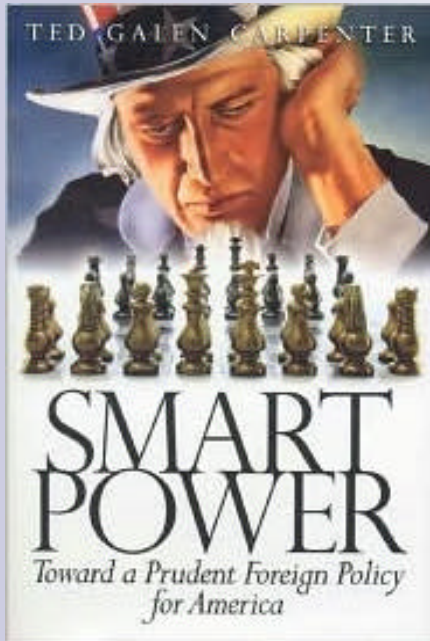
**Robert Kagan**

Publisher: Knopf Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 112pp

**Synopsis**

Hopes for a new peaceful international order after the end of the Cold War have been dashed by sobering realities: Great powers are once again competing for honor and influence. Nation-states remain as strong as ever, as do the old, explosive forces of ambitious nationalism. The world remains "unipolar," but international competition among the United States, Russia, China, Europe, Japan, India, and Iran raise new threats of regional conflict. Communism is dead, but a new contest between western liberalism and the great eastern autocracies of Russia and China has reinjected ideology into geopolitics. Finally, radical Islamists are waging a violent struggle against the modern secular cultures and powers that, in their view, have dominated, penetrated, and polluted their Islamic world. The grand expectation that after the Cold War the world would enter an era of international geopolitical convergence has proven wrong.

For the past few years, the liberal world has been internally divided and distracted by issues both profound and petty. Now, in *The Return of History and the End of Dreams*, Robert Kagan masterfully poses the most important questions facing the liberal democratic countries, challenging them to choose whether they want to shape history or let others shape it for them.



## “Smart Power: Toward a Prudent Foreign Policy for America”

**Ted Galen Carpenter**

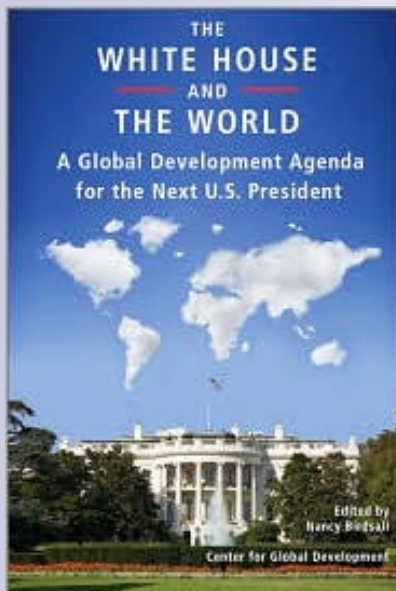
Publisher: Cato Institute  
 Pub. Date: June 2008  
 Hardcover  
 352pp

### **Synopsis**

Foreign policy expert Ted Galen Carpenter confronts the global challenges America faces, outlining a practical strategy that protects America's security while avoiding unnecessary and unrewarding military adventures. He looks at how U.S. forces remain mired in a nation-building mission in Iraq, while disagreements over Iraq policy and other matters have soured Washington's relations with long-time European allies.

### **From the Publisher**

"Disagreements over Iraq policy as well as other matters have soured Washington's relations with its longtime European allies. NATO, the centerpiece of Washington's transatlantic policy for nearly six decades, is foundering in Afghanistan and displays a growing lack of cohesion and relevance. Tensions between the United States and Russia are on the rise as authoritarianism has reemerged in that country and Moscow resists Washington's assertive policies." Ted Galen Carpenter examines these and other foreign policy challenges that America confronts in the 21st century and diagnoses what is wrong with Washington's current approach.



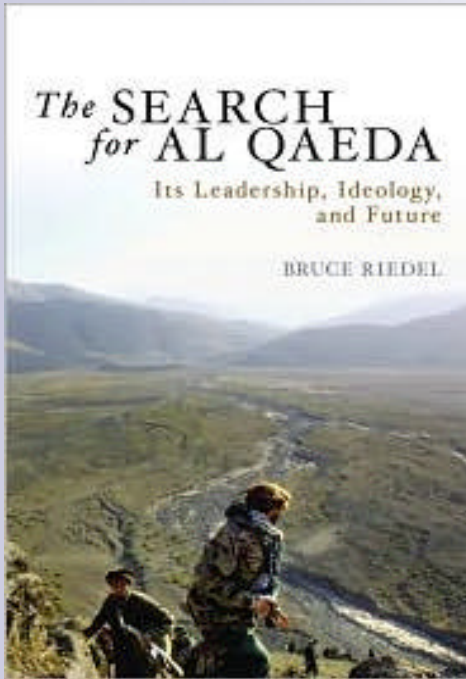
## “White House and the World: A Global Development Agenda for the Next U. S. President”

**Nancy Birdsall (Editor)**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Paperback  
 220 pp.

### **Synopsis**

Each day brings fresh evidence that Americans' well-being is linked to the lives of others around the world as never before. Accelerating advances in technology and the creation of new knowledge offer undreamed-of opportunities. Yet global poverty, inequality, disease, and the threat of rapid climate change threaten our hopes. How will the next U.S. president tackle these global challenges? The White House and the World shows how modest changes in U.S. policies could greatly improve the lives of poor people in developing countries, thus fostering greater stability, security and prosperity globally and at home. Center for Global Development experts offer fresh perspectives and practical advice on trade policy, migration, foreign aid, climate change, and more. In an introductory essay, CGD President Nancy Birdsall explains why and how the next U.S. president must lead in the creation of a better, safer world. The White House and the World will be invaluable to anybody interested in improving U.S. foreign policy in the 21st century.



**"The Search for al Qaeda: Its Leadership, Ideology, and Future"**

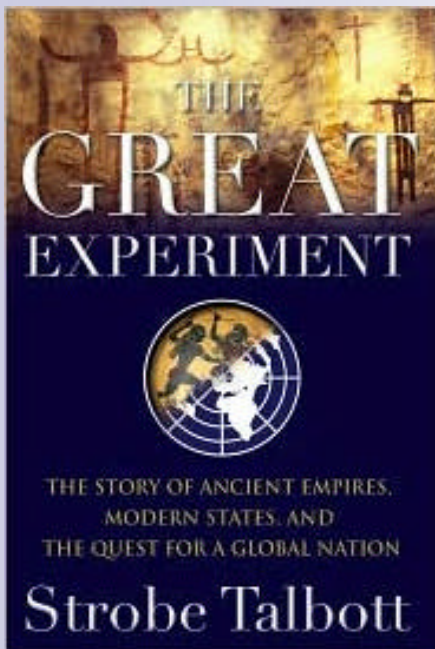
**Bruce Riedel**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: December 2008  
 Hardcover  
 224pp

**Synopsis**

Bruce Riedel is an expert on the Middle East and South Asia, with thirty years of intelligence and policymaking experience. He was actually in the White House Situation Room during the 9/11 attacks, serving as special assistant to the president and National Security Council senior director for Near East Affairs. He draws on this insider experience in profiling the four most important figures in the al Qaeda movement: Osama bin Laden, its creator and charismatic leader; ideologue Ayman Zawahiri, its Egyptian co-leader and principal spokesman; Abu Musaib al Zarqawi, leader of al Qaeda in Iraq until his death in 2006; and Mullah Omar, its Taliban

host. These profiles provide the base from which Riedel delivers a much clearer understanding of al Qaeda and what must be done to counter it.



**"The Great Experiment: The Story of Ancient Empires, Modern States, and the Quest for a Global Nation"**

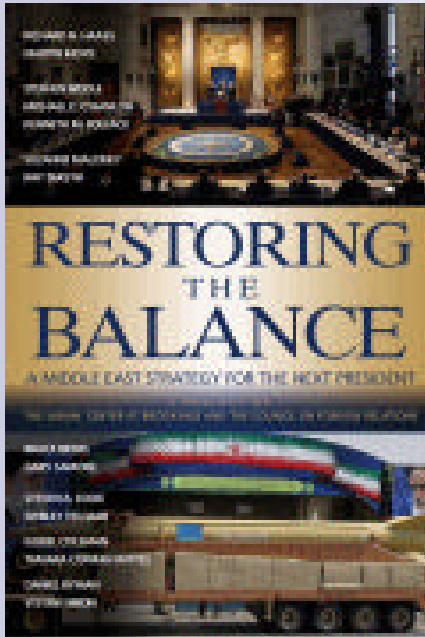
**Strobe Talbott**

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: January 2008  
 Hardcover  
 478pp

**Synopsis**

Strobe Talbott looks back to the consolidation of tribes into nations and the absorption of those nations into the empires (i.e. Hammurabi, the Pharaohs, Alexander, etc.). He traces the breakthroughs and breakdowns of peace along the way: the Pax Romana, the Treaty of Westphalia, the Concert of Europe, the false start of the League of Nations, the creation of the flawed but indispensable United Nations, the effort to build a "new world order" after the cold war, and America's unique role in modern history as "the master builder" of the international system. As an acclaimed journalist, he covered the standoff between the superpowers for more than two decades; as a high-

level diplomat, he was in the thick of tumultuous events in the 1990s, when the bipolar equilibrium gave way to chaos in the Balkans, the emergence of a new breed of international terrorist, and America's assertiveness during its "unipolar moment" — which he sees as the latest, but not the last, stage in the Great Experiment. Talbott concludes with a trenchant critique of the worldview and policies of George W. Bush. Looking beyond the morass in Iraq and the battle for the White House, he argues that the United States can regain the trust of the world by leading the effort to avert the perils of climate change and nuclear catastrophe.



**"Restoring the Balance. A Middle East Strategy for the Next President"**

**Richard N. Haass, Martin S. Indyk**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press

Pub. Date: November 2008

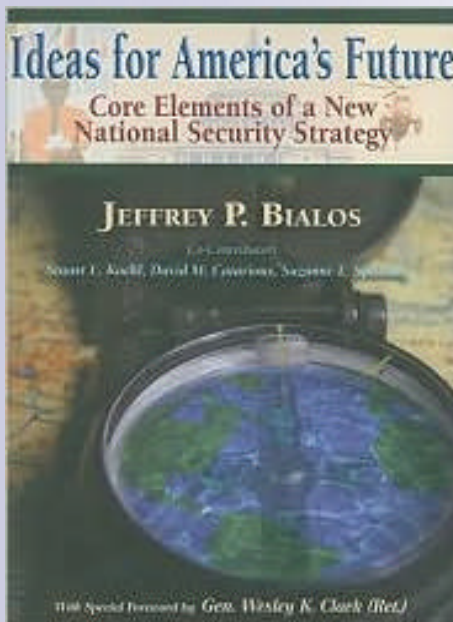
Paperback

288pp

**Synopsis**

The next U.S. president will need to pursue a new strategic framework for advancing American interests in the Middle East. The mounting challenges include sectarian conflict in Iraq, Iran's pursuit of nuclear capabilities, failing Palestinian and Lebanese governments, a dormant peace process, and the ongoing war against terror. Compounding these challenges is a growing hostility toward U.S. involvement in the Middle East. The old policy paradigms, whether President George W. Bush's model of regime change and democratization or President Bill

Clinton's model of peacemaking and containment, will no longer suit the likely circumstances confronting the next administration in the Middle East. In *Restoring the Balance*, experts from the Saban Center at the Brookings Institution and from the Council on Foreign Relations propose a new, nonpartisan strategy drawing on the lessons of past failures to address both the short-term and long-term challenges to U.S. interests. Following an overview chapter by Richard N. Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, and Martin Indyk, director of the Saban Center, individual chapters address the Arab-Israeli conflict, counterterrorism, Iran, Iraq, political and economic development, and nuclear proliferation.



**"Ideas for America's Future: Core Elements of a New National Security Strategy"**

**Jeffrey P. Bialos**

Publisher: Center for Transatlantic Relations

Pub. Date: August 2008

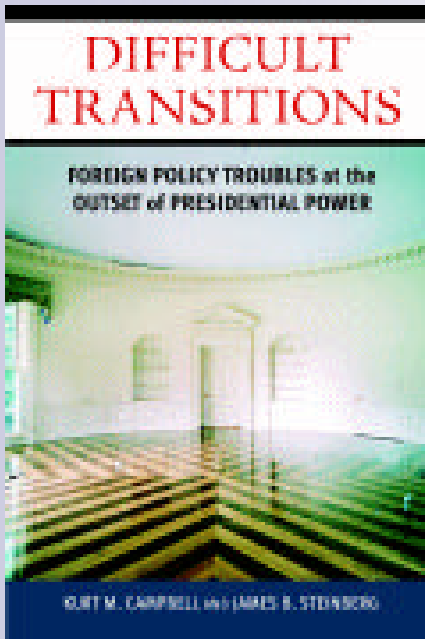
Paperback

300pp

**Synopsis**

The next U.S. president will need to adopt a national security strategy for the post-Iraq era that reflects our core values, can earn the trust of the American people and coalition partners, and can protect the country. This book sets forth some of the core elements of a new American strategy. The book discusses how to shape our security policies for dealing with rising power China, emerging power India, and declining power Russia. It addresses how to maintain

American openness to foreign ideas, people and capital, and how to win hearts and minds in the struggle against radical Jihadism. It also looks at how to refocus our military and civilian national security capabilities to address the low intensity missions we are likely to face—from insurgency to stabilization and reconstruction to tsunamis.



**“Difficult Transitions Foreign Policy. Troubles at the Outset of Presidential Power”**

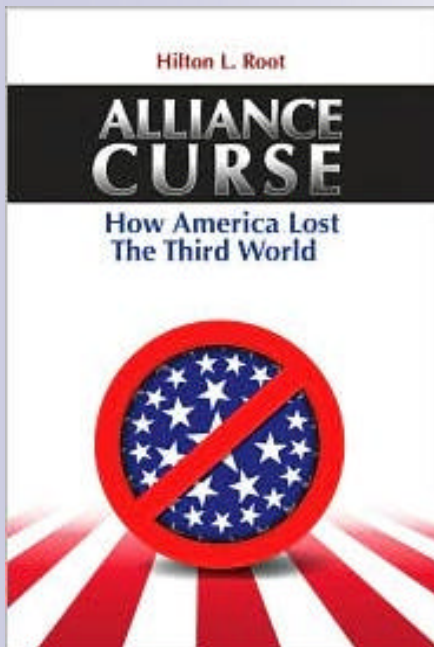
**James B. Steinberg** and Kurt M. Campbell

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: 2008  
 Hardcover  
 225pp

**Synopsis**

Drawing on their decades of government service—in the corridors of Capitol Hill, the intimate confines of the White House, the State Department, and the bare-knuckles Pentagon bureaucracy—Campbell and Steinberg identify the major foreign policy pitfalls that face a new presidential administration. They explain clearly and concisely what it takes to get foreign policy right from the start. The authors set the scene with a historical overview of presidential transitions and foreign policy including case studies of such prominent episodes as the “Black

Hawk Down” tragedy in Somalia that shook the Clinton administration in its first year and the Bush administration’s handling of the collision between a U.S. reconnaissance plane and a Chinese fighter jet in the spring of 2001. They pinpoint the leading causes of foreign policy fiascos, including the tendency to write off the policies of the outgoing administration and the failure to appreciate the differences between campaign promises and policy realities. Most important, they provide a road map to help the new administration steer clear of the land mines ahead.



**“Alliance Curse: How America Lost the Third World”**

**Hilton L. Root**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: May 2008  
 Hardcover  
 250pp

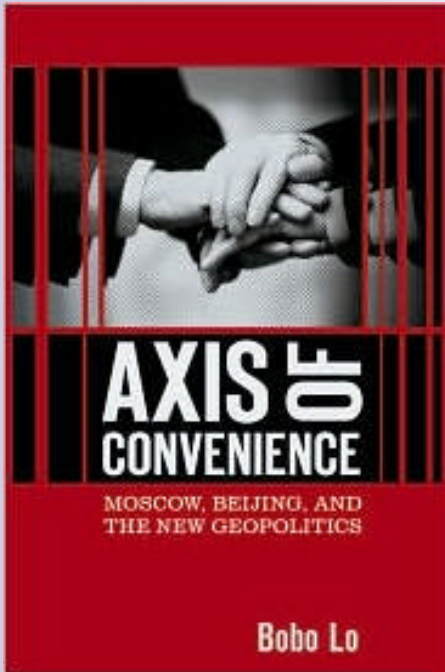
**Synopsis**

In *Alliance Curse*, Hilton Root illustrates how misguided foreign aid policy can backfire, stunting rather than advancing political and economic development, and poisoning relations instead of capturing hearts and minds. Partnering with dictators can produce perverse disincentives for those regimes to govern for prosperity, resulting in corruption, economic failure, and instability. These policies contradict America’s image as the champion of freedom and democracy, making the developing world even more wary of its intentions. Root buttresses his analysis with real-world case studies, concluding with recommendations designed to close the gap between security and economic development. His work belies conventional wisdom that distin-

guishes between long-term global development and short-term U.S. security. Indeed, the long term is quite relevant, he argues, and to overlook that fact would be a tragic mistake.



## “Axis of Convenience”



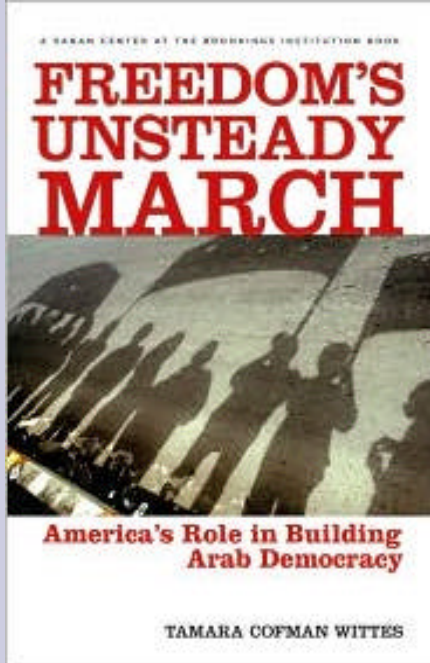
[Bobo Lo](#)

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: July 2008  
 Hardcover  
 300pp

### Synopsis

"Few International Relationships have provoked such polarized views as the "strategic partnership" between China and Russia. Both nations portray it as the very model of positive-sum cooperation, offering the promise of a more equitable world order. But many Western observers see it as an alliance of authoritarian states that threatens the global leadership of the United States and the dismantling of democratic norms. In *Axis of Convenience*, Bobo Lo shows that the true picture is more complex than such interpretations would suggest." *Axis of Convenience* evaluates the current state and future prospects of the Sino-Russian relationship against the back-

drop of a disordered global environment.



## “Freedom's Unsteady March: America's Role in Building Arab Democracy”

[Tamara Cofman Wittes](#)

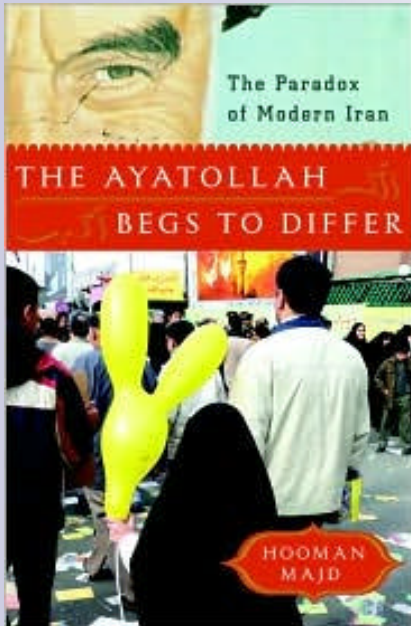
Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 176pp

### Synopsis

After stalemate in Iraq and the electoral success of Hamas, many observers concluded that the pursuit of Arab democracy was a fool's errand. Despite these setbacks, Tamara Cofman Wittes argues that democracy promotion in the Arab world remains an essential component of any strategy to achieve long-term American goals in that critical region. A volatile combination of growing populations, economic stagnation, and political alienation poses a serious threat to stability in today's Middle East. These forces are severely testing the legitimacy

and governability of key states such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia, limiting their ability to work with the United States on regional priorities such as stabilizing Iraq and combating terrorism. *Freedom's Unsteady March* shows why America cannot afford to be neutral or passive in the face of the momentous changes taking place in Arab states and why it must wield its power and influence in support of democratic reform. Wittes also dissects the Bush administration's failure to advance freedom in the Middle East. She diagnoses the roots of America's ambivalence about Arab democracy, and shows how to confront more honestly the risks of change and act more effectively to contain them.

## “Ayatollah Begs to Differ: The Paradox of Modern Iran”



### Hooman Majd

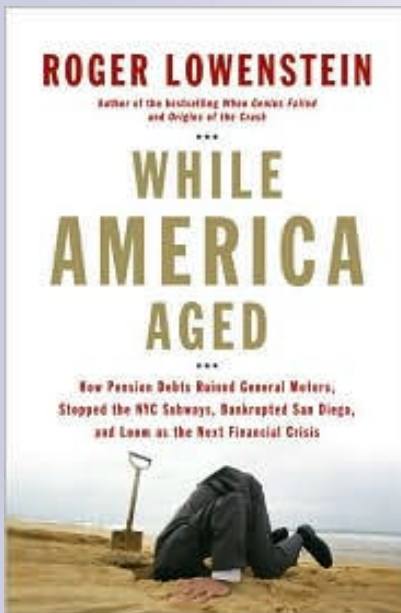
Publisher: Doubleday Publishing  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 256pp

### **Synopsis**

The grandson of an eminent ayatollah and the son of an Iranian diplomat, now an American citizen, Hooman Majd is, in a way, both 100 percent Iranian and 100 percent American, combining an insider's knowledge of how Iran works with a remarkable ability to explain its history and its quirks to Western readers. In *The Ayatollah Begs to Differ*, he paints a portrait of a country that is fiercely proud of its Persian heritage, mystified by its outsider status, and scornful of the idea that the United States can dictate how it should interact with the commu-

nity of nations.

## Wirtschafts- und Finanzkrise



## “While America Aged: How Pension Debts Ruined General Motors, Stopped the NYC Subways, Bankrupted San Diego, and Loom as the Next Financial Crisis”

### Roger Lowenstein

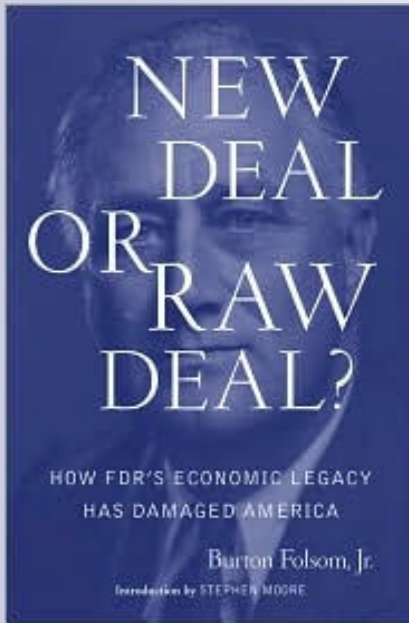
Publisher: Penguin Group (USA)  
 Pub. Date: May 2008  
 Hardcover  
 288pp

### **Synopsis**

In *While America Aged*, bestselling author Roger Lowenstein explains how corporations and governments ran up ruinous pension and health-care promises to workers—promises that are now coming due and that will hit America like a tsunami if nothing is done.

*While America Aged* is comprised of three fascinating case studies—each an object lesson and a compelling historical saga.

*While America Aged* explains how we came to this crisis, and it also proposes a way out. Arming readers with knowledge of the consequences of doing nothing, *While America Aged*, first and foremost, a call to action.



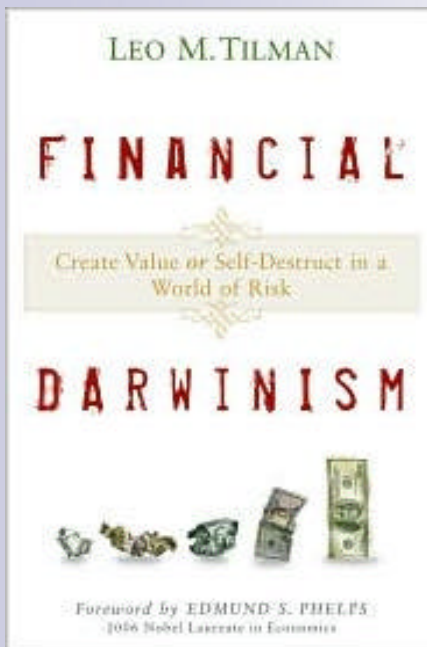
**“New Deal or Raw Deal?: How FDR's Economic Legacy Has Damaged America”**

**Burton W. Folsom Jr.**

Publisher: Threshold Editions  
 Pub. Date: November 2008  
 Hardcover  
 336pp

**Synopsis**

In this shocking and groundbreaking new book, economic historian Burton W. Folsom exposes the idyllic legend of Franklin D. Roosevelt as a myth of epic proportions. With questionable moral character and a vendetta against the business elite, Roosevelt created New Deal programs marked by inconsistent planning, wasteful spending, and opportunity for political gain—ultimately elevating public opinion of his administration but falling flat in achieving the economic revitalization that America so desperately needed from the Great Depression. Folsom takes a critical, revisionist look at Roosevelt's presidency, his economic policies, and his personal life



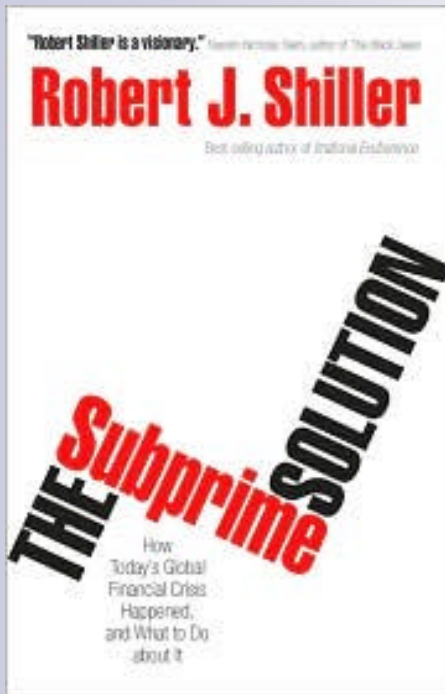
**“Financial Darwinism: Create Value or Self-Destruct in a World of Risk”**

**Leo M. Tilman, Edmund Phelps (Foreword by)**

Publisher: Wiley, John & Sons, Incorporated  
 Pub. Date: November 2008  
 Hardcover  
 172pp

**Synopsis**

In *Financial Darwinism*, author Leo Tilman lays the groundwork for understanding the new financial order by introducing his evolutionary thesis and then outlines an actionable decision-making framework — which he refers to as *Financial Darwinism* — that enables financial institutions and investors to fully leverage the power of business strategy, corporate finance, investment analysis, and risk management in order to adapt and thrive. Filled with important insights, unique perspective and breadth of real-life experience, *Financial Darwinism* will help financial institutions and investors worldwide face modern-day challenges and create a lasting economic value amidst complex, uncertain, and constantly evolving business and market environments.



**“The Subprime Solution: How Today's Global Financial Crisis Happened, and What to Do about It”**

**Robert J. Shiller**

Publisher: Princeton University Press

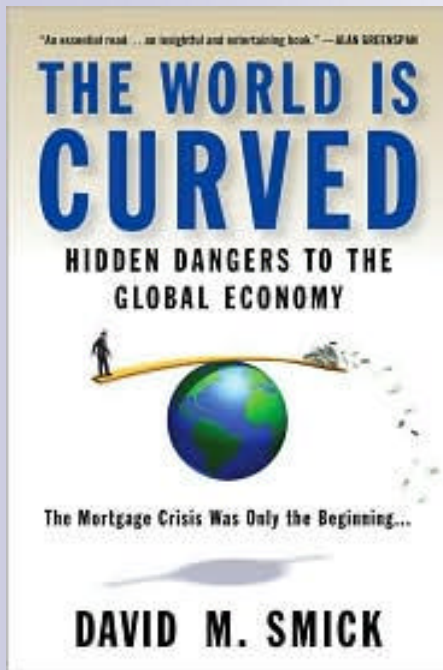
Pub. Date: July 2008

Hardcover

208pp

**Synopsis**

In this trenchant book, best-selling economist Robert Shiller reveals the origins of this crisis and puts forward bold measures to solve it. He calls for an aggressive response--a restructuring of the institutional foundations of the financial system that will not only allow people once again to buy and sell homes with confidence, but will create the conditions for greater prosperity in America and throughout the deeply interconnected world economy.



**“The World Is Curved: Hidden Dangers to the Global Economy”**

**David M. Smick**

Publisher: Penguin Group (USA)

Pub. Date: September 2008

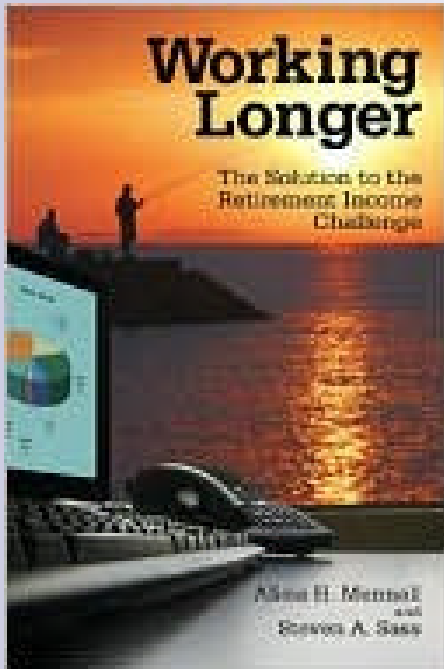
Hardcover

272pp

**Synopsis**

David Smick keeps a low profile, but experts consider him one of the most insightful financial market strategists in the world. For more than two decades, he has conferred with central bankers and advised top Wall Street executives and investors. The World Is Curved picks up where Thomas Friedman's The World Is Flat left off, taking listeners on an insider's tour through the private offices of central bankers, finance ministers, even prime ministers. Smick reveals how today's risky environment came to be—and why the mortgage mess is a symptom of potentially far more

devastating trouble. He wrestles with the two questions on everyone's mind: How bad could things really get in today's volatile economy? And what can we do about it? The World Is Curved is the rare work that speaks simultaneously to the Wall Street, Washington, and London elite, yet its apt storytelling shows Main Street readers how to survive in these turbulent times.



**“Working Longer: The Solution to the Retirement Income Challenge”**

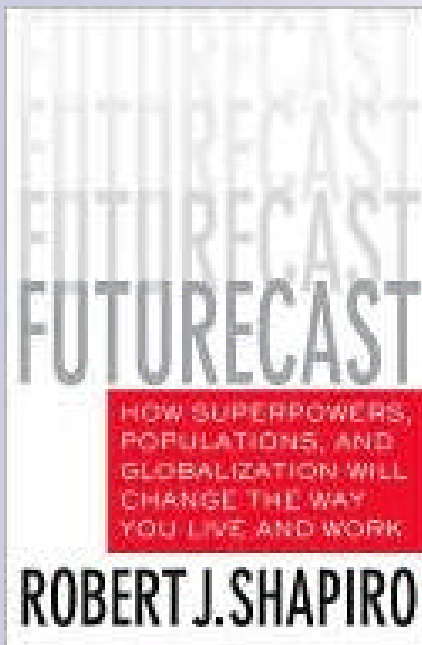
**Alicia Haydock Munnell, Steven A. Sass**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: May 2008  
 Hardcover  
 206pp

**Synopsis**

*Working Longer* investigates the prospects for moving the average retirement age from 63, the current figure, to 66. The authors ask whether future generations of workers will be healthy enough to work beyond the current retirement age, as well as whether older men and women are willing to do so. They examine companies' incentives to employ older workers and ask what government can do to promote continued participation in the workforce. Finally, they

consider the challenge of ensuring a secure retirement for low-wage workers and those who are unable to continue to work. Spending a few additional years in the labor force can make a big difference. By continuing to work until their mid-60s or beyond, most individuals should be able to secure a reasonably comfortable retirement. Implementing such a change on a large scale will not be simple, however. It requires thought and planning on the part of individuals, employers, and the government. In *Working Longer*, Munnell and Sass explain what each of these groups can and should do to keep the American dream of retirement alive.



**Futurecast: How Superpowers, Populations, and Globalization Will Change the Way You Live and Work”**

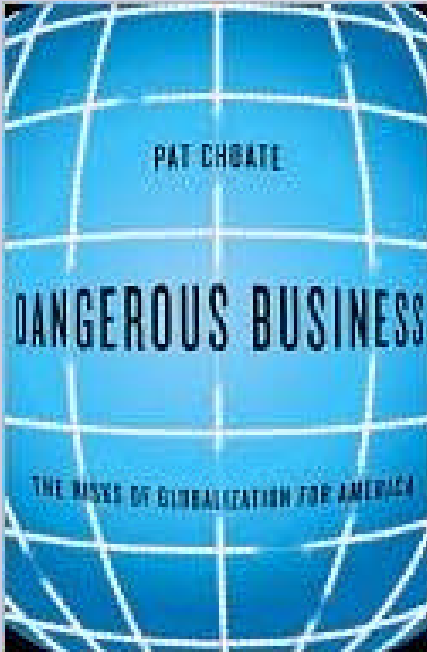
**Robert J. Shapiro**

Publisher: St. Martin's Press  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 368pp

**Synopsis**

In *Futurecast*, Robert Shapiro, former U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce and Chairman/Co-founder of Sonecon, looks into the future to tell us what our world will be over the next dozen years. Though that time span seems brief, Shapiro foresees monumental changes caused by three historic new forces—globalization, the aging of societies, and the rise of America as a sole superpower with no near peer— will determine the paths of nations and the lives of countless

millions. What jobs will there be for you and your children? What will happen to your health care? How safe will you be at home or abroad? Answers to these questions will depend, even more than today, on where you live in the world. If one adds the wildcard of possible, catastrophic terrorist attacks to this mix, the period between now and 2020 will be as challenging as any in modern times. Taking these deep global developments into account when planning for the future is a necessity. Robert Shapiro's clear-eyed *Futurecast* is the knowledge portfolio you need to prepare for the years come.



## “Dangerous Business: The Risks of Globalization for America”

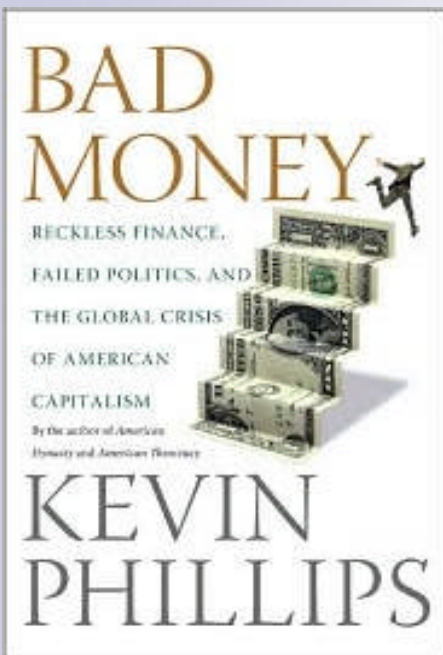
[Pat Choate](#)

Publisher: Knopf Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: August 2008  
 Hardcover  
 256pp

### Synopsis

In this impassioned, prescient book, Pat Choate shows us that while increased worldwide economic integration has some benefits for our fiscal efficiency, it also creates dependencies, vulnerabilities, national security risks, and social costs that now outweigh its advantages. He takes the long view of developments such as technology-driven progress, the offshoring of jobs, and open trade, arguing that current U.S. policies are leading to worldwide economic and political instability, in much the same way as before the Great Depression. Choate

writes convincingly about the Defense Department’s growing dependence on foreign sources for its technologies, the leasing of parts of our interstate highway system to overseas investors, China’s economic mercantilism, and international currency manipulation that damages the dollar. We have been borrowing heavily from foreign lenders, who by 2009 will own more than half of the Treasury debt, a third of U.S. corporate bonds, and a sixth of U.S. corporate assets—all of which, if handled improperly, could trigger a globaleconomic collapse.



## “Bad Money: Reckless Finance, Failed Politics, and the Global Crisis of American Capitalism”

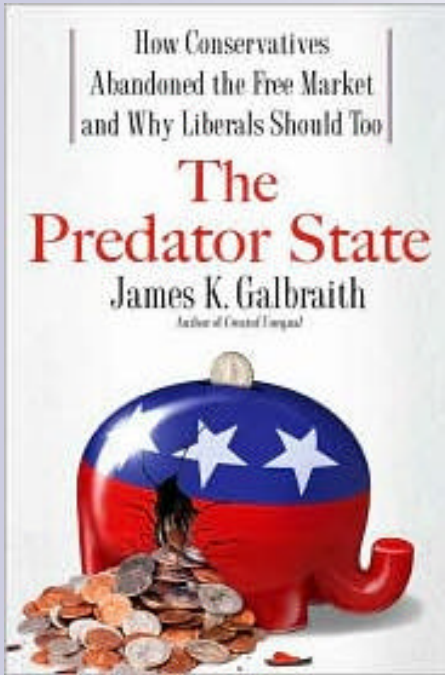
[Kevin Phillips](#)

Publisher: Penguin Group (USA) Incorporated  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 256pp

### Synopsis

In *American Theocracy*, Kevin Phillips warned us of the perilous interaction of debt, financial recklessness, and the increasing cost of scarce oil. The current housing and mortgage debacle is proof once more of Phillips's prescience, and only the first harbinger of a national crisis. In *Bad Money*, Phillips describes the consequences of our misguided economic policies, our mounting debt, our collapsing

housing market, our threatened oil, and the end of American domination of world markets. America's current challenges (and failures) run striking parallels to the decline of previous leading world economic powers—especially the Dutch and British. Global overreach, worn-out politics, excessive debt, and exhausted energy regimes are all chilling signals that the United States is crumbling as the world superpower.



**“The Predator State: How Conservatives Abandoned the Free Market and Why Liberals Should Too”**

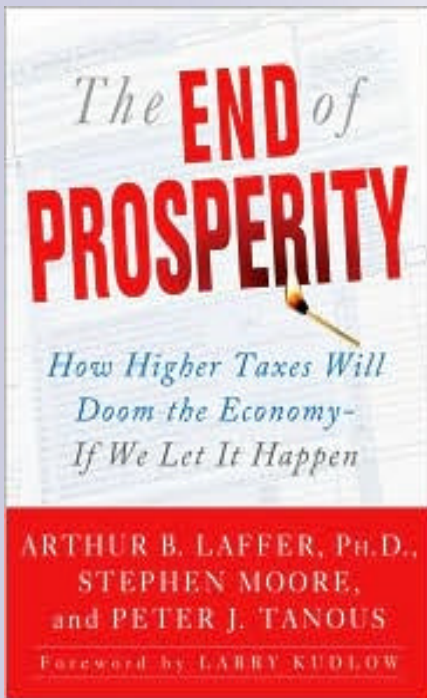
**James K. Galbraith**

Publisher: Free Press, The  
Pub. Date: August 2008  
Hardcover  
221pp

**Synopsis**

Enter James K. Galbraith, the iconoclastic economist. In this riveting book, Galbraith first dissects the stale remains of Reaganism and shows how Bush and company had no choice except to dump them into the trash. He then explores the true nature of the Bush regime: a "corporate republic," bringing the methods and mentality of big business to public life; a coalition of lobbies, doing the bidding of clients in the oil, mining, military, pharmaceutical, agribusiness, insurance, and media industries; and a predator state, intent

not on reducing government but rather on diverting public cash into private hands. In plain English, the Republican Party has been hijacked by political leaders who long since stopped caring if reality conformed to their message.



**“The End of Prosperity: How Higher Taxes Will Doom the Economy--If We Let It Happen”**

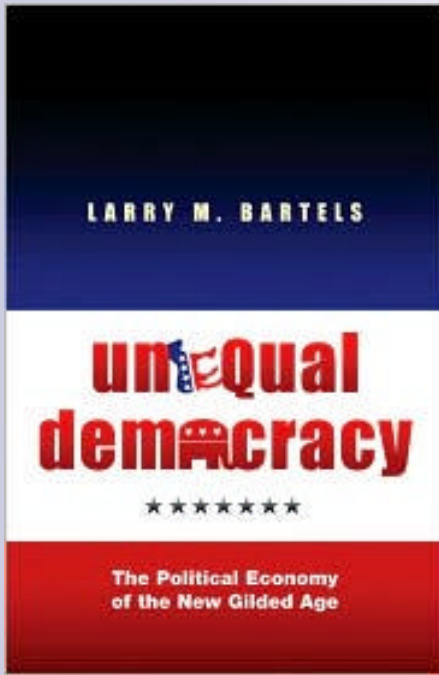
**Arthur B. Laffer, Stephen Moore, Peter Tanous**

Publisher: Threshold Editions  
Pub. Date: October 2008  
Hardcover  
352pp

**Synopsis**

Arthur Laffer joins economist Stephen Moore of *The Wall Street Journal* editorial board and investment advisor Peter J. Tanous to send Americans an urgent message: We risk losing the exceptional standard of living that has made us the envy of the rest of the world if the pro-growth policies of the last twenty-five years are reversed by a new president. Under the leadership of Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, Americans changed the incentive structure on taxes, inflation, and regulation, and as a result the economy roared back to life after the anti-growth, high-inflation 1970s. Now the rest of the world is following the American economic growth model of lower tax

rates, more economic freedom, and sound money. Paradoxically, one country is moving away from these growth policies and putting its prosperity at risk -- America. On the eve of a critical presidential election, Laffer, Moore, and Tanous provide the factual information every American needs in order to understand exactly how we achieved the prosperity many people have come to take for granted, and explain how the policies of Democrats Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and Nancy Pelosi can cause America to lose its status as the world's growth and job creation machine.



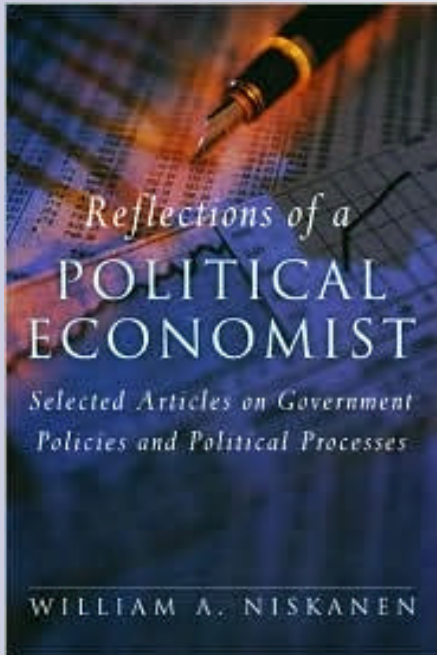
## “Unequal Democracy: The Political Economy of the New Gilded Age”

[Larry M. Bartels](#)

Publisher: Princeton University Press  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 328pp  
 Edition Number: 1

### Synopsis

*Unequal Democracy* debunks many myths about politics in contemporary America, using the widening gap between the rich and the poor to shed disturbing light on the workings of American democracy. Larry Bartels shows that increasing inequality is not simply the result of economic forces, but the product of broad-reaching policy choices in a political system dominated by partisan ideologies and the interests of the wealthy. Bartels demonstrates that elected officials respond to the views of affluent constituents but ignore the views of poor people. He shows that Republican presidents in particular have consistently produced much less income growth for middle-class and working-poor families than for affluent families, greatly increasing inequality. He provides revealing case studies of key policy shifts contributing to inequality, including the massive Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 and the erosion of the minimum wage. Finally, he challenges conventional explanations for why many voters seem to vote against their own economic interests, contending that working-class voters have not been lured into the Republican camp by “values issues” like abortion and gay marriage, as commonly believed, but that Republican presidents have been remarkably successful in timing income growth to cater to short-sighted voters.



## “Reflections of a Political Economist: Selected Articles on Government Policies and Political Processes”

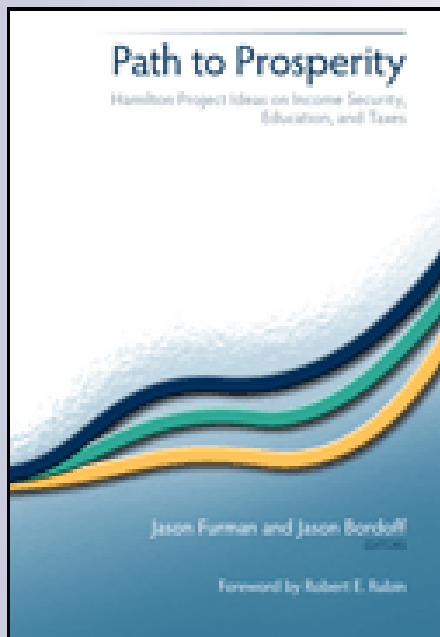
[William A. Niskanen](#)

Publisher: National Book Network  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 400pp

### Synopsis

This retrospective by acclaimed economist William A. Niskanen examines a wide variety of key public policies and politically controversial issues, including those pertaining to trade, unemployment, election law, and the economics of war and peace. Niskanen applies sharply focused economic perspectives to each topic, illustrating how the use of economic incentives significantly aids the creation of solid, successful policies.





**“Path to Prosperity. Hamilton Project Ideas on Income Security, Education and Taxes”**

**Jason Furman, Jason E. Bordoff**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: 2008  
 Hardcover  
 272 pp.

**Synopsis**

Since its launch in 2006, the Hamilton Project at Brookings has produced extensive research on how to create a growing economy that benefits all Americans. Its pragmatic work aims to increase opportunities for broad-based wealth, economic security, and enduring growth. *Path to Prosperity*, the first book to emerge from the Hamilton Project, presents important and original work to that end. *Path*

*to Prosperity* focuses on three key criteria for fostering broadly shared economic growth: enhancing economic security, building a highly skilled work force, and reforming the tax system. Income security proposals offer methods for reforming unemployment insurance, protecting against the risk of reemployment at a lower wage after job loss, and improving incentives for retirement saving. Education proposals build human capital by improving each level of education, from preschool programs for poor children to graduate fellowships in math and science. The tax proposals seek to make taxation simpler, more progressive, and better suited to a global economy.



**“Globalization and Europe: Prospering in the New Whirled Order”**

**Daniel S. Hamilton, Joseph P. Quinnan**

Publisher: Center for Transatlantic Relations  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Paperback  
 215pp

**Synopsis**

What are globalization's gains and pains, and what do they mean for Europe? In this study Dan Hamilton and Joe Quinnan offer a balanced, up-to-date look. They map changing flows of trade, investment, people, money and ideas. They explain globalization's effect on European consumers, workers, companies and governments. Who wins, who loses, and why. They highlight opportunities, identify challenges - and offer some surprising conclusions.



## “Sleeping Giant: Awakening the Transatlantic Services Economy”

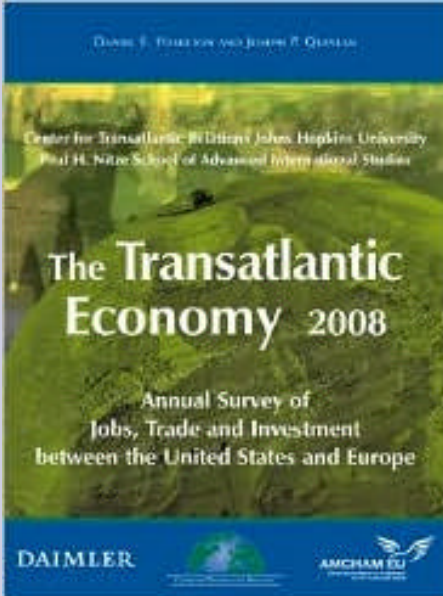
[Daniel S. Hamilton](#) (Editor), [Joseph P. Quinlan](#) (Editor)

Publisher: Center for Transatlantic Relations  
 Pub. Date: October 2008  
 Paperback  
 208pp

### Synopsis

Services activities are the sleeping giant of the transatlantic economy—an enormous economic factor that, if awakened and unbound, would further deepen the commercial stakes between the United States and Europe and enhance the global competitiveness of both sides of the Atlantic. Today, services account for the largest share of gross domestic product in virtually all of the nations that comprise the transatlantic economy. The services economies of the United States and Europe have never been as intertwined as they are today, notably in such activities as financial services, telecommunications, utilities, insurance, advertising, computer services and other related functions. Europe is the most important market in the

world for U.S. global sales of services; the United States is the Europe's most important market for services as well. Yet the full potential of the transatlantic services economy remains hampered by internal barriers, regulation, and obstacles in the U.S. and in Europe. This volume explores the prospects and challenges associated with opening the transatlantic services economy. European and American authors examine the state of the U.S. and European services economies; offer case studies in key sectors such as health services, financial services and telecommunications; and highlight the opportunities for the United States, Europe, and the rest of the world.



## “The Transatlantic Economy: Annual Survey of Jobs, Trade and Investment Between the United States and Europe”

[Daniel S. Hamilton](#), [Joseph P. Quinlan](#)

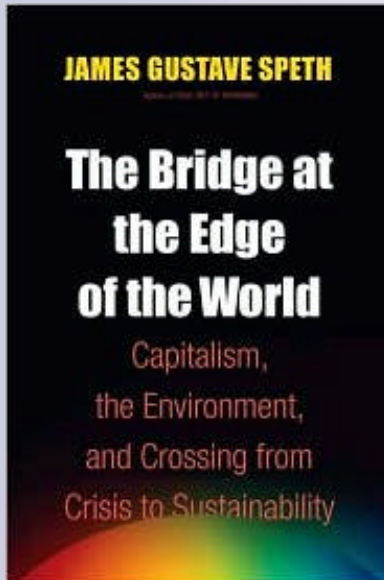
Publisher: Center for Transatlantic Relations  
 Pub. Date: January 2008  
 Paperback  
 121pp

### Synopsis

Transatlantic markets are the cutting edge of globalization. The European and American economies have never been as intertwined as they are today. Key states and regions are integrally linked to partners across the Atlantic - and their prosperity depends on sustaining and strengthening those ties. The Transatlantic Economy 2008 annual survey offers the most up-to-date set of facts and figures describing the deep economic integration binding Europe and the United States. It documents European-sourced jobs, trade and investment for each of the 50 U.S. states, and U.S.-sourced jobs, trade and investment for each member nation of the European Union, as well as other European countries. In the context of today's debates about globalization and the rise of other major markets, the Transatlantic Economy 2008 offers some unanticipated and counterintuitive connections with important implications for policymakers and business leaders.

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## Klima- und Energiepolitik



**“The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability”**

[James Gustave Speth](#)

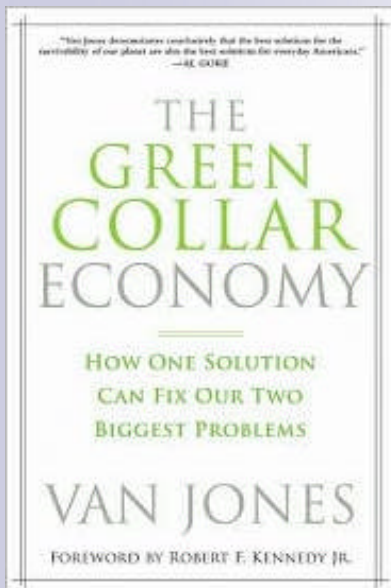
Publisher: Yale University Press  
Pub. Date: March 2008  
Hardcover or Paperback  
320pp

### **Synopsis**

In this book Gus Speth, author of *Red Sky at Morning* and a widely respected environmentalist, begins with the observation that the environmental community has grown in strength and sophistication, but the environment has continued to decline, to the point that we are now at the

edge of catastrophe.

Speth contends that this situation is a severe indictment of the economic and political system we call modern capitalism. Our vital task is now to change the operating instructions for today's destructive world economy before it is too late. The book is about how to do that.



**“The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix America's Two Biggest Problems”**

[Van Jones](#)

Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers  
Pub. Date: October 2008  
Hardcover  
256pp

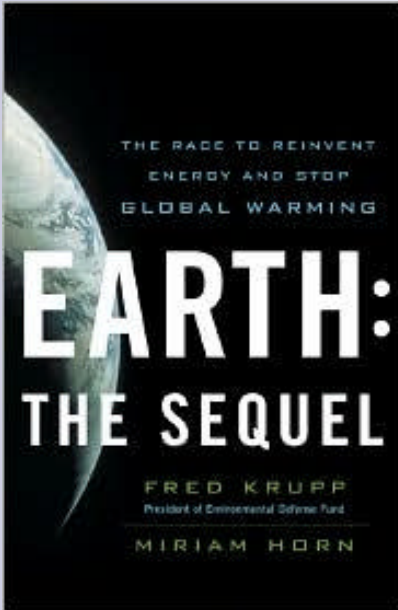
### **Synopsis**

In *The Green Collar Economy*, acclaimed activist and political advisor Van Jones delivers a real solution that both rescues our economy and saves the environment. The economy is built on and powered almost exclusively by oil, natural gas, and coal—all fast-diminishing un-renewable resources. As supplies disappear, the price of energy climbs and nearly everything becomes more expensive. With costs and unem-

ployment soaring, the economy stalls. Not only that, when we burn these fuels, the greenhouse gases they create overheat the atmosphere. As the headlines make clear, total climate chaos looms over us. The bottom line, we cannot continue with business as usual. We cannot drill and burn our way out of these dual dilemmas. Instead, Van Jones illustrates how we can invent and invest our way out of the pollution-based grey economy and into the healthy new green economy. Built by a broad coalition deeply rooted in the lives and struggles of ordinary people, this path has the practical benefit of both cutting energy prices and generating enough work to pull the U.S. economy out of its present death spiral.

## “Earth: The Sequel: The Race to Reinvent Energy and Stop Global Warming”

[Fred Krupp](#), [Miriam Horn](#)



Publisher: W W Norton & Co Inc  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Paperback  
 279pp

### Synopsis

Environmental Defense Fund president Krupp and journalist Horn offer a business-centric prescription for alleviating climate change, coupling the market force of capitalism with technological innovation and entrepreneurial inventiveness. The authors argue in favour of strict federal carbon caps, which would induce innovators to explore new ways to control carbon dioxide emissions. The book notes the global and historical successes of cap and trade mechanisms, such as the

Clean Air Act of 1990. Designed specifically to control sulphur dioxide (which causes acid rain), the Clean Air Act cut emissions 30% more than the law required by providing coal plant operators with a financial incentive to modernize. New technologies that would benefit from such a "logical, elegant, market-based approach" include one as basic as an Arizona natural gas power plant that vents its smokestack waste into a vast greenhouse, where it nourishes algae used for manufacturing biodiesel, and one as radical as harnessing the kinetic energy of molecules as a power source.

## “The Great Warming: Climate Change and the Rise and Fall of Civilizations”

[Brian Fagan](#)



Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing Plc  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Hardcover  
 304pp

### Synopsis

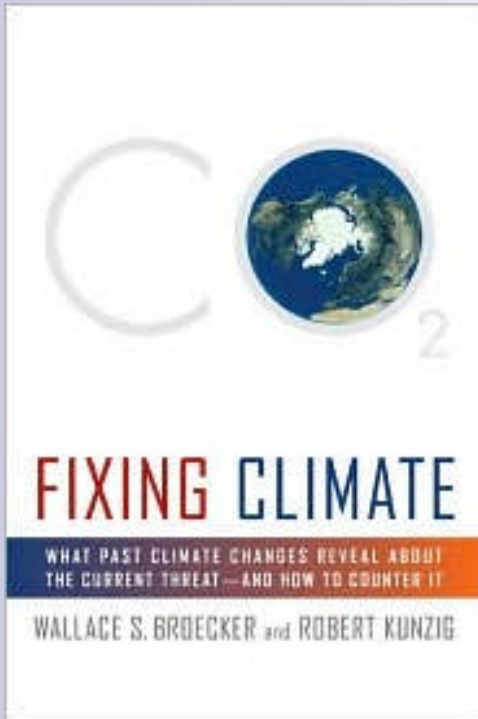
From the tenth to the fifteenth centuries the earth experienced a rise in surface temperature that changed climate worldwide—a preview of today's global warming. In some areas, including Western Europe, longer summers brought bountiful harvests and population growth that led to cultural flowering. In the Arctic, Inuit and Norse sailors made cultural connections across thousands of miles as they traded precious iron goods. Polynesian sailors, riding new wind patterns, were able to settle the remotest islands on earth. But in many parts of

the world, the warm centuries brought drought and famine. Elaborate societies in western and central America collapsed, and the vast building complexes of Chaco Canyon and the Mayan Yucatan were left empty. As he did in his bestselling *The Little Ice Age*, anthropologist and historian Brian Fagan reveals how subtle changes in the environment had far-reaching effects on human life, in a narrative that sweeps from the Arctic ice cap to the Sahara to the Indian Ocean. The history of the Great Warming of a half millennium ago suggests that we may yet be underestimating the power of climate change to disrupt our lives today—and our vulnerability to drought, writes Fagan, is the “silent elephant in the room.”

**"Fixing Climate: What Past Climate Changes Reveal About the Current Threat--and How to Counter It"**

**Wallace S. Broecker, Robert Kunzig**

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 272pp  
 Edition Number: 1



**Synopsis**

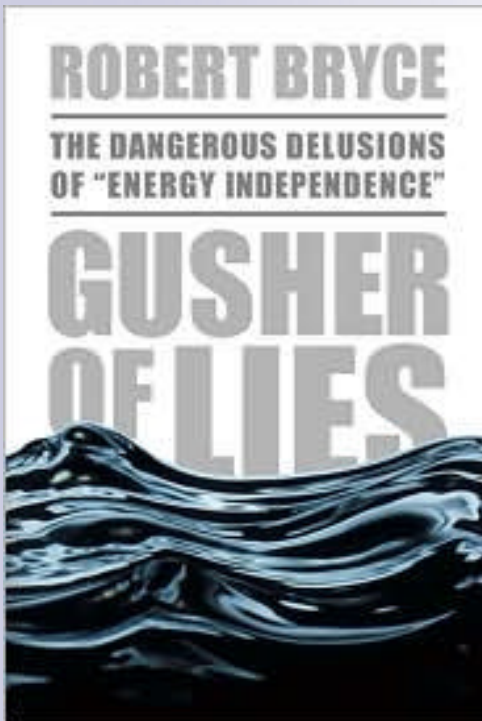
The product of a unique collaboration between a pioneering earth scientist and an award winning science writer, *Fixing Climate* takes an unconventional approach to the vitally important issue of global warming. Wallace S. Broecker, a longtime researcher at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, warned about the possible consequences of global warming decades before the concept entered popular consciousness. Hooked on climate studies since his student days, he has learned, largely through his own findings, that climate changes—naturally, dramatically, and rarely benignly. As Broecker points out, if a well-meaning fairy godmother were to turn us all into energy saving paragons at the stroke of midnight tonight, the resulting reduction

in atmospheric carbon dioxide might lessen but could not turn aside the great warming tide now headed our way. There is, nonetheless, a glimmer of hope in the development of new technologies that are directed not only at the reduction of carbon dioxide output but also at its harmless disposal.

**Gusher of Lies**

**Robert Bryce**

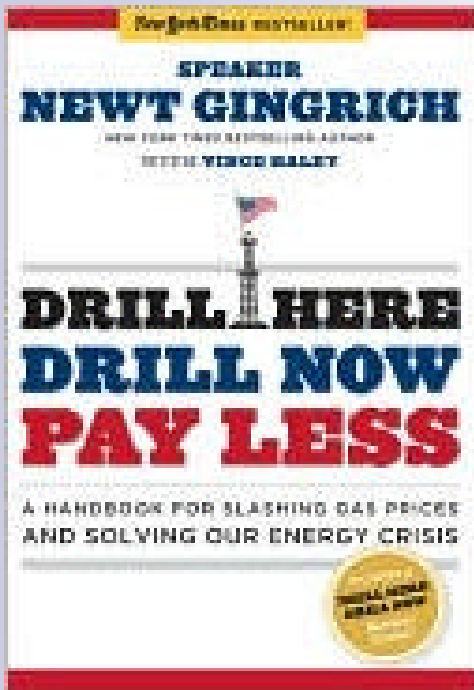
Publisher: PublicAffairs  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Hardcover  
 384pp



**Synopsis**

Everybody is talking about "energy independence." But is it really achievable? Is it actually even desirable? In this controversial, meticulously researched book, Robert Bryce exposes the false promises behind the rhetoric while blasting nearly everybody—Republicans, Democrats, environmentalists, and war-mongering neoconservatives—for misleading voters about our energy needs. *Gusher of Lies* explains why the idea of energy independence appeals to voters while also showing that renewable sources like wind and solar cannot meet America's growing energy demand. Along the way, Bryce eviscerates the ethanol scam. Whether the issue is cost, water consumption, or food prices, corn ethanol is one of the longest-running robberies ever perpetrated on American taxpayers.

Consumers concerned about peak oil and the future of global energy supplies need to understand that energy security depends on embracing free markets and the realities of interdependence. *Gusher of Lies* is illuminating, vital reading.



**“Drill Here, Drill Now, Pay Less: A Handbook for Slashing Gas Prices and Solving Our Energy Crisis”**

**Newt Gingrich**

Publisher: Regnery Publishing, Inc., An Eagle Publishing Company

Pub. Date: September 2008

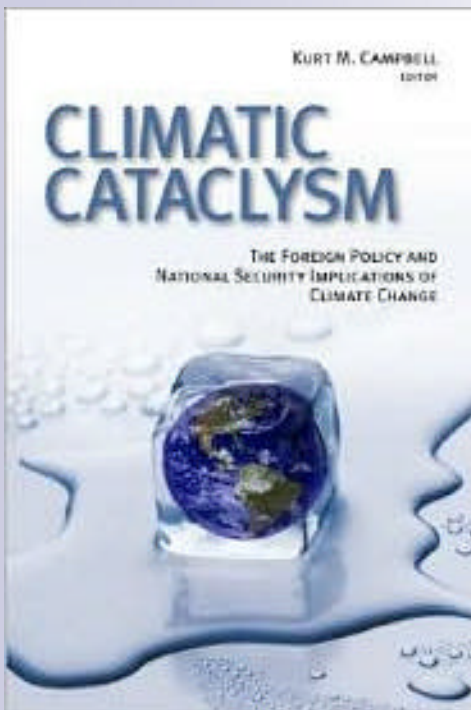
Paperback

120pp

**Synopsis**

America is unrivaled in our ability to solve tough problems and create bold, powerful solutions. That's exactly what we need to do with the energy crisis we now face. We CAN become energy independent, while lowering prices at the pump today and developing innovative and effective energy alternatives for the future. We CAN produce an overwhelming supply of oil and natural gas here at home, and break the stranglehold that foreign (often hostile) countries have on our energy supply, and by extension, our economy. And we CAN be responsible stewards

of our environment, protecting the grand beauty and richness of our country without sacrificing our robust engines of growth, expansion, and entrepreneurship. As Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House and bestselling author, spells out in stunning simplicity, when it comes to developing domestic energy resources, we CAN do it all. Isn't it time we relied on American energy for America's security and prosperity? With your help, your citizen action, and Newt Gingrich's plan as laid out in this handbook, we can solve this energy crisis-and slash gas prices, too.



**“Climatic Cataclysm: The Foreign Policy and National Security Implications of Climate Change”**

**Kurt M. Campbell (Editor)**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press

Pub. Date: May 2008

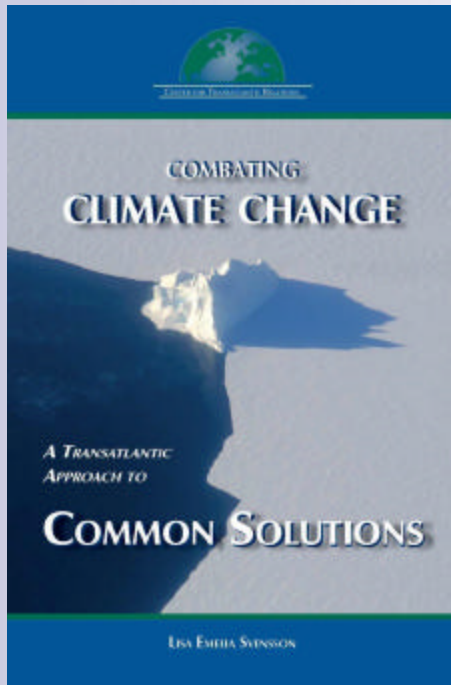
Hardcover

280pp

**Synopsis**

The contributors examine three scenarios as a basis for future planning. The first scenario projects the likely effects of the expected level of climate change over the next thirty years, based on current scientific models. The severe scenario, based on a much stronger response to current levels of carbon loading, foresees profound and potentially destabilizing global effects over the next generation or more. Finally, the catastrophic scenario is characterized by a devastating "tipping point" in the climate system, perhaps fifty or one hundred years hence. In this future world, the land-based polar ice sheets have disappeared, global sea levels have risen dramatically, and the existing natural order

has been destroyed beyond repair.



## **"Combating Climate Change: A Transatlantic Approach to Common Solutions"**

**Lisa Svensson**

Publisher: Center for Transatlantic Relations  
 Pub. Date: August 2008  
 Paperback  
 100pp

### **Synopsis**

An increasing sense of urgency has pushed climate change to the top of the international agenda. This volume presents an overview of the principal mechanisms to combat climate change, and highlights the need for a broad approach to creating an international policy framework. Furthermore, it outlines current action in Europe and the U.S. and discusses and lessons to be learned from the experience of the European Union in order to advance a transatlantic

consensus on climate change. Finally, it offers a roadmap for a post-2012 framework when the Kyoto Protocol expires.



## **Energy Security: Economics, Politics, Strategies, and Implications**

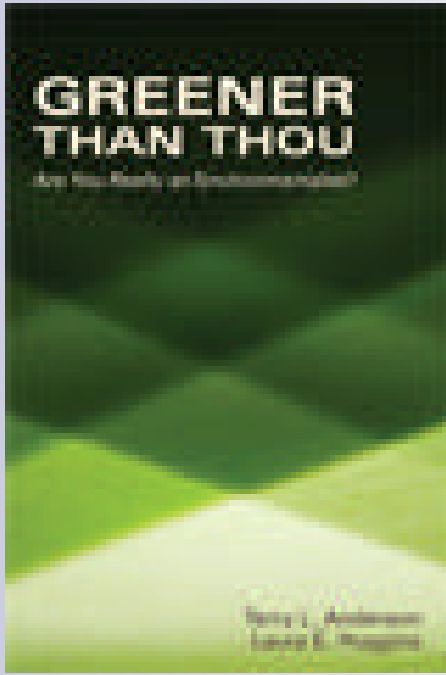
**Carlos Pascual**

Gegenwärtig noch nicht im Handel erhältlich  
 Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: November 2008  
 Paperback  
 230pp

### **Synopsis**

In Energy Security, Brookings scholars present a realistic, cross-disciplinary look at the American and global quests for energy security within the context of these geopolitical, economic, and environmental challenges. For example, political analysts Pietro Nivola and Erin Carter wrap their arms around just what it means to be "energy independent" and whether that is an advisable or even feasible goal.

Suzanne Maloney addresses "Energy Security in the Persian Gulf: Opportunities and Challenges," while economist Jason Bordoff and energy analyst Bryan Mignone trace the links between climate policies and energy-access policies. Carlos Pascual and his colleagues examine delicate geopolitical issues. Assuring long-term energy security remains one of the industrialized world's most pressing priorities, but steps in that direction have been controversial and often dangerous, and results thus far have been tenuous. In this insightful volume, Brookings assesses exactly what we're talking about, what it means in several contexts, and where we go from here.



## “Greener Than Thou: Are You Really an Environmentalist?”

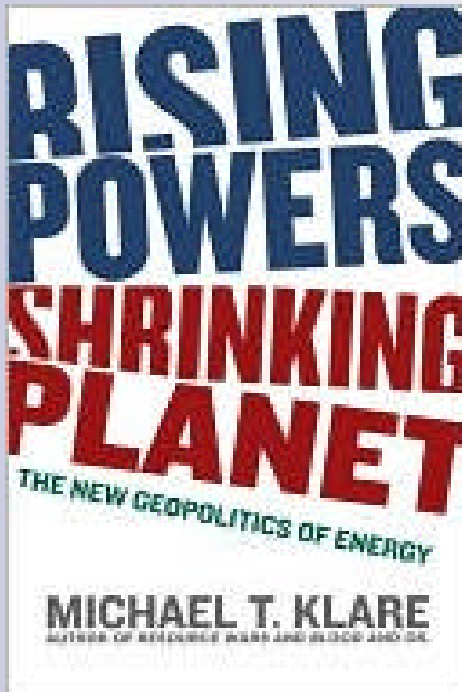
[Terry Lee Anderson](#)

Publisher: Hoover Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 148 pp.  
 Paperback or Hardcover

### Synopsis

In six insightful chapters, Terry Anderson and Laura Huggins make a powerful argument for free market environmentalism. They break down liberal and conservative stereotypes of what it means to be an environmentalist and show that, by forming local coalitions around market principles, stereotypes are replaced by pragmatic solutions that improve environmental quality without necessarily increasing red tape. Combating the tendency to equate being green with environmental red tape requires rethinking the role of markets in providing environmental quality. The authors suggest ways in which free market environmentalism can do that by first recognizing that, in

the words of conservationist Aldo Leopold, "conservation will ultimately boil down to rewarding the private landowner who conserves the public interest." They illustrate how such incentives are already leading to environmental improvements and ultimately show that whether the issue is management of public lands, water or air quality, or even global warming, free market environmentalism can provide an alternative to command-and-control regulation.



## “Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy”

[Michael T. Klare](#)

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company, Incorporated  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 352pp

### Synopsis

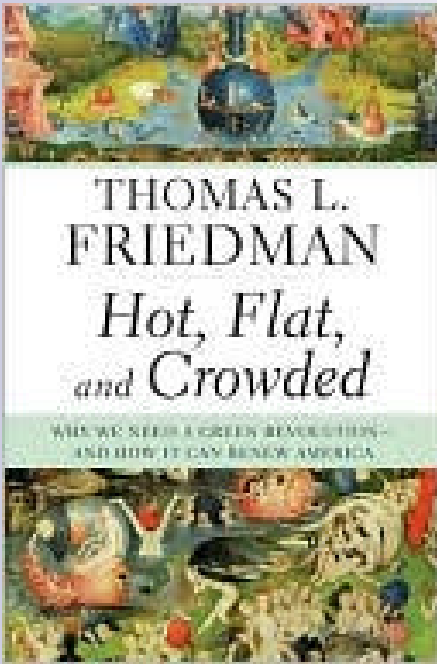
Oil recently hit \$140 a barrel, and it is still climbing. Unlike the oil shocks of the 1970s, this dizzying leap is not the product of an OPEC embargo or a sudden flare-up in the Middle East. Rather, it is a harbinger of a permanent new structure of world power, one in which market forces and military strength matter far less than the scarcity of vital natural resources. Now in paperback, *Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet* surveys the energy-driven dynamic that is reconfiguring the international landscape: Russia, the battered Cold War loser, is now the arrogant broker of Eurasian energy, and the

United States, once the world's superpower, must now compete with the emerging "Chindia" juggernaut for finite and diminishing resources. Forecasting a future of surprising new alliances and explosive danger, Michael T. Klare, the preeminent expert on resource geopolitics, argues that the only route to survival in our radically altered world lies through international cooperation.



## "Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution - and How It Can Renew America"

[Thomas L. Friedman](#)

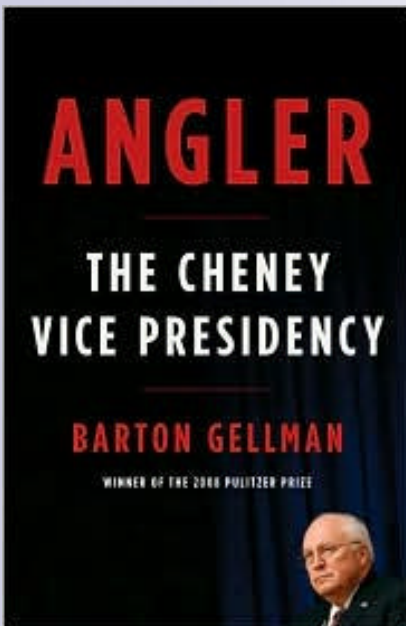


Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 448pp

### Synopsis

Friedman covers familiar territory (the need for alternate energy, conservation measures, recycling, energy efficiency, etc.) as a build-up to his main thesis: the U.S. market is the "most effective and prolific system for transformational innovation.... There is only one thing bigger than Mother Nature and that is Father Profit." While he remains ostensibly a proponent of the free market, he does not flinch from using the government to create conditions favorable to investment, such as setting a "floor price for crude oil or gasoline," and imposing a new gasoline tax (\$5-\$10 per gallon) in order to make investment in green technologies attractive to venture capitalists: "America needs an energy technology bubble just like the information technology bubble." To make such draconian measures palatable, Friedman poses a national competition to "outgreen" China, modeled on Kennedy's proposal to beat the Soviets to the moon, a race that required a country-wide mobilization comparable to the WWII war effort. Recognizing the looming threat of "petrodicatorship" and U.S. dependence on imported oil, this warning salvo presents a stirring and far-darker vision than Friedman's earlier books.

## Wahlkampf, Bios, Politik und Religion, Zukunft GOP



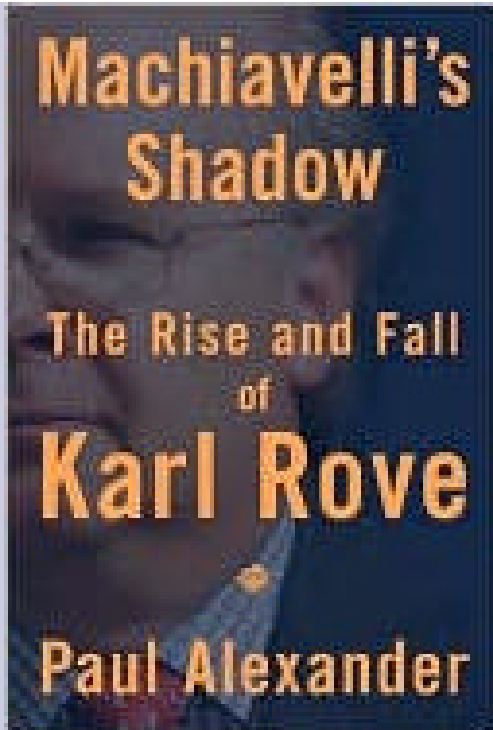
**Angler**

[Barton Gellman](#)

Publisher: Penguin Group (USA)  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Hardcover  
 384pp

### Synopsis

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Barton Gellman's newsbreaking investigative journalism documents how Vice President Dick Cheney redefined the role of the American vice presidency, assuming unprecedented responsibilities and making it a post of historic power. The Cheney who emerges from *Angler*, Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* reporter Barton Gellman's mesmerizing guided tour of the labyrinth of his heartbeat-away years, is a man of formidable skills whose bedrock convictions and gloomy outlook keep him utterly sure he's doing what's best for his country, no matter what fainter hearts may bleat about laws and the American way. Brother, does that make him more frightening.



## “Machiavelli's Shadow: The Rise and Fall of Karl Rove”

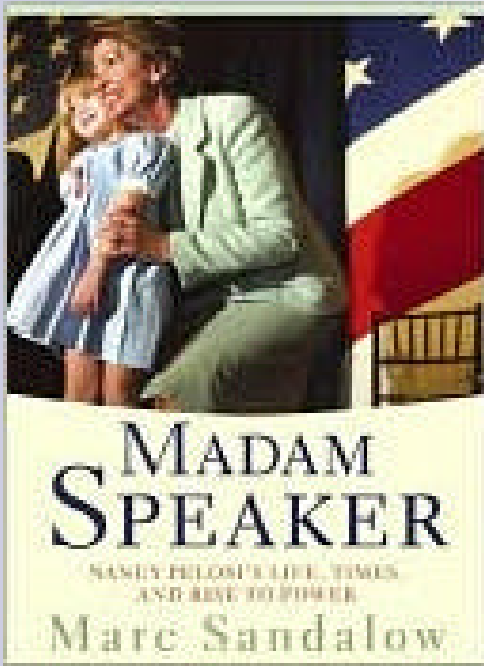
[Paul Alexander](#)

Publisher: St. Martin's Press  
 Pub. Date: June 2008  
 Hardcover  
 304pp

### Synopsis

We know the myth, but who is the man? In *Machiavelli's Shadow*, the full, unvarnished truth about the mastermind of the Bush administration is revealed as swirling scandals and Karl Rove's diminished power have freed people to speak candidly as never before. Acclaimed author and veteran journalist Paul Alexander tracks Rove's journey from consummate outsider to presidential consigliere, conducting firsthand interviews with A-list sources who have never gone on the record about Rove before now. The result is a gripping, no-holds-barred account of the man whose insistence on politicizing any area on which he has advised the president—from the war in Iraq to domestic issues like Social Security, energy, the environment,

and hotly controversial judicial matters—has brought about his own fall from grace and an escalating crisis within the government and the nation.



## “Madam Speaker: Nancy Pelosi's Life, Times, and Rise to Power”

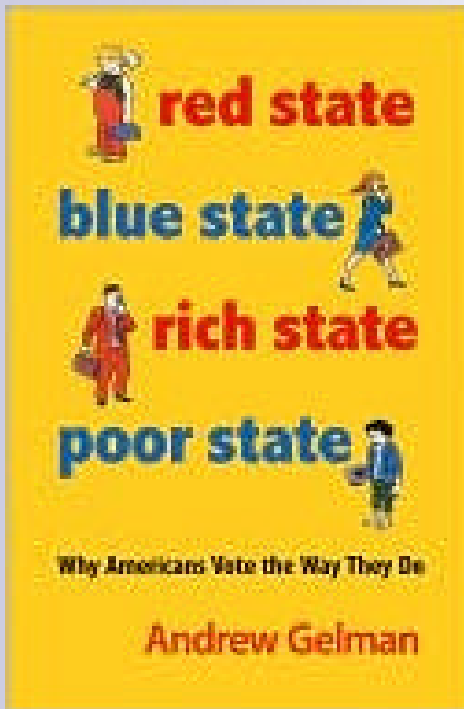
[Marc Sandalow](#)

Publisher: St. Martin's Press  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 344pp

### Synopsis

In *Madam Speaker*, Marc Sandalow, an esteemed journalist and political analyst who covered Pelosi for decades, offers a richly nuanced portrait of the woman who made history. He charts Pelosi's political roots, honing in on her father, who spent five terms in Congress and stored hundreds of copies of the *Congressional Record* under her bed, and goes on to examine how Pelosi, who didn't run for political office until she was 47 years old, juggled her family life and fought hard to forge a place for herself in Washington, ultimately becoming one of the most in-

fluential voices in our nation. Based on hundreds of interviews with Pelosi's colleagues, family, and friends—and the Speaker herself—Sandalow culls together insightful anecdotes and political analysis to chronicle Pelosi's meteoric rise and controversial tenure. *Madam Speaker* illuminates the inspiring life of a woman who has already made history.



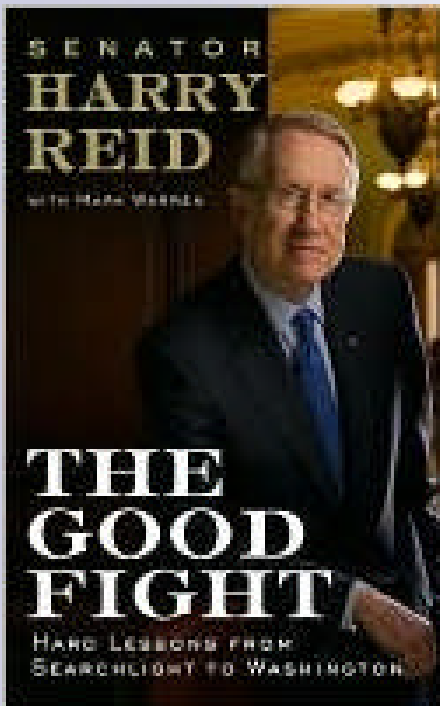
## "Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do"

[Andrew Gelman](#)

Publisher: Princeton University Press  
 Pub. Date: August 2008  
 Hardcover  
 248pp

### Synopsis

Since the 2000 presidential election the color divide has become a symbol of a culture war that thrives on stereotypes--pickup-driving red-state Republicans who vote based on God, guns, and gays; and elitist, latte-sipping blue-state Democrats who are woefully out of touch with heartland values. *Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State* debunks these and other political myths. With wit and prodigious number crunching, Andrew Gelman gets to the bottom of why Democrats win elections in wealthy states while Republicans get the votes of richer voters, how the two parties have become ideologically polarized, and other issues. Gelman uses eye-opening, easy-to-read graphics to unravel the mystifying patterns of recent voting, and in doing so paints a vivid portrait of the regional differences that drive American politics. He demonstrates in the plainest possible terms how the real culture war is being waged among affluent Democrats and Republicans, not between the haves and have-nots; how religion matters for higher-income voters; how the rich-poor divide is greater in red not blue states--and much more.



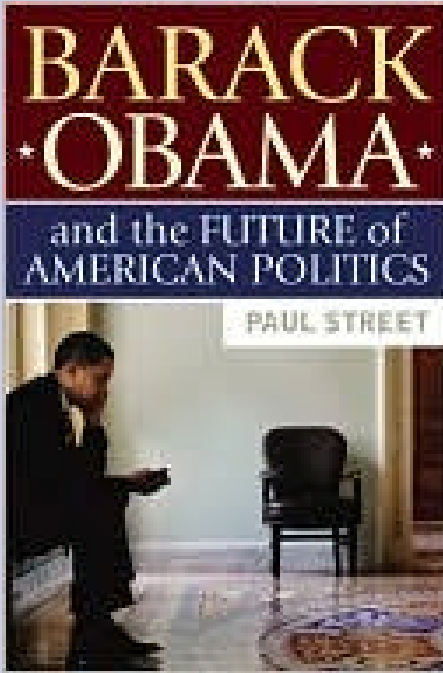
## "The Good Fight"

[Harry Reid](#), [Mark Warren](#) (With)

Publisher: Penguin Group (USA) Incorporated  
 Pub. Date: May 2008  
 Hardcover  
 304pp

### Synopsis

In a voice that is flinty, real, and passion-filled, Senator Harry Reid tells the tale of two places, intertwining his own story, particularly his early life of deep poverty in the tiny mining town of Searchlight, Nevada--"a place that boasted of thirteen brothels and no churches"--with the cautionary tale of Washington, D.C.: "If I can do nothing greater in this book than explain those two places to each other, then I will have done something important. Reid is inspired by obstacles. Brought up in a cabin without indoor plumbing, he hitchhiked forty-five miles across open desert to high school. He worked full-time as a Capitol Hill policeman to get through law school, after the school refused him financial aid, telling him he wasn't cut out to be a lawyer. As head of the Nevada Gaming Commission, he led an unrelenting fight to clean up Las Vegas, despite four years of death threats -and much worse. And in Congress, Reid's spent more than twenty-five years battling those who would take the country in the wrong direction: "The radical ideologues degrade our government, so much so that when they are in charge of it, they do not know how to run it." This book is the story of a man who knows what a good fight is, because he has had to fight like hell for everything his whole life.



**"Barack Obama and the Future of American Politics"**

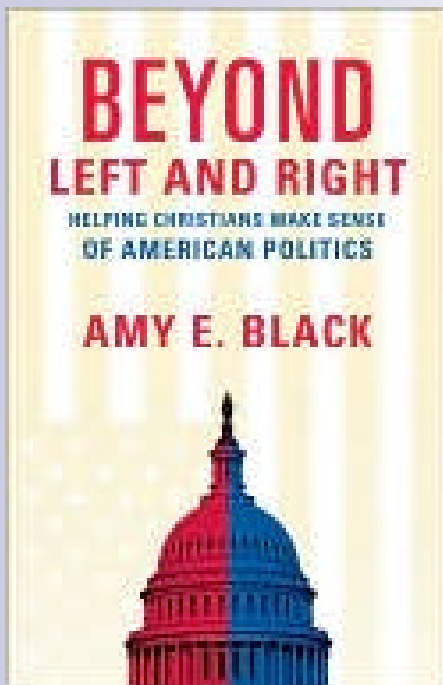
**Paul Street**

Publisher: Paradigm Publishers  
 Pub. Date: October 2008  
 Hardcover  
 272pp

**Synopsis**

Paul Street was on the ground throughout the Iowa campaign, and his stories of the rising Obama phenomenon are poignant. Yet the author's background in American political history allows him to explore the deeper meanings of Obama's remarkable political career. He looks at Obama in relation to contemporary issues of class, race, war, and empire. He considers Obama in the context of our nation's political history, with comparisons to FDR, JFK, Bill Clinton, and other leaders. Street finds that the Obama persona, crafted by campaign consultants and filtered through dominant media trends,

masks the "change" candidate's adherence to long-prevailing power structures and party doctrines. He shows how American political culture has produced misperceptions by the electorate of Obama's positions and values. Obama is no magical exception to the narrow-spectrum electoral system and ideological culture that have done so much to define and limit the American political tradition.



**"Beyond Left and Right: Helping Christians Make Sense of American Politics"**

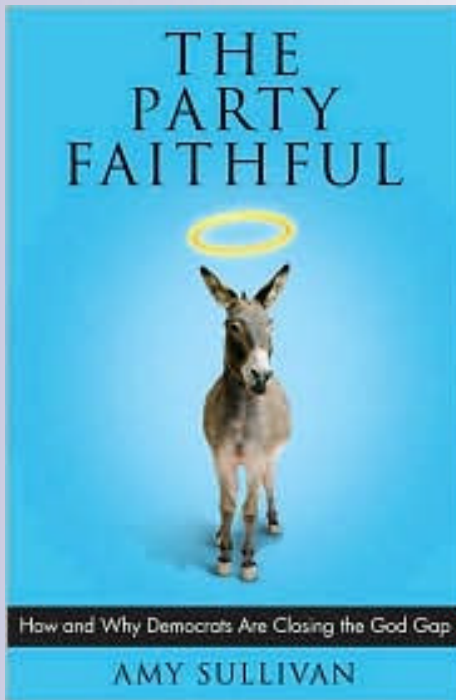
**Amy E. Black**

Publisher: Baker Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Paperback  
 254pp

**Synopsis**

The 2008 U.S. presidential election is already heating up, fueled by debates about religion and politics, and dividing people of faith. Many Christians want to engage in politics but feel under-equipped and overwhelmed. Wheaton College political scientist Amy E. Black believes Christians must become politically educated, not stereotyped and polarized.

Beyond Left and Right offers a complete guide to the inner workings of American politics, equipping readers to think intelligently and to actively engage politics with their faith. Black is intentionally unbiased and avoids fleeting hot-button issues, ensuring the staying power of Beyond Left and Right, even after the election dust settles. Recommended for Christians and students interested in faith and politics.



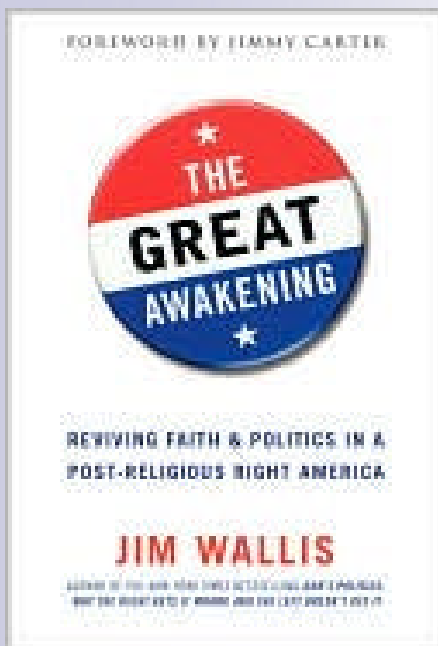
## "Party Faithful : How and Why Democrats Are Closing the God Gap"

[Amy Sullivan](#)

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 272pp  
 Hardcover

### Synopsis

With unprecedented access to politicians, campaign advisers, and religious leaders, Amy Sullivan skillfully traces the Democratic Party's fall from grace among religious voters, showing how the party lost its primacy -- and maybe its soul -- in the process. It's a story that begins with the party's ineffectual response to the rise of the religious right and culminates with John Kerry's defeat in the 2004 presidential election. Sullivan documents key turning points along the way, such as the party's alienation of Catholics on the abortion issue and its failure to emulate Bill Clinton's success at reaching religious voters. She demonstrates that there was nothing inevitable about the defection of values voters to the GOP and the emergence of the God gap: it was not just a Republican achievement but the Democrats' failure to embrace their own faith and engage religious Americans on social issues.



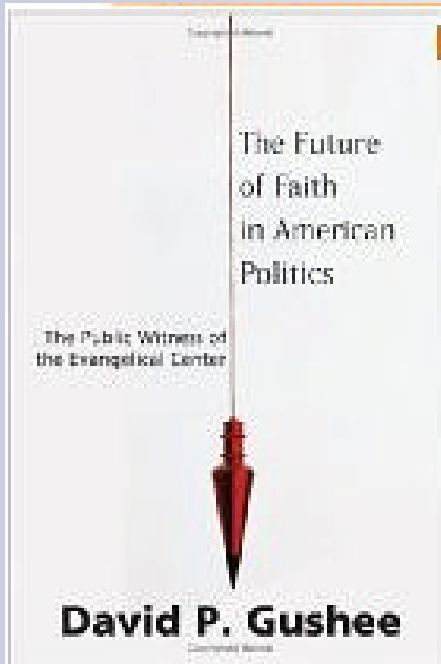
## "The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America"

[Jim Wallis](#), [Jimmy Carter](#) (Foreword by)

Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers  
 Pub. Date: January 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 352pp

### Synopsis

What will it take to solve the biggest issues of our time: extreme and needless poverty, global warming and environmental degradation, terrorism and the endless cycle of violence, racism, human trafficking, health care and education, and other pressing problems? While Washington offers only the politics of blame and fear, Jim Wallis, the man who changed the conversation about faith and politics, has traveled the country and found a nation hungry for a politics of solutions and hope. He shows us that a revival is happening, as people of faith and moral conviction seek common ground for change. Wallis also reminds us that religious faith was a driving force behind our greatest national reforms, such as the abolition of slavery and the civil rights movement. These "great awakenings" happened periodically at crucial times in our nation's history to propel us toward the common good. The time is ripe for another movement that will transform this country. With *The Great Awakening*, Wallis helps us rediscover our moral center and provides both the needed inspiration and a concrete plan to hold politics accountable and find solutions to our greatest challenges.



**“The Future of Faith in American Politics: The Public Witness at the Evangelical Center”**

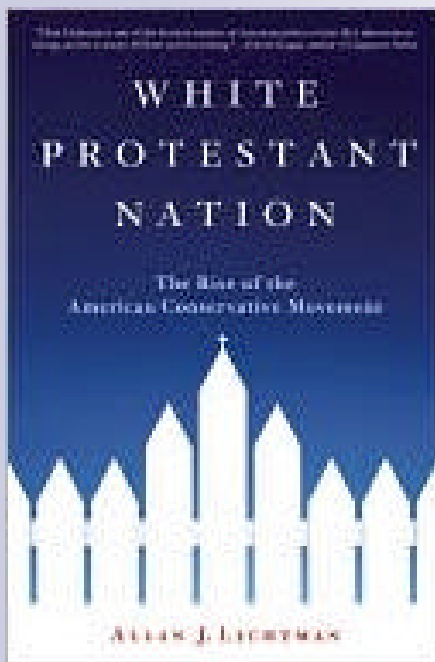
**David P. Gushee**

Publisher: Baylor University Press  
 Pub. Date: December 2008  
 275pp  
 Paperback

**Synopsis**

In this important book David Gushee gives the lie to the sorry myth that Evangelicals are all right-wing extremists. Not only does he show that many are politically progressive, but also that most of them are actually or potentially political moderates with a strong biblical conscience. --George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary.

“The Future of Faith in American Politics offers a cogent review of contemporary political engagement among evangelical Protestants. David Gushee’s description of an emerging evangelical center; displays the diversity of this engagement, while his advocacy for such a center reveals its vitality. This book deserves to be taken seriously by evangelicals and non-evangelicals alike.”  
 --John C. Green, Senior Fellow in Religion and American Politics, PEW Forum



**“White Protestant Nation: The Rise of the American Conservative Movement”**

**Allan J. Lichtman**

Publisher: Pgw  
 Pub. Date: June 2008  
 Hardcover  
 560pp

**Synopsis**

Spanning nearly one hundred years of American political history, and abounding with outside characters--from Lindbergh to Goldwater to Gingrich to Abramoff--*White Protestant Nation* offers a penetrating look at the origins, evolution, and triumph (at times) of modern conservatism. Lichtman is both a professor of political history at American University and a veteran journalist, and after ten years of prodigious research, he has produced what may be the definitive history of the modern conservative movement in America. He brings to life a gallery of dynamic right-wing personalities, from luminaries such as

Strom Thurmond, Phyllis Schlafly, and Bill Kristol to indispensable inside operators like financiers Frank Gannett and J. Howard Pew. He explodes the conventional wisdom that modern conservative politics began with Goldwater and instead traces the roots of today’s movement to the 1920s. And he lays bare the tactics that conservatives have used for generations to put their slant on policy and culture; to choke the growth of the liberal state; and to build the most powerful media, fundraising, and intellectual network in the history of representative government. *White Protestant Nation* is entertaining, provocative, enlightening, and essential reading for anyone who cares about modern American politics and its history.



## “Upstream: The Ascendance of American Conservatism”

[Alfred S. Regnery](#)

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group

Pub. Date: February 2008

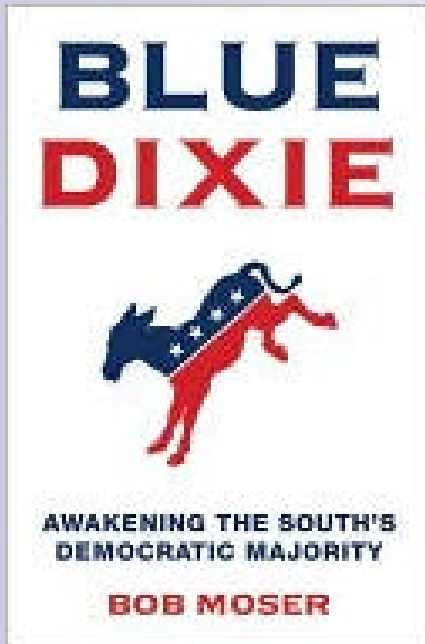
Hardcover

464pp

### Synopsis

Alfred S. Regnery, the publisher of *The American Spectator*, has been a part of the American conservative movement since childhood, when his father founded The Henry Regnery Company. The outpouring of grief at the funeral of Ronald Reagan in 2004 — and the acknowledgment that Reagan has come to be considered one of the greatest presidents of the twentieth century — is Regnery's opening for a fascinating insider story. Beginning at the start of the twentieth century, he shows how in the years prior to and just post

World War II, expanding government power at home and the expanding Communist empire abroad inspired conservatives to band together to fight these threats. The founding of the *National Review*, the drive to nominate Barry Goldwater first as vice-president and later as president, the apparent defeat of the conservative movement at the hands of Lyndon Johnson, and the triumphant rise of Ronald Reagan from the ashes are all chronicled in vivid prose that shows a uniquely intimate knowledge of the key figures. Regnery shares his views on the opposition that formed in response to Earl Warren's Supreme Court rulings, the role of faith (both Roman Catholic and Evangelical) in the renewed vigor of conservatism, and the contributing role of American businessmen who attempted to oppose biggovernment.



## “Blue Dixie: Awakening the South's Democratic Majority”

[Bob Moser](#)

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company, Incorporated

Pub. Date: August 2008

Hardcover

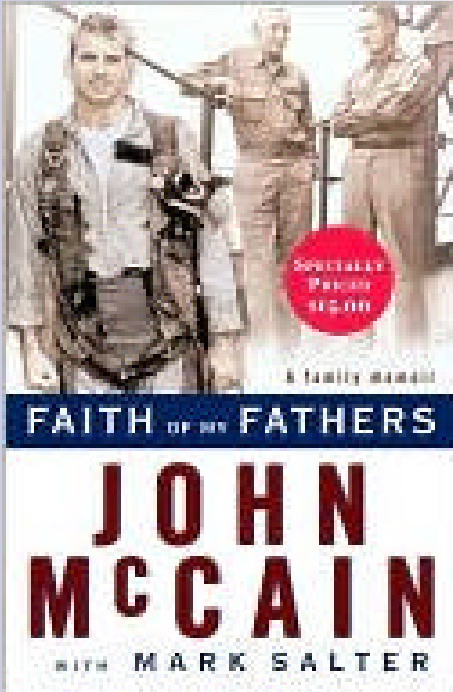
288pp

Edition Description: Facsimile

### Synopsis

In 2000 and 2004, the Democratic Party decided not to challenge George W. Bush in the South, a disastrous strategy that effectively handed Bush more than half of the electoral votes he needed to win the White House. As the 2008 election draws near, the Democrats have a historic opportunity to build a new progressive majority, but they cannot do so without the South. In *Blue Dixie*, Bob Moser argues

that the Democratic Party has been blinded by outmoded prejudices about the region. Moser, the chief political reporter for *The Nation*, shows that a volatile mix of unprecedented economic prosperity and abject poverty are reshaping the Southern vote. With evangelical churches preaching a more expansive social gospel and a massive left-leaning demographic shift to African Americans, Latinos, and the young, the South is poised for a Democratic revival. By returning to a bold, unflinching message of economic fairness, the Democrats can win in the nation's largest, most diverse region and redeem themselves as a true party of the people.



## "Faith of My Fathers: A Family Memoir"

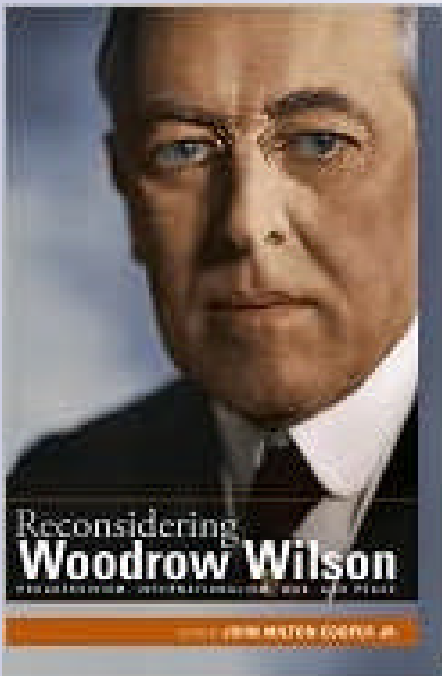
[John McCain](#), [Mark Salter](#)

Publisher: Random House Adult Trade Publishing Group  
 Pub. Date: March 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 349pp

### Synopsis

It was in the Vietnam War that John McCain III faced the most difficult challenge of his life. A naval aviator, he was shot down over Hanoi in 1967 and seriously injured. When Vietnamese military officers realized he was the son of a top commander, they offered McCain early release in an effort to embarrass the United States. Acting from a sense of honor taught him by his father and the U.S. Naval Academy, McCain refused the offer. He was tortured, held in solitary confinement, and imprisoned for five and a half years.

**Faith of My Fathers** is about what McCain learned from his grandfather and father, and how their example enabled him to survive those hard years. It is a story of three imperfect men who faced adversity and emerged with their honor intact. Ultimately, *Faith of My Fathers* shows us, with great feeling and appreciation, what fathers give to their sons, and what endures.



## "Reconsidering Woodrow Wilson: Progressivism, Internationalism, War, and Peace"

[John Milton, Jr.](#) [John Milton Cooper Jr.](#)

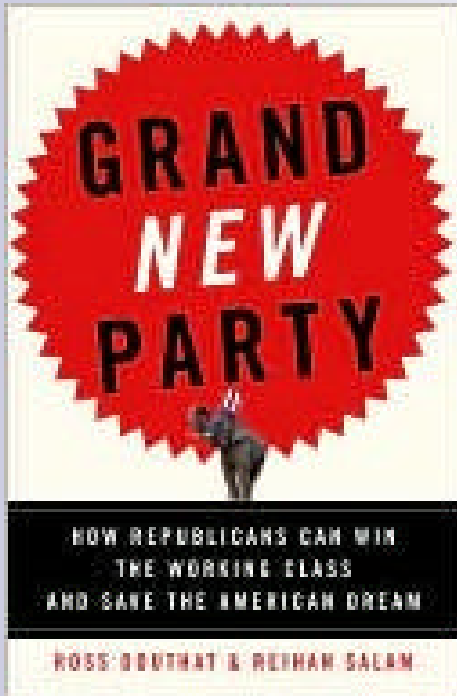
Publisher: Johns Hopkins University Press  
 Pub. Date: October 2008  
 Hardcover  
 352pp

### Synopsis

*Reconsidering Woodrow Wilson* reveals a person who was at once an international idealist, a structural reformer of the nation's economy, and a policy maker who was simultaneously accommodating, indifferent, resistant, and hostile to racial and gender reform. These essays were originally written for a celebration of Wilson's 150th birthday sponsored by the official national memorial to Wilson, the

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson House. That daylong symposium examined some of the most important and controversial areas of Wilson's political life and presidency.





**“Grand New Party: How Republicans Can Win the Working Class and Save the American Dream”**

**Ross Douthat, Reihan Salam**

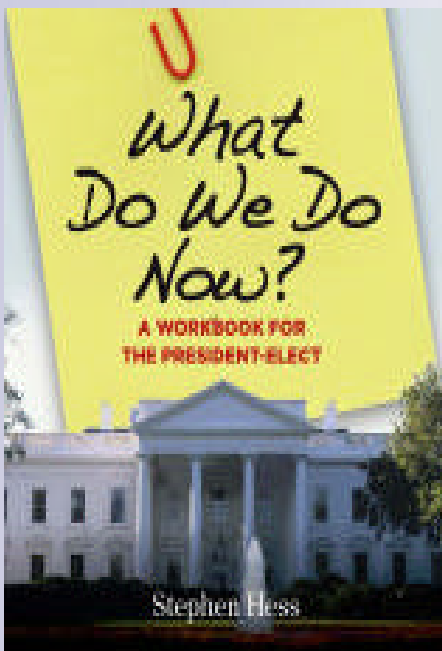
Publisher: Doubleday Publishing  
 Pub. Date: June 2008  
 Hardcover  
 224pp

**Synopsis**

*Grand New Party* lays bare the failures of the conservative revolution and presents a detailed blueprint for building the next Republican majority. Blending history, analysis, and fresh, often controversial recommendations, Ross Douthat and Reihan Salam argue that it is time to move beyond the Reagan legacy and the mind-set of the current Republican power structure. In a concise examination of recent political trends, the authors show that the Democrats' cultural liberalism makes their party inherently hostile to the interests and values of the working class. But on a host of issues, today's Republican Party lacks a message that speaks to their economic aspirations. *Grand New Party* offers a new direction—a conservative vision of a limited-but-active government that tackles the threats to working-class prosperity and to the broader American Dream.

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**“What Do We Do Now?: A Workbook for the President-Elect”**

**Stephen Hess**

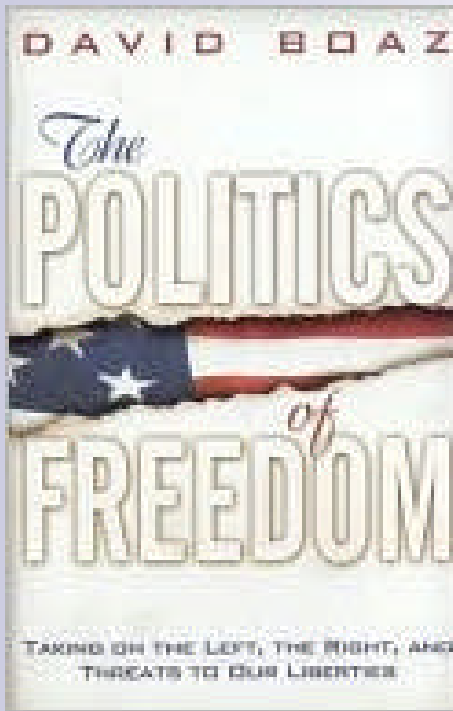
Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: October 2008  
 Paperback  
 125pp

**Synopsis**

A workbook to guide future chief executives, decision by decision, through the minefield of transition. Based on experiences of a White House staffer and presidential adviser, shows what can be done to make presidential transitions go smoothly

After November 4th, 2008, the President-elect will have just over six weeks to set up his administration. Hess, first involved in the U.S. presidential transition process when it was between Ike and JFK, here delineates every step of "how to best organize a presidency."

He addresses the reader as the President-elect and magically combines expertise, charm, and implicit wit. Numerous diagrams show, e.g., the real layout of the West Wing (with a text box on the TV version) and the seating arrangement for the cabinet at its meetings and questions to ask your potential PIP (that's primus inter pares-read the book!). Although it deserves to do well in retail as a holiday gift, this marvelous, elegantly informative read should be in all libraries.



**“Politics of Freedom: Taking on the Left, the Right and Threats to Our Liberties”**

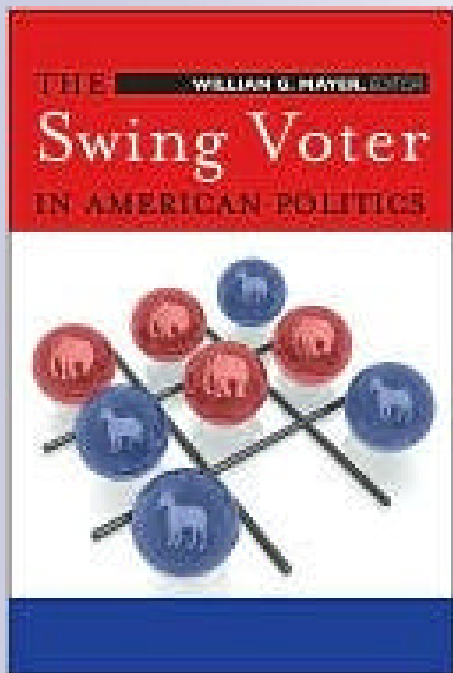
**David Boaz**

Publisher: National Book Network  
 Pub. Date: February 2008  
 Hardcover  
 329pp

**Synopsis**

Is it any wonder that Americans have become so dissatisfied with government today? Politicians have given us soaring federal spending, rampant violations of our constitutional rights, a futile war in Iraq, corruption, incompetence, and a growing nanny state. Now one of the leading libertarian critics of big government raises the flag of freedom. David Boaz takes on both liberals and conservatives who seek to impose their own partisan agendas on the whole country. He discusses the roots of American freedom, the growing

libertarian vote in America, the arrogance of politicians, and everything from taxes and education to terrorism and the war on drugs. For the millions of Americans who don't fit the red-blue divide, who are fiscally conservative and socially liberal, who reject big-government conservatism and nanny-state liberalism, this book points the way to a new politics of freedom.



**“The Swing Voter in American Politics”**

**William G. Mayer (Editor)**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: November 2007  
 Paperback  
 151pp

**Synopsis**

Swing voters" occupy a central place in American political lore. Candidates court them, consultants target them, and pundits speculate constantly on which way they'll lean. But nobody has adequately defined them as a group. What exactly is a swing voter? No one really seems to know. *The Swing Voter in American Politics* fills this conceptual gap by bringing political scientists and pollsters together to answer four basic questions:

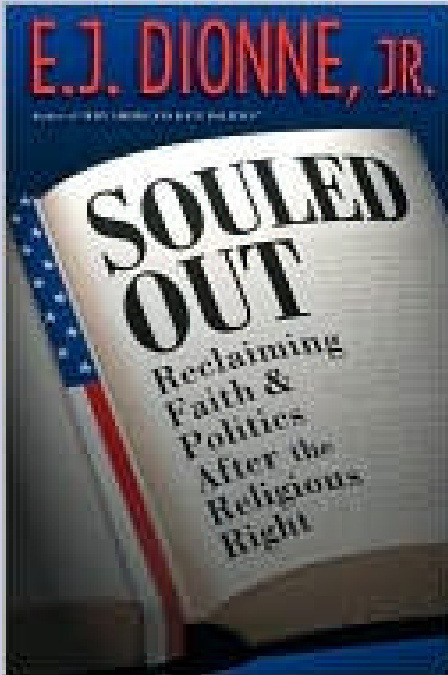
What is a swing voter?

How can analysts use survey data to identify them?

How do swing voters differ-if at all-from the rest of the electorate?

And what role do they play in determining the outcomes of contemporary elections?

Drawing on a wide range of sources, including American National Election Studies data, Gallup polls, Pew Center surveys, and the National Annenberg Election Survey, the authors track swing voters across six decades and in national and local elections. The result is an unprecedented picture of this key political group.



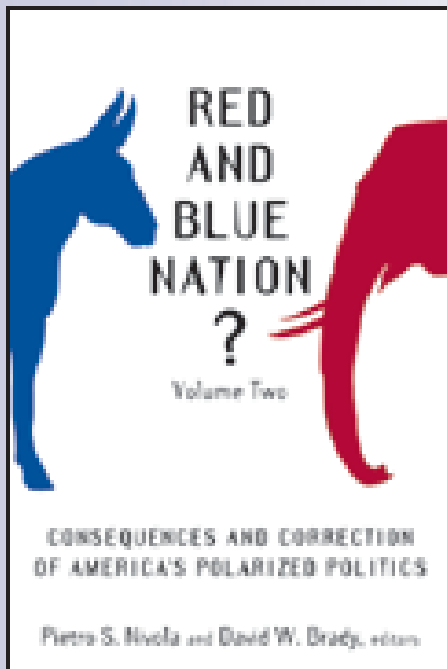
**“Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith and Politics after the Religious Right”**

[E. J. Dionne](#)

Publisher: Princeton University Press  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 256pp

**Synopsis**

Based on years of research and writing, *Souled Out* shows that the end of the Religious Right doesn't signal the decline of evangelical Christianity but rather its disentanglement from a political machine that sold it out to a narrow electoral agenda of such causes as opposition to gay marriage and abortion. With insightful portraits of leading contemporary religious figures from Rick Warren and Richard Cizik to John Paul II and Benedict XVI, Dionne shows that our great religions have always preached a broad message of hope for more just human arrangements and refused to be mere props for the powers that be. Dionne also argues that the new atheist writers should be seen as a gift to believers, a demand that they live up to their proclaimed values and embrace scientific and philosophical inquiry in a spirit of "intellectual solidarity."



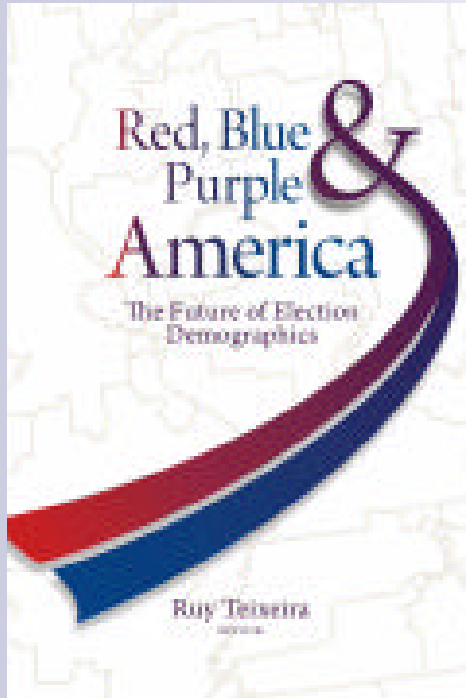
**“Red and Blue Nation? Volume II Consequences and Correction of America's Polarized Politics”**

[Pietro S. Nivola](#), [David W. Brady](#)

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press and Hoover Institution  
 Publ.Date: 2008  
 Paperback  
 320 pp.

**Synopsis**

Building on the findings of the [first volume of Red and Blue Nation?](#) (Brookings, 2006), which explored the extent of political polarization and its potential causes, this new volume delves into the consequences of the gulf between "red states" and "blue states." The authors examine the impact of these political divisions on voter behavior, congressional lawmaking, judicial selection, and foreign policy formation. They shed light on hotly debated institutional reform proposals-including changes to the electoral system and the congressional rules of engagement-and ultimately present research-supported policies and reforms for alleviating the underlying causes of political polarization.



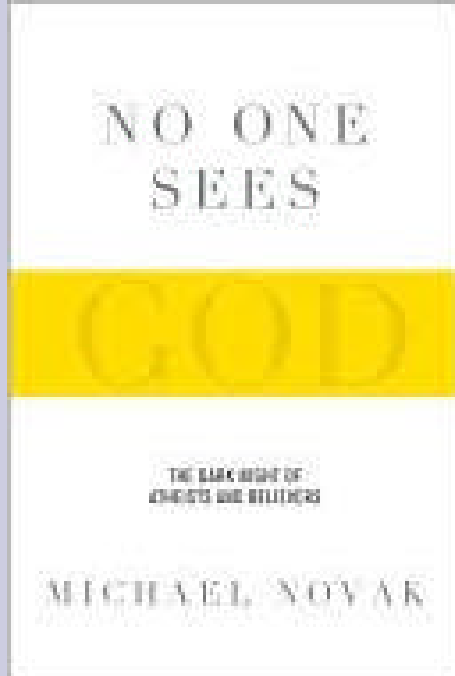
**“Red, Blue, and Purple America: The Future of Election Demographics”**

**Ruy Teixeira**

Publisher: Brookings Institution Press  
 Pub. Date: September 2008  
 Paperback  
 200pp

**Synopsis**

Red, Blue, and Purple America provides a clear and nuanced understanding of the geographic and demographic changes that are transforming the United States and how that transformation is reshaping politics, for the 2008 elections and beyond. The invaluable result is a detailed picture of current trends as well as a clear-eyed assessment of how they will shape American politics and policy during the next two decades. An elite group of demographers, geographers, and political scientists analyze rapidly changing patterns of immigration, settlement, demography, family structure, and religion. Each analysis describes one major trend and assesses its likely impact on politics, for the 2008 elections but for the long term as well. The authors then lay out the most likely implications for public policy. In doing so, they show how these trends have shaped the Red and Blue divisions we are familiar with today, and how the developments might break apart those blocs in new and surprising ways.



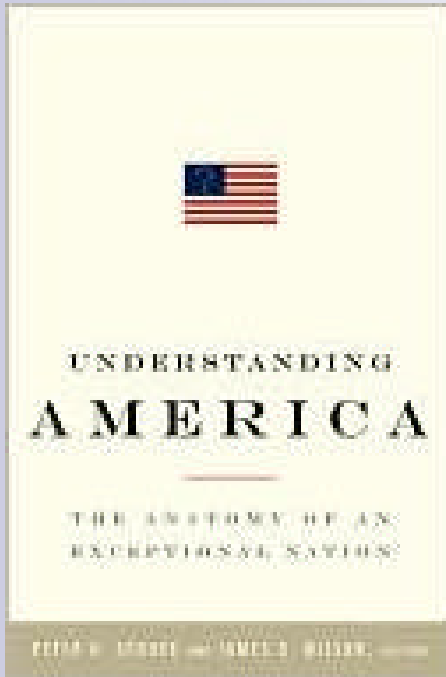
**“No One Sees God: The Dark Night of Atheists and Believers”**

**Michael Novak**

Publisher: Doubleday Publishing  
 Pub. Date: August 2008  
 Hardcover  
 336pp

**Synopsis**

In *No One Sees God*, Novak brilliantly recasts the tired debate pitting faith against reason. Both the atheist and the believer experience the same “dark night” in which God’s presence seems absent, he argues, and the conflict between faith and doubt stems not from objective differences, but from divergent attitudes toward the unknown. Drawing from his lifelong passion for philosophy and his personal struggles with belief, he shows that, far from being irrational, the spiritual perspective actually provides the most satisfying answers to the eternal questions of meaning. Faith is a challenge at times, but it nonetheless offers the only fully coherent response to the human experience.



**"Understanding America: The Anatomy of an Exceptional Nation"**

**Peter Schuck (Editor), James O. Wilson (Editor), James Q. Wilson (Editor)**

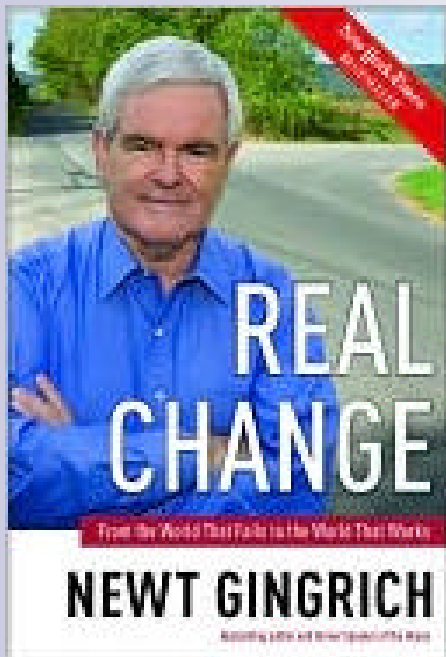
Publisher: PublicAffairs  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover or Paperback  
 704pp

**Synopsis**

What is America? Is it a hegemonic superpower, composed of ruthlessly selfish capitalists? Or is it a land of hope and glory, a shelter for the huddled masses, and a beacon of freedom and enlightenment? The definition of this complex nation has been debated substantially, yet all seem to agree on one thing: it is unique. The idea of an exceptional America can be traced all the way back to Alexis

de Tocqueville's nineteenth-century observations of a newly formed democracy that seemed determined to distinguish itself from the rest. Little, it seems, has changed.

Building on de Tocqueville's concept of American exceptionalism, this collection of essays, contributed by some of the nation's top scholars and thinkers, takes on the weighty task of sizing up America in a way its people and others can comprehend. Far more than simple history, they outline the current state of American institutions and policies—from the legal system to marriage to the military to the Drug War—and anticipate where these are headed in the future.



**"Real Change: From the World that Fails to the World that Works"**

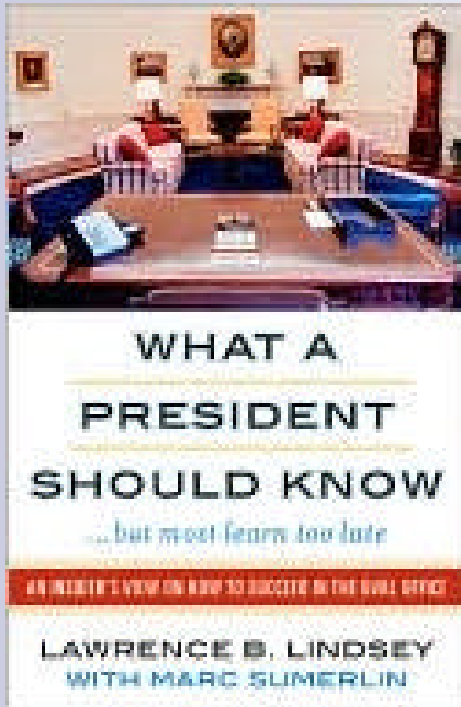
**Newt Gingrich, Vince Haley (With), Rick Tyler (With)**

Publisher: Perseus Distribution Services  
 Pub. Date: January 2008  
 Hardcover  
 256pp

**Synopsis**

Newt Gingrich, architect of the Contract with America, says it's time for citizens to demand results from our elected officials. In this revealing and exciting new book, he shows how America can achieve transformational change—from a government of bureaucratic failure to a government that can meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. As a first step, Gingrich busts the pernicious myth that America is divided between conservative red states and liberal blue states. As Gingrich points out, the American people are united on

almost every important issue facing our country—including immigration, taxes, defending America, and freedom of religion. The real division is between red-white-and-blue America and a fringe on the left. Red-white-and-blue America believes overwhelmingly—by majorities of 70 percent or more—that we need a change in course. But our politicians aren't listening. Gingrich reveals why the Democratic Party can't deliver real change and why the Republican Party won't. He provides answers and a step-by-step, issue-by-issue toolkit for building a better America—the safe, innovative, and dynamic America we all want. Newt Gingrich shows us how we can make real change a reality.



**“What a President Should Know ...but Most Learn Too Late.  
An Insider’s View on How to Succeed in the Oval Office”**

**Lawrence B. Lindsey, Marc Summerlin**

Publisher: Rowman & Littlefield (Lanham, MD)

Pub. Date: January 2008

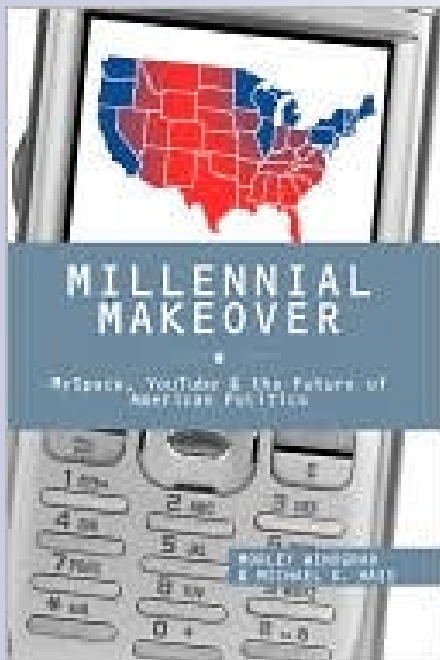
Hardcover

256 pp.

**Synopsis**

The winner of the presidential election will need to get quickly up-to-speed on how to manage the government. What are the likely issues he will encounter on the first day in the Oval Office? What does he do about the cost of the Iraq War? He'll get blamed if there's another terrorist attack, so what does he need to do that first day and the days and weeks to come to realistically and prudently prevent such an attack? How's the economy? What kind of policies can he now really propose based upon the present state of the economy and the tax-base that supports federal programs? He

promised during the campaign to tackle big issues like healthcare, education, energy, immigration, international trade, and taxation. If he's going to hold himself to his own campaign rhetoric then he'd better surround himself with political savvy, fiscally astute advisers--like Lindsey and Sumerlin. This book is for the next president of the United States, all the policy-makers-in-waiting, and, most importantly, political junkies who appreciate that these authors were Oval Office advisors and that they understand what it takes to get a new administration up-and-running.



**“Millennial Makeover: MySpace, YouTube, and the Future of  
American Politics”**

**Morley Winograd, Michael D. Hais**

Publisher: Rutgers University Press

Pub. Date: March 2008

Hardcover or Paperback

288pp

Edition Number: 1

**Synopsis**

Building on the seminal work of previous generational theorists, Morley Winograd and Michael D. Hais demonstrate and describe, for the first time, the two types of realignments--"idealist" and "civic"--that have alternated with one another throughout the nation's history. Based on these patterns, Winograd and Hais predict that the next

realignment will be very different from the last one that occurred in 1968. "Idealist" realignments, like the one put into motion forty years ago by the Baby Boomer Generation, produce, among other things, a political emphasis on divisive social issues and governmental gridlock. "Civic" realignments, like the one that is coming, and the one produced by the famous GI or "Greatest" Generation in the 1930s, by contrast, tend to produce societal unity, increased attention to and successful resolution of basic economic and foreign policy issues, and institution-building.



## “What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington’s Culture of Deception”

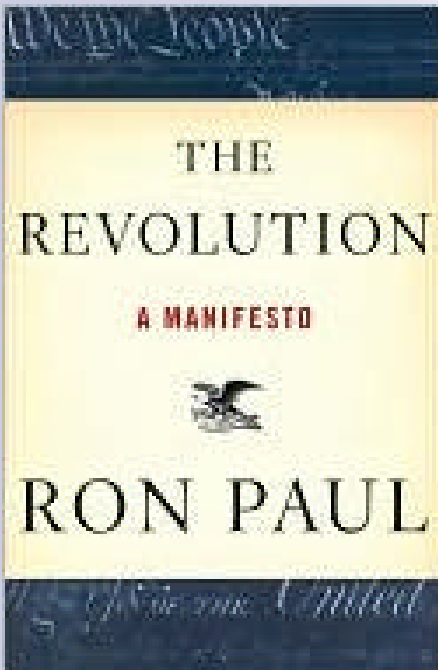
[Scott McClellan](#)

Publisher: PublicAffairs  
 Pub. Date: May 2008  
 Hardcover  
 368pp

### Synopsis

Scott McClellan was one of a few Bush loyalists from Texas who became part of his inner circle of trusted advisers, and remained so during one of the most challenging and contentious periods of recent history. Drawn to Bush by his commitment to compassionate conservatism and strong bipartisan leadership, McClellan served the president for more than seven years, and witnessed day-to-day exactly how the presidency veered off course. In this refreshingly clear-eyed book, written with no agenda other than to record his experiences and insights for the benefit of history, McClellan provides

unique perspective on what happened and why it happened the way it did, including the Iraq war, Hurricane Katrina, Washington's bitter partisanship, and two hotly contested presidential campaigns. He gives readers a candid look into who George W. Bush is and what he believes, and into the personalities, strengths, and liabilities of his top aides. Finally, McClellan looks to the future, exploring the lessons this presidency offers the American people as we prepare to elect a new leader.



## “The Revolution: A Manifesto”

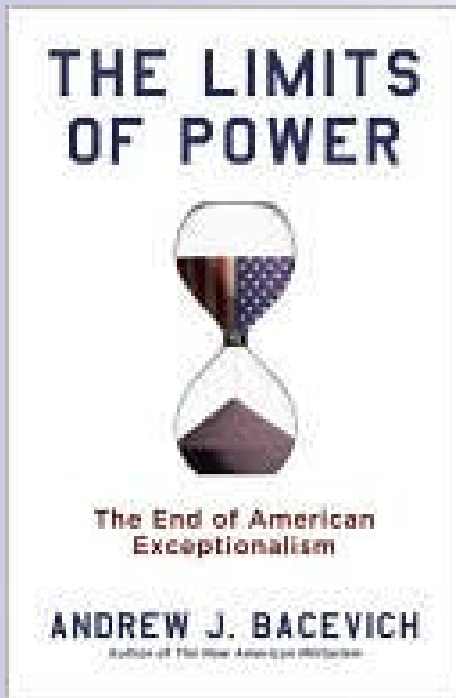
[Ron Paul](#)

Publisher: Grand Central Pub  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 192pp

### Synopsis

In a nation thirsty for change, *The Revolution* is Ron Paul’s call to arms. Moving from topic to topic at a quick pace, whittling everything down to its bare essentials, Paul tackles everything facing us today: the false choices in American politics, foreign policy as it was laid out by the founding fathers, how we can achieve economic freedom, how we should view abortion, civil liberties and personal responsibility, and what role the government is supposed to play in our lives. As Barry Goldwater defined conservatism in the 60’s, Ron Paul

redefines it for the 21st century with *The Revolution*.



## “The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism”

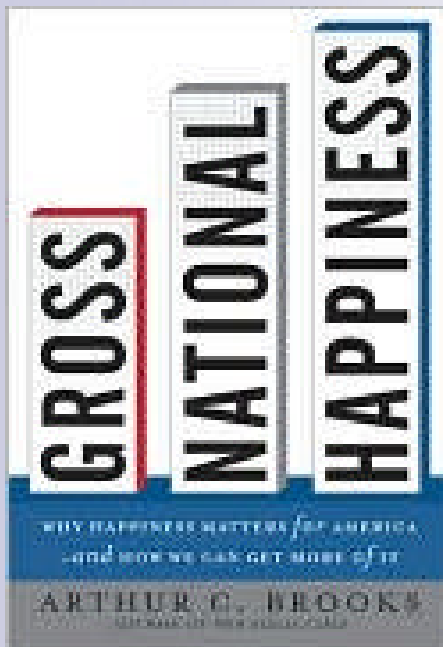
[Andrew J. Bacevich](#)

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company, Incorporated  
 Pub. Date: August 2008  
 Hardcover  
 224pp  
 Edition Number: 1

### Synopsis

*The Limits of Power* identifies a profound triple crisis facing America: the economy, in remarkable disarray, can no longer be fixed by relying on expansion abroad; the government, transformed by an imperial presidency, is a democracy in form only; U.S. involvement in endless wars, driven by a deep infatuation with military power, has been a catastrophe for the body politic. These pressing problems threaten all of us, Republicans and Democrats. If the nation is to solve its predicament, it will need the revival of a distinctly American approach: the neglected tradition of realism.

Andrew J. Bacevich, uniquely respected across the political spectrum, offers a historical perspective on the illusions that have governed American policy since 1945. The realism he proposes includes respect for power and its limits; sensitivity to unintended consequences; aversion to claims of exceptionalism; skepticism of easy solutions, especially those involving force; and a conviction that the books will have to balance. Only a return to such principles, Bacevich argues, can provide common ground for fixing America's urgent problems before the damage becomes irreparable.



## „Gross National Happiness: Why Happiness Matters for America - And How We Can Get More of It”

[Arthur C. Brooks](#)

Publisher: Perseus Publishing  
 Pub. Date: April 2008  
 Hardcover  
 277pp

### Synopsis

In this provocative new book, Arthur C. Brooks explodes the myths about happiness in America. As he did in the controversial *Who Really Cares: The Surprising Truth About Compassionate Conservatism*, Brooks examines vast amounts of evidence and empirical research to uncover the truth about who is happy in America, who is not, and-most important-why. He finds that there is a real

"happiness gap" in America today, and it lies disconcertingly close to America's cultural and political fault lines. The great divide between the happy and the unhappy in America, Brooks shows, is largely due to differences in social and cultural values. The values that bring happiness are faith, charity, hard work, optimism, and individual liberty. Secularism, excessive reliance on the state to solve problems, and an addiction to security all promote unhappiness.