

New History Books at the Library
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If you love reading history books, it is time to stop in and browse the new nonfiction shelf. We have added many new titles on a variety of historical topics. I have chosen a few titles that explore the Vietnam War, World War II and the American West frontier during the 1870's. Also, a war of sorts resulted from the Symbionese Liberation Army's radicalization of a Minnesota woman.

"Not the Camilla We Knew: One Woman's Path from Small-Town America to the Symbionese Liberation Army" (921 Hall) by Rachael Hanel explores the transformation of Camilla Hall from a small-town Minnesota pastor's daughter into a woman who in 1974 was willing to die for her cause as a member of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

"The Long Reckoning: A Story of War, Peace, and Redemption in Vietnam" (959.7043 Black). George Black takes on the subject of the lingering effects of the war on the people of Vietnam and the soldiers that served there. A small group of very persistent people took on the U.S. Government regarding the aftermath of Agent Orange and the unexploded ammunition that remains in Vietnam.

"The Island of Extraordinary Captives: A Painter, A Poet, An Heiress, and a Spy In a World War II British Internment Camp" by Simon Parkin (940.5317 Parkin). Peter Fleischmann escaped the Gestapo roundups in Nazi Germany only to be arrested in England on suspicion of being a spy. He was taken to an internment camp that included a unique collection of prisoners. Together they formed a community complete with art exhibitions, lectures and musical performances. But...was there a spy among them?

"White Knights in the Black Orchestra: The Extraordinary Story of the Germans Who Resisted Hitler" by Tom Dunkel (943.086 Dunkel). A group of high ranking German officials and citizens, nicknamed the Black Orchestra, courageously risked their lives and their families to thwart Adolf Hitler and the Nazis from within.

"The Last Campaign: Sherman, Geronimo and the War for America" by H.W. Brands (973.8 Brands). Bestselling historian H.W. Brand's new book "recounts the gripping last battles of the Indian wars through the captivating twin perspectives of General William Tecumseh Sherman and Apache war leader Geronimo."

"Follow Me to Hell: McNelly's Texas Rangers and the Rise of Frontier Justice" by Tom Clavin (363.2097 Clavin). This is a nonfiction account that reads like fiction of how one of the original legendary Texas Rangers, Leander McNelly, and his men brought justice to the lawless Texas frontier of the 1870's.

"The Summer of 1876: Outlaws, Lawmen, and Legends in the Season that Defined the American West" by Chris Wimmer (978.02 Wimmer). Some of the greatest frontier legends, Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Wyatt

Earp, Bat Masterson, Wild Bill Hickok and Jesse James were made famous by the events of the summer of 1876.

Coming Soon: "Fly Girls Revolt: Story of the Women Who Kicked Open the Door to Fly In Combat" by Eileen Bjorkman

"Wilhelm's Way: The Inspiring Story of the Iowa Chemist Who Saved the Manhattan Project" by Teresa Wilhelm Waldof

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