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[With this issue, we welcome the team of Julia and Michael, a librarian and a publisher!  
C'est magnifique! And is there anyone out there who wants to edit the Library  
Bestsellers portion of ATG?? — Ed]

This column takes a slightly different viewpoint with a submission by  
Shana Foster, Marketing Assistant,  
Univ. of Alabama Press. Rather than compile a list of the Press’ bestsellers, she  
provided a list of titles which, in her opinion, have NOT received the exposure  
attention and treatment they were due. So we present the —

“Best Kept Secrets” of the Univ. of Alabama Press.

1. Explorations into Highland New Guinea, 1930–1935, by Michael J.  
Leahy, edited by Douglas E. Jones, with a foreword by Jane C. Goodale.  
ISBN 0-8173-0446-0, LC 91-9027, 288pp., $19.95, paper. Discipline:  
Anthropology

This is the diary of five years spent in hot pursuit — not of honor and glory,  
but of excitement and riches — by an adventurer, Michael “Mick” Leahy, his  
brothers Jim and Pat, and friends Mick Dwyer and Jim Taylor. Leahy and his  
associates explored the unknown interior of New Guinea, seeking gold and  
making contact for the first time with the aborigines of the interior mountains  
and valleys.

Michael J. Leahy (1901-1979) finally settled down in Zenag, New  
Guinea and, with his brothers, became a prosperous rancher and respected  
settler. Douglas E. Jones is Director of the  
Alabama State Museum of Natural History, which houses an extensive  
collection of aboriginal artifacts donated by Leahy following his explorations.  
Jane C. Goodale is Professor of Anthropology at Bryn Mawr  
College and a specialist on aboriginal New Guinea.

2. The Confederacy’s Fighting  
Chaplain: Father John B. Bannon by  
Phillip Thomas Tucker. ISBN  
0-8173-0573-4, LC 91-24815, 272pp.,  
$32.95, cloth. Discipline: History

This is the remarkable story of the Irishman who brought the Bible and his  
own resourcefulness and daring to both the battlefield and the diplomatic field  
— a story that has been largely ignored for more than 130 years. This is also the  
story of the forgotten Southerners — the Irish immigrants of the Confederacy  
— whose colorful and crucial role in the Civil War has been seriously neglected.

Phillip Thomas Tucker is United States Air Force Historian, Air Force  
Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, California.

3. A Voice of Their Own: The  
Woman Suffrage Press, 1840-1910,  
edited by Martha M. Solomon. ISBN  
0-8173-0526-2, 280pp., $32.95, cloth.  
Discipline: Rhetoric and Communication

Explores the consciousness-raising role of the American suffrage press of the  
late half of the 19th century. From the first women’s rights convention  
a modest gathering of three hundred sympathizers led by Elizabeth  
Cady Stanton — grew the ever-expanding movement for equal rights, greater  
protection, and improved opportunities.

Martha M. Solomon is Professor of Speech Communication at the University of  
Maryland-College Park.

4. School Reform in the Deep South:  
A Critical Appraisal, edited by David  
J. Vold and Joseph L. DeVitis. ISBN  
0-8173-0553-X, LC 90-44661, 208pp.,  
$25.95, cloth. Discipline: History

This volume addresses the various issues of education reform in a timely  
and critical fashion. Rather than offering quick solutions or ultimate panaceas,  
the authors’ intent is to raise questions that might help improve the ongoing  
efforts to reform public schooling in the Deep South. Choice Outstanding  

David J. Vold is Professor of Education at the University of Alabama.  
Joseph L. DeVitis is Professor of Education and Human Development at  
the State University of New York at Binghamton.

5. G Company’s War: Two Personal  
Accounts of the Campaigns in Europe,  
1944-1945 by Bruce E. Egger and  
Lee MacMillan Otts, edited and with commentary by Paul Roley. ISBN  
0-8173-0566-1, LC 91-31408, 312pp.,  
$29.95, cloth. Discipline: History

The story of a World War II rifle company in Patton’s Third Army as  
detailed in the journals of S/Sgt. Bruce Egger and Lt. Lee Otts, both of G  
Company, 328th Regiment, 26th Infantry Division. What distinguishes it from  
other accounts of combat in World War II is its parallel day-by-day records of  
the same events as seen by two men in the same company, one an enlisted man,  
the other an officer.

Bruce E. Egger is a retired forester who lives in Prineville, Oregon. Lee  
MacMillan Otts is an attorney in Brewton, Alabama. Paul Roley is  
Professor of History Emeritus, Western Washington University.

6. Poor But Proud: Alabama’s Poor  
Whites, by Wayne Flynt, ISBN  
0-8173-0424-X, LC 88-20859, 560pp.,  
$29.50, cloth. Discipline: History

Addresses the life experiences of poor whites through their occupations,  
society, and culture. After examining each occupation in depth, the author  
discusses family structure, folk culture (music, religion, folklore, and crafts),  
and the political life of poor whites, and describes their attempts to resolve their  
own problems through labor unions and political movements. Flynt uses life and oral  
histories to give poor whites an opportunity to tell their stories and provide vigorous,  
colorful illustrations.

Wayne Flynt is Hollifield Professor of Southern History at Auburn  
University.

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Judith Lee Hallock is a teacher in Centereach, New York.


A survey of the American Indian communities still surviving in the Southeastern United States. This volume is the first comprehensive, scholarly work, providing coordinated descriptions of these southeastern Indian communities as they near the close of the 20th century.

J. Anthony Paredes is a Professor of Anthropology at Florida State University.


Most regard toleration as an unattractive fallback position of compromise and so tend to overlook it in favor of such active concepts as freedom, equality, and justice. The authors argue that toleration offers us the useful possibility of responding to a difficult situation with a degree of flexibility not possible with the dichotomous concepts of good-bad, right-wrong, ethical-unethical, Right-Left.

Nick Fotion is Professor of Philosophy at Emory University. Gerard Elfstrom is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Auburn University.

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