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South Carolina Bestsellers, 1993-1998

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Librarians attending this year’s Charleston Conference may wish to enhance their experience by reading their way through this latest list of YBP Bestsellers. Or, lacking the time for that, at least to check their own library’s holdings against this list of books about the state of South Carolina.

These are the 50 best-selling titles about the Palmetto State treated on the YBP approval plan program between 1993 and 1998. They are arranged in descending order of sales, beginning with Amelia Vernon’s African Americans at Mars Bluff, South Carolina, which has sold 112 copies to date, and ending with Mary Jacoby’s Churches of Charleston and the Low Country, which our customers have purchased 39 times.

The University of South Carolina Press accounts for only 14 of the titles, with a variety of other university presses responsible for most of the others. African-American topics and the Civil War are well represented on the list, among quite a few other aspects of South Carolina history. Several novels are among the 50 titles, along with a verse play by the poet Rita Dove. The gardens, the architecture, and the food of South Carolina, finally, are not to disappoint conference-goers, all may be sampled on the list as well.

Vernon, Amelia Wallace. African Americans at Mars Bluff, South Carolina. Louisiana State Univ Pr 1993 $29.95 Cloth 080711846x

Williams, Lou Falkner. Great South Carolina Ku Klux Klan Trials, 1871-1872. Univ of Georgia Press 1996 $35.00 Cloth 0820317950


Ball, Edward. Slaves in the Family. Farrar, Straus & Giroux 1998 $30.00 Cloth 0374265828


Wise, Stephen R., 1952- Gate of Hell: Campaign for Charleston Harbor, 1863. U South Carolina Pr 1994 $27.95 Cloth 0872499855

Hudson, Larry E., 1952- To Have and To Hold: Slave Work and Family Life in Antebellum South Carolina. Univ of Georgia Press 1997 $35.00 Cloth 0820318302


Bellows, Barbara L. Benevolence Among Slaveholders: Assisting the Poor in Charleston, 1670-1860. Louisiana State Univ Pr 1993 $35.00 Cloth 0807118338

Green, Jonathan, 1955- Gullah Images: The Art of Jonathan Green. U South Carolina Pr 1996 $49.95 Cloth 1570031452


Dalhouse, Mark Taylor. Island in the Lake of Fire: Bob Jones University, Fundamentalism, and the Separatist Movement. Univ of Georgia Pr 1996 $24.95 Cloth 0820318509

LeClercq, Anne Sinkler Whaley, 1942- Antebellum Plantation Households: including the South Carolina Low Country Receipts and Remedies of Emily Wharton Sinkler. U South Carolina Pr 1996 $19.95 Cloth 1570031290

Haw, James. John & Edward Rutledge of South Carolina. Univ of Georgia Press 1997 $50.00 Cloth 0820318590


Guthrie, Patricia. Catching Sense: African American Communities on a South Carolina Sea Island. Bergin & Garvey 1996 $49.95 Cloth 0897894251

Graham, Cole Blease. South Carolina Politics & Government. Univ of Nebraska Press 1994 $45.00 Cloth 0803221363


Starr, Rebecca. School for Politics: Commercial Lobbying and Political Culture in Early South Carolina. Johns Hopkins Univ Press 1998 $45.00 Cloth 0801858321

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From the Other Side of the Street —
Time to Hit the Books

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I don’t know about you, but autumn always makes me think about the past and about the future. Maybe this phenomena is based on my early upbringing in Duluth, Minnesota where there were only two seasons—winter which lasted from September through May and bug season which took up the other three months. (Prehistoric mosquitoes are still alive and well on the shores of Lake Superior. Some families have gone for overnight camping trips without ever returning.) So when those first snowy and crisp temperatures invaded the Zenith city, I was concerned that our supplies might not last until the Spring thaw. It was a time to ponder. Autumn is also a time to begin again. Universities throughout the country see a grand influx of fresh and not-so-fresh faces. Hopes ride high as turning leaves overshadow the steel sky grayness with vibrant patches of activity. In the spirit of learning anew, I searched the diverse course catalogs of many hallowed and not so prominent universities and colleges to discover the best offerings for the library and publishing communities.

Librarianese for the Non-librarian, Instructor William Safire. Interdisciplinary 305. Especially designed for information product developers, publishers and faculty members. Prerequisite: Must be over the age of reason. This sophisticated course is a discovery in entomology. Learn to decipher Library of Congress acronyms. Learn why discharge is not a bad term outside of the Oval Office. Find out why circulation has nothing to do with your blood system or why Boolean is not something you drop into boiling water. Not intended for the serious library major.

It’s Legal, It’s for Librarians, Instructor Team: Johnny Cochran, F. Lee Bailey, and Jerry Spence with a special lecture by Kenneth Starr on “If you lie to Elsevier, is that perjury?” Law S12. This innovative course takes librarians on a legal journey through contracts and licensing agreements. Prerequisite: Several viewings of “Ali McBeal,” “The Practice,” or “Perry Mason.” Learn the difference between content fee and access fee. Get pointers on why to ask the question “Why?” three times when one of your vendors asserts that all information costs must escalate at 8-10% annually. Discover innovative techniques on how to really count the number of authorized users at your institution. Even though examples are derived from actual case work, the legal team disavows all knowledge of wrongdoing or impropriety. Students must sign a release waiver before classes begin.

Publishing for the New Generation, Instructor: HALL 10000. CompSci 2001. Get into the mind of the next generation of information providers. Prerequisite: All students must have read: Kidder, The Soul of a New Machine; Heinlein, Stranger in a Strange Land; and Gates, The Road Ahead. HALL 10000, developed by Microsoft as a replacement for everybody, synthesizes all global knowledge and ports it to one location. The system is paired with a dynamic print imaging system to produce bound copies of personalized books in minutes. Use up-to-date search techniques to construct a document (current limit 224 pages) that...

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Crucible of Carolina: Essays in the Development of Gullah Language and Culture, Ed. by Michael Montgomery. Univ of Georgia Press 1994 $50.00 Cloth 0820316237


Carolina’s Historical Landscapes: Archaeological Perspectives, Ed. by Linda F. Stine. Univ of Tennessee Press 1997 $45.00 Cloth 0870499769


Univ of Tennessee Press 1994 $34.50 Cloth 0870498509

Baldwin, Cindy K. Great & Noble Jar: Traditional Stoneware of South Carolina. Univ of Georgia Press 1993 $39.95 Cloth 0820313718


Religion in South Carolina; Ed. by Charles H. Lippy, U South Carolina Pr 1993 $24.95 Cloth 0872498913

King, Susan Petigru, 1824-1875. Gerald Gray’s Wife and Lily: A Novel. Duke Univ Press 1993 $34.95 Cloth 082234107x


Rowland, Lawrence S. History of Beaufort County, South Carolina; v. 1: 1514-1681. U South Carolina Pr 1996 $39.95 Cloth 1570030901

Griffin, James B. “A Gentleman and an Officer”: A Military and Social History of James B. Griffin’s Civil War; Ed. by J.N. McArthur. Oxford Univ Press 1996 $35.00 Cloth 0195093119

Churches of Charleston and the Low Country; Ed by Mary Moore Jacoby. U South Carolina Pr 1994 $34.95 Cloth 0872498883

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