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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 and attention 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 latter 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 Academic Book 1991-92.

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., \$29.95t, 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 politics 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 own stories and provide vigorous, colorful illustrations.

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

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A balanced picture of Bragg's role in the Confederate defeat beginning where Volume I stops at Murfreesboro in 1863. Along with the military details, the author provides a full accounting of Bragg's fractious relationships with other members of the military, a critical factor in this period for the entire Confederate command. This biography of Bragg gives valuable insight into the workings of the Confederacy in the last two years of its struggle for independence.

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

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