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Founded in 1928, the University of Oklahoma Press has established its niche with a special emphasis on Western United States history, American Indian studies, and regional studies. This is reflected in the list of top ten bestsellers that they have provided for this column. All the titles listed have some connection to the American West or American Indian culture and studies — so if you are trying to beef up your collection in this area — here is a great list to start with.

Need a book with a balanced account of Tiananmen Square, yet one that explores the early Tang Dynasties? We have the book for you! Take a look at China: Ancient Culture, Modern Land, Oklahoma's best kept secret; Library Journal recommended it for all libraries.

With this column, we bid farewell to Nancy Essig, who has helped write this column in her capacity as chair of the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) Library/Press Relations Committee. It's been fun, Nancy!

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The Indian Tipi: Its History, Construction, and Use by Reginald and Gladys Laubin. ISBN 0-8061-2236-6; Paper $17.95. LC 77-23039. 384 pp., color and B&W illus. American Indian/Practical, How-to

The Life and Legacy of Annie Oakley by Glenda Riley. ISBN 0-8061-2656-6; Cloth $24.95. LC 94-10260. 270 pp., illus. Western History/Biography/Women's Studies

The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century by Samuel P. Huntington. ISBN 0-8061-2516-0; Paper $17.95. LC 90-50690. 384 pp. Political Science

"It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own:" A New History of the American West by Richard White. ISBN 0-8061-2366-4; Cloth $42.95. ISBN 0-8061-2567-5; Paper $21.95. LC 91-50309. 684 pp., illus. maps. Western History

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