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New Feature — On Your Bookshelf

By Joanne Schmidt (Emerson College Library)

A new column which lists books recently read by library staff, booksellers and publishers. Let us know if you’d like to see more columns like this. Titles to be included in future columns can be sent to Joanne Schmidt at the Emerson College Library; 148 Beacon Street; Boston, MA 02116, or, via Internet to “ecl_jms@flo.org”.

Recently, the New England Technical Services Librarians (NETSL) and the New England Library Association (NELA) sponsored a “Technical Services 2000” conference. In her opening address, Liz Bishoff from OCLC recommended three books relevant to the conference’s theme:


Many conference goers were anxious to read The Book of Virtues: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories. This Simon and Schuster 1993 publication was edited, with commentary, by William J. Bennett.

Ann Pardo and Martha Davidson, from the library at Simmons College, are reading Dorothy Dunnett’s Niccolo series. This Scottish author writes Flemish historical adventures, as in the Niccolo series, as well as mysteries. Niccolo Rising was published by Knopf in 1986. Buccaneer and Dell have reprinted it. Dunnett’s other works currently available through Knopf include:

Scales of Gold, 1992
Untitiled Novel, No. 2, 1992
Race of Scorpions, 1990

Buccaneer reprints of her works include:
King Hereafter: A Novel, 1991
Checkmate, 1983
The Game of Kings, 1983
Pawn in Frankincense, 1983
Queen’s Play, 1983
The Ringed Castle, 1983
Disorderly Knights, 1981

David Miller, Curry College, is reading Thomas Merton’s Waters of Siloe.


At the Emerson College Library, librarians are reading the following:

2. Gause, Donald C. and Weinberg, Gerald M. Are Your Lights On? How to Figure out What the Problem Really Is. Dorset House, 1990. (On original and inventive problem solving)

In the Fenway Library Consortium, librarians listed these among their recent reading materials:

4. Various murder mysteries by Paul Auster, Lawrence Block, Robert Campbell, Patricia Cornwell, Stephen Greenleaf, Margaret Maron, Sarah Shantman, and Julie Smith.

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