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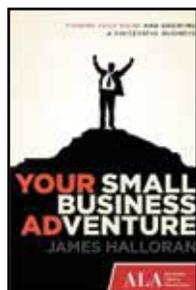
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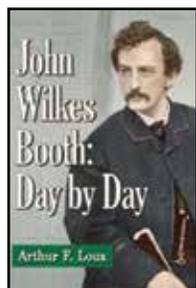
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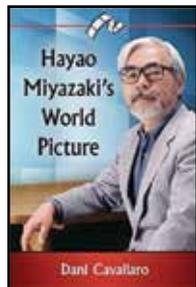
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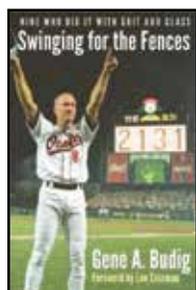
YOUR SMALL BUSINESS ADVENTURE — by **James W. Halloran** (*Huron Street Press, 2014*) — It has been a long-standing dream here in America for someone to own a successful business, but the situation often feel overwhelming, and that's where this book comes in. The author breaks down the goal of an entrepreneur into easy-to-understand parts and offers a guiding light throughout the entire process. From making sure the business person really knows what he is after, to ways of making the extra startup funds, to hiring the appropriate level of staff, Halloran makes the end result feel not just possible but probable.



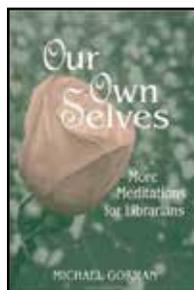
JOHN WILKES BOOTH: DAY BY DAY — by **Arthur F. Loux** (*McFarland, 2014*) — While most everyone knows exactly who Booth was, this book takes a different sort of look at who he was as a person. This is an intriguing account of a man who had everything to lose when he decided to kill the president, yet still went through with the deed. This is an interesting take that mixes historical explanation with actual pieces of Booth's diary. While there is no attempt to defend or explain his actions, this book is an in-depth chart of the first presidential murderer's descent from fame and his fall from grace.



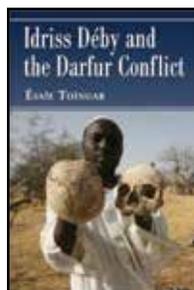
HAYAO MIYAZAKI'S WORLD PICTURE — by **Dani Cavallaro** (*McFarland, 2015*) — Hayao Miyazaki is an incredibly thought-provoking filmmaker. Though his name might not have the universal recognition of Disney or Avey, the turn of the millennium brought widespread success and spread of his name. In this book, the author has taken time to see about explaining to those unfamiliar with what is so special about Miyazaki. While in-depth in its discussion of his vision, Cavallaro still manages to make the subject not seem daunting. Miyazaki has been working in the industry for decades, but one isn't expected to have seen his films to be enlightened by this book.



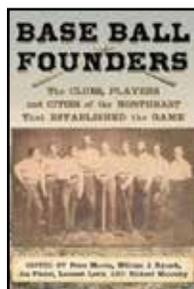
SWINGING FOR THE FENCES — by **Gene A. Budig** (*Univ. of Nebraska Press, 2010*) — Gene Budig was the president of the MLB American League from 1994 to 2000, and this is a book written to honor some of those he worked with. This book is a very interesting look into the behind-the-scenes experiences of some of the biggest names in 1990s baseball. There is an added layer of intrigue due to Budig's first-hand experiences; thus it goes without saying that a baseball fan would love to read this book. Even outside the baseball crowd, there is something interesting to be seen in this personal collection of stories. One feels as though Budig cared for his workers very much.



OUR OWN SELVES: MORE MEDITATIONS FOR LIBRARIANS — by **Michael Gorman** (*ALA Editions, 2005*) — It is clear that Gorman, now former president of the ALA, had two purposes for this book. The foremost one is that of a positive outlook. This book is for librarians, and the author wants you to know things can work out. Mixed with this message are tips and pointers to help librarians manage the changes of the technological age. It hits all the major issues of the day, while Gorman looks you, the reader, in the eye and, in a steady tone, tells you it's going to be alright.



IDRISS DÉBY AND THE DARFUR CONFLICT — by **Ésaïe Toïngar** (*McFarland, 2014*) — The name in the title of this book isn't well known, but it should be, because Déby is the chief person responsible for why there has been so much bloodshed in and around Darfur. There is a tragedy of ignorance at hand in Africa, and the author is seeking to cure that. There is far too much blood of the natives on this tyrant's hand, and it is breathtaking to read how matter-of-factly Toïngar is able to talk of it. It is plain to see that, though thankfully Déby may no longer hold power, his shadow still looms large for many who survived him.



BASE BALL FOUNDERS: THE CLUBS, PLAYERS AND CITIES OF THE NORTHEAST THAT ESTABLISHED THE GAME — by **Peter Morris, William J. Ryczek, Jan Finkel, Leonard Levin and Richard Malatzky** (*McFarland, 2013*) — The early history of baseball has witnessed a tremendous growth in research into its origins, teams, and players in recent years. *Base Ball Founders* makes a major contribution to this expanding knowledge base as it continues the history of baseball with a second volume covering players involved with teams as early as the 1830s and 1840s through 1870. *Base Ball Pioneers, 1850-1870*, published in 2012 by McFarland, was the predecessor in the two volume set. *Base Ball Founders* covers early clubs and players in the Northeast including New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. A team of contributors (mostly members of the Society for American Research) provides the reader with club histories of baseball clubs rarely referenced in nineteenth century baseball history. In addition, biographies of the earliest known players are profiled with brief playing histories and subsequent life careers. Considerable genealogical research has been conducted by the authors in piecing together the bios. *Base Ball Founders* carries the reader through early versions of the game which were far from uniform, with the "Massachusetts Game" and the "Philadelphia Game" and the New York version. Ultimately, all migrated to the New York version. The vast information that is added to the pioneers' era of baseball by this volume and the previous volume of *Base Ball Pioneers* makes them essential to a library of nineteenth-century baseball. 🐾