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The World Book encyclopedia; 22v.
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 World Book , ©2008 14300 p. \$899.00

Previous editions are recommended in Best Reference Books, Guide to Reference Books, and General Reference Books for Adults . Providing a readable yet detailed reference for students in middle and high school, as well as the general reader, this encyclopedia is updated annually and remains a fascinating read. More than 3800 specialists are involved in writing, reviewing, and fact checking, ensuring the reputation of this reliable and up-to-date reference. The illustrations and photos are detailed and plentiful, with many descriptive maps, tables, and drawings. Volume 22 contains a comprehensive index and a useful instructional section on how to write papers, give a talk, and carry out research. Occasional special sections contain eye-catching, heavily illustrated fold-out pages devoted to a certain subject.

AG243 2006-100782 978-1-4022-0828-7
The encyclopedia of useless information. (reprint, 2005)
 Hartston, William.

Sourcebooks, Inc. , ©2007 406 p. \$12.95 (pa)
 From Aa (a favorite of Scrabble players) to Zywoicie (Poland, the last place on Earth alphabetically), this compendium of interesting trivia includes words either unlikely to be included in a standard encyclopedia (e.g., kissing, snoring) or unusual aspects of terms that would appear in such references (e.g., the entry on Brazil states that most Brazil nuts come from Bolivia). The volume has cross-references but lacks an index. Originally published in Great Britain in 2005 by Metro Publishing Ltd., London.

AM133 2007-028366 978-0-7591-1069-4
Lost in the museum; buried treasures and the stories they tell.

Moses, Nancy.
 AltaMira Press , ©2008 167 p. \$65.00

Through a narrative relating her experiences viewing the objects and their background, Moses highlights the hidden treasures that are behind the scenes of museums in the US: Audobon's birds at the Academy of Natural Sciences, sea invertebrates at the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, Franklin B. Gowen's Bowl at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the skull of a prehistoric Peruvian child at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History. Additionally, she viewed a colonial-era farm named Ker-Feal at the Barnes Foundation, summer garments of a Tibetan princess at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, and in Philadelphia, pessaries at the Mutter Museum of the College of Physicians, the plan for the dome of the US Capitol Building at the Athenaeum, and John Brown's pike at the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum. Moses is a professional cultural development consultant and formerly associated with the Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia.

AM139 2007-013543 978-1-59158-444-5
Subject access to a multilingual museum database; a step-by-step approach to the digitization process.

Kupietzky, Allison Siffre Guedalia. (Third millennium cataloging)
 Libraries Unlimited , ©2007 165 p. \$45.00 (pa)

After explaining the unique challenges involved in the digitization of objects in museum collections, Kupietzky (collections database manager, Israel Museum, Jerusalem) presents a survey of museum computerization systems used worldwide noting their successes and pitfalls, a case study of the computerization process of one museum's collection, consideration of theoretical issues, and step-by-step procedures to implement a database system to catalog holdings in mono/multi-lingual museums. Appendices include museum and cultural heritage international standards and organizations, online monolingual lexicons, the International Council of Museums code of professional ethics, a list of the more popular collections management software, methodological notes, an example of a digitized collection, digitization guidelines, and a glossary.

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The Europa world of learning 2008, 58th ed.; 2v.

Title main entry.
 Routledge, ©2007 2914 p. \$875.00

The 58th edition of this essential reference, published in 2 volumes, contains five introductory essays which address global issues concerning higher education, including mass tertiary education in the developing world, access to higher education, and valuing education. Also new to this edition is the addition of introductory essays to the chapter of each country describing its educational system. In addition, the chapter on the US has been substantially revised. The work surveys the scholarly societies, libraries, museums, and especially, the universities of each country, with notes on personnel, library holdings, and scholarly journals included throughout. The material is arranged alphabetically by country and alphabetically by city for each country. A lengthy section listing international organizations is included. Each institution's entry contains contact information. Previous editions are cited in Guide to Reference Books, Walfords , and Public Library Catalog .

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Hyphenated histories; articulations of Central European Bildung and Slavic studies in the contemporary academy.

Title main entry. Ed. by Andrew Colin Gow.
 BRILL , ©2007 211 p. \$129.00

Stating that "scholars, like snails, reproduce asexually," Gow (history, U. of Alberta) laments the undermining of traditional Bildung models of academic training by a globalized market mentality, in introducing nine chapters by a virtual collective of international scholars reflecting on the interdisciplinary Cultural Studies trend. Based on the "Hyphenated Histories" U. of Alberta conference in Edmonton in 2005, these papers ably represent paradigm shifts in the humanities. In challenges to post-colonial theory-based interpretations of central European history, case studies exemplify how transdisciplinary lenses can scale Slavic Studies' disciplinary divisions. E.g., contributors bridge history with cultural studies in discussing Susan Sontag's views on a Russian photography exhibit commemorating World War II, and Vertov's 1929 movie, Man with

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