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- 303.625 MEL ***The Day the Sky Fell: A History of Terrorism*** by Milton Meltzer  
Meltzer searches for answers as he puts terrorism and its practitioners into historical context. Meltzer shows that terrorism is as old as humankind and that it has been the tool of innumerable ideologies, religions, and ethnic groups all over the world.
- 303.66 MEL ***Ain't Gonna Study War No More: The Story of America's Peace Seekers*** by Milton Meltzer  
Presents a history of pacifism and those who have protested against war, concentrating on war resistance in the United States from colonial days to the present and concerns about nuclear arms and terrorism.
- 305.23 NAZ ***Enrique's Journey: Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with his Mother*** by Sonia Nazario  
Addresses the issues of family and illegal immigration through the story of a young boy's dangerous journey from Honduras to the U.S. in search of his mother, who left him and his sibling behind make a better life for her family.
- 305.42 DE ***Founding Mothers: Women of America in the Revolutionary Era*** by Linda Grant De Pauw  
Describes the daily lives, social roles, and contributions of women living during the revolutionary period.
- 305.42 JOH ***Remember the Ladies: The First Women's Rights Convention*** by Norma Johnston  
Focusing on the 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York, this book offers an evenhanded account of that event.
- 305.8 GRI ***Black Like Me*** by John Howard Griffin  
The author, a white man, recounts his experiences when he darkened his skin and traveled through the South as an African-American man. Epilogue covers events in the field of civil rights since 1959.
- 307.76 HOP ***Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York 1880-1924*** by Deborah Hopkinson  
Photographs and text document the experiences of five individuals who came to live in the Lower East Side of New York City as children or young adults from Belarus, Italy, Lithuania, and Romania at the turn of the twentieth century.
- 309.1 BRO ***Manchild in the Promised Land: A Modern Classic of the Black Experience*** by Claude Brown  
An autobiography of Claude Brown, describing his life and that of other African Americans in New York City's Harlem area.
- 322.4 MAC ***Behind the Mask of Chivalry: The Making of the Second Ku Klux Klan*** by Nancy MacLean  
Chronicles the rise of the Ku Klux Klan, their inner workings, and how it was able to attract millions of Americans.
- 323.4 FRE ***Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott*** by Russell Freedman  
Presents the story of the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 and the major persons and events that contributed to the year-long struggle for equal rights on Montgomery's city buses.

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- 331.892 KAL ***We Are Not Beasts of Burden: Cesar Chavez and the Delano Grape Strike*** by Stuart Kallen  
This WWII history of the over 18 million women serving in the labor force includes first-hand accounts, propaganda posters and numerous period photographs.
- 333.4 COL ***Rosie the Riveter*** by Penny Colman  
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- 345.74 KAL ***The Salem Witch Trials*** by Stuart Kallen  
The author traces the Salem Trials from the accusations made by a group of hysterical young girls to the resulting deaths of 25 people. Includes firsthand accounts such as trial notes and diary excerpts to provide a real sense of these chaotic times.
- 345.797 COP ***The Centralia Tragedy of 1919: Elmer Smith and the Wobblies*** by Tom Copeland  
Drawing on previously sealed court documents and interviews with surviving witnesses, this book presents a human drama, centering on an industrial frontier labor lawyer and the radical politics of the 1920s.
- 355.825 SHE ***Bomb : The race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon*** by Steve Sheinkin  
In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.
- 358.42 STE ***Bombs Away: The Story of a Bomber Team*** by John Steinbeck  
John Steinbeck's nonfiction account of his experiences with Air Force bomber crews during World War II.
- 363.119 OLS ***The Deep Dark: Disaster and Redemption in America's Richest Silver Mine*** by Gregg Olsen  
On May 2, 1972, 174 miners entered Sunshine Mine in Idaho on their daily quest for silver. When the alarm sounded, less than half of the dayshift was able to return to the surface. The others were trapped underground, too deep in the mine to escape.
- 364.1 BRO ***Lizzie Borden: The Legend, the Truth, the Final Chapter*** by Arnold R. Brown  
Employs new evidence and Lizzie Borden's own chilling testimony to unmask a new suspect and draw a different conclusion to one of the most famous cases in the history of American crime.

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- 364.1 15 UNG ***Union Station Massacre: The Original Sin of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI*** by Robert Unger  
The story of how a bloody shoot-out in Kansas City in 1933 became the lynchpin for J. Edgar Hoover's successful transformation of the FBI from a powerless subagency into a law-enforcement juggernaut.
- 364.1 BER ***All the President's Men*** by Carl Bernstein & Bob Woodward  
As reporters for the ***Washington Post***, Woodward and Bernstein investigated a break in of the Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate Hotel. Their reporting led to a Senate investigation and ultimately to the resignation of Republican president Richard Nixon.
- 364.1 OLS ***Starvation Heights: True Story of Murder and Malice in the Woods of the Pacific Northwest*** by Gregg Olsen  
Recounts the events surrounding the murders of British heiresses Claire and Dora Williamson, who, in 1911, became the first victims of Linda Hazzard, a quack doctor who would stop at nothing to achieve her ambitions.
- 910.4 LOR ***A Night to Remember*** by Walter Lord  
Provides an account of the sinking of the "Titanic," a reputedly unsinkable ship that went down in the Atlantic on April 10, 1912 after hitting an iceberg, resulting in the deaths of over 1,500 people.
- 917.904 AMB ***Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*** by Stephen E. Ambrose  
Chronicles the experiences of Meriwether Lewis, the man chosen by President Jefferson to lead a voyage from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, discusses the experiences of those who took part in the expedition, and tells of the leading political, scientific, and military figures involved in the mapping of the American West.
- 917.904 DUN ***Lewis & Clark: the Journey of the Corps of Discovery*** by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns  
An illustrated history of the journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who set out from a camp just upstream from St. Louis in 1804 at the request of President Thomas Jefferson, to search for the fabled Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean.
- 940.53 KIE ***The Girls of Atomic City: The untold story of the women who helped win WWII.*** by Denise Kiernan  
The Tennessee town of Oak Ridge was created from scratch in 1942. One of the Manhattan Project's secret cities, it did not appear on any maps until 1949. Young women were recruited from small towns across the South to work at jobs that were shrouded in mystery. They all knew something big was happening at Oak Ridge, but few could piece together the true nature of their work until the bomb "Little Boy" was dropped over Hiroshima, Japan, and the secret was out. The shocking revelation: the residents of Oak Ridge were enriching uranium for the atomic bomb.

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- 940.54 EYE ***Eyewitness to D-Day: The story of the battle by those that were there*** edited by Jon Lewis  
Story of the Battle for Normandy by soldiers and civilians on both sides of the war. Accounts by the G.I. who led the break-out from Omaha beach, German soldiers who faced the biggest seaborne invasion in history, and a French housewife's recollection of waking up to the invasion.
- 940.54 NEL ***Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis*** by Pete Nelson  
Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.
- 940.54 ZUC ***Lost in Shngri-La: A true story of survival, adventure, and the most incredible rescue mission of World War II***  
An account of the crash of a transport plane carrying twenty-four American servicemen and WACs on May 13, 1945, during a sightseeing trip over the Shangri-La Valley in the mountains of Dutch New Guinea. Tells how survivors Margaret Hastings, John McCollom, and Kenneth Decker, injured and grieving, braved man-eating headhunters and enemy Japanese troops to find refuge with a primitive tribe which had never seen white people, and discusses their daring rescue.
- 956.704 CAN ***A Journal for Jordan*** by Dana Canedy  
Dana Canedy shares the story of her relationship with her husband, Charles Monroe King, who was killed in Iraq on October 14, 2006, and includes selections from the two-hundred-page journal he wrote for his infant son after learning he was going to be deployed to Iraq.
- 956.704 SWO ***Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War and Other Battles*** by Anthony Swofford  
U.S. Marine, recounts his disturbing experiences in the 1991 Gulf War and reflects upon the emotional damage he suffered and the nature of both the American military and war itself.
- 956.704 KEN ***They Fought for Each Other: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Hardest Hit Unit in Iraq*** by Kelly Kennedy  
Chronicles the combat action and moments of friendship and turmoil experienced by the soldiers of Charlie Company of the Army's 1-26 Infantry Regiment, who encountered a constant series of attacks--and lost thirty-one soldiers during their fifteen-month tour--while trying to restore order to the Iraqi town of Adhamiya.
- 958.104 BOW ***The Finish: The Killing of Osama Bin Laden*** by Mark Bowden  
Recounts the hunt for and defeat of Osama bin Laden, drawing on unprecedented access to primary sources to trace how key decisions were made, revealing events from the perspectives of an adept President Obama and an increasingly despondent bin Laden.

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- 958.104 JUN **War** by Sebastian Junger  
A combat narrative based on journalist Sebastian Junger's experiences in Afghanistan in 2007 and 2008, during which he spent time intermittently embedded with a platoon of the 173rd Airborne brigade in Korengal Valley.
- 958.104 MEY ***Into the Fire: A Firsthand Account of the Most Extraordinary Battle in the Afghan War*** by Dakota Meyer  
A Medal of Honor-awarded Marine sniper shares the controversy-marked story of his heroic contributions during a 2009 Taliban ambush during which he saved a company of Afghan soldiers and Marine advisors, a victory that compelled him to disobey orders and assume command without reinforcements or artillery support.
- 959.704 BIS ***The Father of All Things: A Marine, His Son, and the Legacy of Vietnam*** by Tom Bissell  
The author and his ex-Marine father, John, retrace the elder Bissell's tour of duty through a now mostly peaceful and prosperous Vietnam.
- 959.704 HOL ***Band of Sisters: American Women at War in Iraq*** by Kirsten Holmstedt  
Band of Sisters presents a dozen groundbreaking and often heart-wrenching stories of American women in combat in Iraq, such as the U.S.'s first female pilot to be shot down and survive, the military's first black female pilot in combat, a young turret gunner defending convoys, and a nurse struggling to save lives, including her own.
- 959.704 SIM ***I Refuse: Memories of a Vietnam War Objector*** by Donald Simons  
The author's attempts to obtain recognition as a conscientious objector from the Selective Service System. After being unjustly denied conscientious objector status, the author refused to enter the military, was convicted of violating federal law and lived in exile for several years.
- 959.704 VEI ***Code-Name Bright Light: The Untold Story of U.S. POW Rescue Efforts during the Vietnam War*** by George Veith  
An in-depth look at the activities of the Joint Personnel Recovery Center, a secretive and highly classified unit in South Vietnam responsible for rescuing captives.
- 970.004 HOI ***Night of the Cruel Moon: Cherokee Removal and the Trail of Tears*** by Stanley Hoig  
A narrative history of the removal by white Americans of the Cherokee peoples from their eastern homeland to the Indian territory now known as Oklahoma.
- 973.7 BEL ***To Hold this Ground: A Desperate Battle at Gettysburg*** by Susan Beller  
The date is July 2, 1863. The place is a small hill called Little Round Top in Gettysburg, PA. In vivid detail the Battle of Little Round Top is brought to life – its glory and its tragedy, its soldiers and its leaders
- 973.7 STE ***Secret Missions of the Civil War: First-hand accounts by men and women who risked their lives in underground activities for the North and the***

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**South.** \_ by Philip Stern

Spies, commandos, saboteurs, guerillas, or privateers, these underground agents fought daring battles and did dubious deeds often unrewarded and now forgotten.

973.9 ZEI **McCarthy and the Fear of Communism in American History** by Karen Zeinert

Outlines the rise of anti-communism in the United States beginning after World War I and culminating in the virulently anti-communist activities led by Senator Joe McCarthy in the 1950s. Also discusses the aftermath of the McCarthy era.

973.911 EGA **The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America.** by Tim Egan

Narrates the struggles of the overmatched rangers against the implacable fire of August, 1910, and Teddy Roosevelt's pioneering conservation efforts that helped turn public opinion permanently in favor of the forests, though it changed the mission of the forest service with consequences felt in the fires of today

973.93 SEP **September 11: An Oral History** by Dean Murphy

Vivid eyewitness accounts by those who worked in and around the Trade Center and the Pentagon, by rescue workers who rushed to the scene, and stories of people around the country who watched the events unfold on television as they waited for news of friends, family, and acquaintances.

973.93 FRA **Understanding September 11: Answering questions about the attack on America** by Mitch Frank

Explains the historical and religious issues that sparked terrorists to attack America on September 11, 2001, including information on Islam, Osama bin Laden, and the Middle East.

974.71 MAR **Flesh & Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy** by Albert Marrin

Detailed account of the disastrous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City, which claimed the lives of 146 garment workers in 1911, and examines the impact of this event on the nation's working conditions and labor laws.

979.4 STE **Ordeal by Hunger: The Story of the Donner Party** by George Stewart

True story of the Donner party. In 1846, eighty seven men, women, and children set out to reach California in an overland route that took them through the High Sierra Mountains. Many perished; some survived through cannibalism; all experienced horrendous hardships. Includes diary entries from those who survived.

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