Review: 'American Cars, 1973-1980: Every Model, Year by Year'

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The title, part of an ongoing series, chronicles American cars made between 1973 and 1980. Entries include background on the nameplate, models available, cost, and measurements of the vehicle. Photos of the cars are shown by manufacturer and year, and the advertising slogans used to sell the cars are a nice touch to open each entry. Appendices include minor makes and “replicars” (a copy of a vintage or classic automobile), option groups and packages, tire sizes, identification and recalls, and manufacturer logos. This work for American car enthusiasts may be better suited in the circulating collection than the reference collection and is recommended for public libraries. —Jack O’Corm


The first edition of this comprehensive bibliography was published in 1978, and subsequent supplements and editions have each increased the coverage. This edition contains 2,850 entries, 470 of which are new. Entries are arranged by composer and by song title under the specific composer, and among the many details provided are the publisher, date of composition, key, vocal range, mood, length, voice type, and recording. There are indexes by composer, poet, special characteristics/subjects, and title. A discography supplements the bibliography with lists of anthology recordings and single-composer recordings. Recommended for academic libraries and suitable for circulating collections. —Elaine Lindstrom


This revised edition of Formalizing Internet, Web and eBusiness Applications for the Real World (2005) is extended and updated with more than 300 new pages, including sections on usability, system development, cloud computing, and the digital world, along with new chapters and subchapters. Organized into nine parts, the book addresses the fundamentals and constraints of the Internet, applications, cloud computing, and large data repositories. Because the book is intended as a textbook, each chapter includes cases for study and discussion. A heavy book, it is recommended as a textbook for college-level courses or for serious researchers in the field of information technology in the workplace, private life, and society. —Sara Marcus


Dividing the history of Iceland into seven sections chronicking events and conditions in the country from 874 through mid-2012, this history is a basic introduction to a country that is unfamiliar to most Americans. The author enlivens his coverage with interesting stories, such as one of an early chronicler who marveled that the midnight sun was so bright that lice could easily be picked out of clothing. However, this overall informal style makes the book seem less scholarly. A basic chronology opens the book, and short biographies of important figures closes it. Recommended for public and undergraduate libraries; suitable for circulating collections. —Ester Burke


This captivating volume is full of multi-colored fonts, attractive sidebars, full-color maps, and both black-and-white and color photographs. There are images of primary resources—like Nixon’s resignation letter—and even a photograph of a soldier’s Zippo lighter, ironically personalized with a peace sign. Contentwise, it attempts to cover all aspects of the sometimes convoluted history of America’s involvement in Vietnam, and it does an excellent job of summarizing the most important aspects of the war in a relatively small volume. Its glitzy approach may be enough to entice younger users away from total reliance on the Internet. Recommended for circulating collections. —Michael Tosko


Often considered inferior within the realm of great wines, sherry has now found a champion to correct the misunderstanding. Wine connoisseurs and novices alike will find the extensive research and comprehensive guide to the Marco de Jerez region a crucial resource to further their understanding of these unique wines. Offering a historical and technical context, this resource is also a valuable guide for venturing to the greater Andalucia region, with details on great sherry bodegas and travel tips. The exhaustive bibliography and notes sections, along with an accompanying website, greatly supplement this excellent reference. Suitable for public and academic libraries. —Becca Smith