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Do-gooders Mona Charen 2004 A leading conservative writer focuses on some of today's most hotly debated domestic issues, arguing against liberal party practices in such areas as education, affirmative action, and welfare.

A Military History of the English Civil War Malcolm Wanklyn 2014-07-10 A Military History of the English Civil War examines how the civil war was won, who fought for whom, and why it ended. With a straightforward style and clear chronology that enables readers to make their own judgements and pursue their own interests further, this original history provides a thorough critique of the reasons that have been cited for Parliament's victory and the King's defeat in 1645/46. It discusses the strategic options of the Parliamentary and Royalist commanders and councils of war and analyses the decisions they made, arguing that the King's faulty command structure was more responsible for his defeat than Sir Thomas Fairfax's strategic flair. It also argues that the way that resources were used, rather than the resources themselves, explain why the war ended when it did.

1491 Charles C. Mann 2012-07-03 1491 verandert voorgoed ons beeld van de geschiedenis van de amerika's In 1491 woonden er misschien wel meer mensen in Amerika dan in Europa. Grote steden als Tenochtitlán hadden stromend water en bezaten prachtige botanische tuinen. In Mexico verbouwden precolombiaanse Indianen maïs volgens zeer geavanceerde teelttechnieken. De Inca's hadden het grootste rijk in de toenmalige wereld opgebouwd, groter dan de Ming-dynastie of het Ottomaanse Rijk. Totdat de Europeanen met hun geweld en ziektes hier een einde aan maakten. 1491 maakt voor eens en voor altijd duidelijk dat de geschiedenis van Amerika zeker niet begint met Columbus, die in 1492 op een van de Bahama's voet aan wal zette. Charles C. Mann schreef een heldere en levendige synthese van wat door historici, geografen en archeologen de afgelopen dertig jaar is ontdekt over de prestaties en het lot van de oorspronkelijke inwoners van Amerika. Mann ontkracht op overtuigende wijze talloze mythen en neemt de lezer mee naar de intrigerende, hoogontwikkelde wereld van onder meer de Inca's, Azteken en Maya's. 'Mann maakt korte metten met het inheemse Amerika van de schoolboekjes: passief, primitief en in de confrontatie met Europa gedoemd te verdwijnen.' NRC Handelsblad 'Mann heeft een mooi en aanstekelijk boek geschreven.' Trouw '[...] een zeer nauwgezette, weloverwogen zoektocht naar het antwoord op de vraag: Hoe zag de Nieuwe Wereld er ten tijde van Columbus uit.' Natuur, Wetenschap & Techniek 'Krachtig, uitdagend en belangrijk [...]' 1491 dwingt ons na te denken over de wijze waarop de geschiedenis van Amerika wordt onderwezen.' The Washington Post 'Voor iedereen die denkt dat het één grote wildernis was, zal dit boek een fascinerende verrassing zijn.' The Times Tijdens een bezoek aan Yucatán, overdonderd en betoverd door de Maya-ruïnes, werd het Charles Mann in alle omvang duidelijk dat Columbus in 1492 een hemisfeer met mensen en culturen betrad die in alles verschilde van de ons toen bekende werelddelen Europa en Azië. Mann schrijft voor Science en The Atlantic Monthly. 12 jaar slaaf Solomon Northup 2014-02-21 'Ik was stomverbaasd dat ik nog nooit van dit boek had gehoord. Voor mij is het even belangrijk als het dagboek van Anne Frank.' - Steve McQueen Solomon Northup, in 1808 als vrij man geboren in New York, wordt in 1841 ontvoerd en in het Zuiden verkocht als slaaf. Twaalf jaar lang werkt hij op plantages in Louisiana, vaak onder de meest wrede omstandigheden, altijd in de hoop zijn vrijheid terug te winnen. In 1853 komt Northup eindelijk vrij. In datzelfde jaar verschijnt 12 jaar slaaf, zijn eigen aangrijpende relaas van zijn gevangenschap in een van de donkerste

periodes uit de Amerikaanse geschiedenis. Het boek slaat direct in als een bom en opent vele Amerikanen de ogen voor de onmenselijkheid van het slavernijsysteem. 12 Years a Slave is verfilmd door de Britse filmmaker Steve McQueen en werd geproduceerd door onder anderen Brad Pitt. De film won de Golden Globe voor Beste Film en is genomineerd voor negen Oscars, waaronder die voor Beste Film. Het boek verschijnt voor het eerst in Nederlandse vertaling. Met een voorwoord van Steve McQueen en een inleiding van Bianca Stigter

Russia Against Japan, 1904-1905 J. N. Westwood 1986-01-01 The Russo-Japanese conflict was recognized, in its time, as introducing a new era of warfare, involving millions of men and weapons of mass destruction. In the decade which elapsed after its end much was written about it. The First World War marked a second stage in the development of twentieth-century-style total war, and so overshadowed the Russo-Japanese War that little further study was made of the latter. Subsequent books on this subject were for popular readerships, and mainly recycled the knowledge and beliefs of the pre-1914 years. This book aims to present a short account of the war, stripped of the legends that successive journalists and authors have attached to it, and at the same time present new angles and interpretations based on hitherto unused Russian-language sources and on the specialized monographs of the few scholars working in this and related fields. While not claiming to be definitive, it does provide a fresh start for the study of this war, whose importance justifies a clear-headed examination, casting light on Russian military and naval tradition. The distinctive psychology of Russian generals and admirals is well illustrated in this book, and the conclusion that the former were for bureaucratic reasons happier in defense than offense, and that the latter thought in military rather than naval terms (regarding battleships as fortresses that, under pressure, they could surrender or demolish), has implications for the understanding of subsequent Russian and Soviet history. Among the incidental implications is that during this war the British and American press sank to such a voluntary and involuntary level of distortion that its performance in subsequent wars can only be regarded as an improvement. Here and there in the book explanations for subsequent Russian and Japanese behavior can be glimpsed; not the least of these is the circumstance that at the end of the war Russian generals and officials felt cheated of certain victory while exactly the same intense and long-term frustration gnawed at Japanese public opinion. It was really an unsatisfactory war for both sides, the innumerable dead winning nothing worth while; in this and many other ways the Russo-Japanese War was a dress rehearsal for the First World War.

Founding Brothers Joseph J. Ellis 2000 The introduction, discussion questions, suggestions for further reading, and author biography that follow are intended to enhance your reading group's discussion of Joseph Ellis's *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*. We hope they will enrich your experience of this Pulitzer Prize-winning study of the intertwined lives of the founders of the American republic--John Adams, Aaron Burr, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and George Washington.

Babbitt Harry Sinclair Lewis 2017 Roman over het leven van een succesvol zakenman, waarin een satirisch beeld wordt gegeven van de Amerikaanse samenleving.

Cases on Educational Technology Implementation for Facilitating Learning Ritzhaupt, Albert D. 2013-03-31 With constant explorative research on educational technologies, it remains important to have a detailed understanding of the implementation of these innovations. *Cases on Educational Technology Implementation for Facilitating Learning* blends together vital research and advancements on educational technologies into one comprehensive collection; while structuring the information to make it accessible for implementation into the classroom. Academics, professors, and educators will find this casebook especially useful for integrating new aspects of technology into their programs.

1493 Charles C. Mann 2013-02-20 Hoe de wereld zich ontwikkelde na de ontdekking van Amerika De reizen van Columbus vormden het begin van een bijzondere uitwisseling van flora en fauna tussen Eurazië en Noord- en Zuid-Amerika. Zo vonden onder meer tomaten, aardappelen, maïs, zilver en rubber hun weg naar Eurazië, en omgekeerd zijde, paarden, graan, koffie, appels - en slaven niet te vergeten - naar Noord- en Zuid-Amerika. Een minder welkome uitwisseling was uiteraard die van insecten, bacteriën en virussen. Charles Mann laat zien dat deze zogeheten Columbian Exchange heeft gezorgd voor de opkomst van Europa, de ondergang van het Chinese keizerrijk en de verstoring van de ecologie in Afrika. Met 1493 heeft bestsellerauteur Charles Mann de belangrijkste biologische gebeurtenis sinds het uitsterven van de dinosauriërs onder de aandacht van een groot publiek weten te brengen. Charles Mann is correspondent voor *The Atlantic* en *Science*, en schrijft onder meer voor *Fortune*, *The New York Times* en *The Washington Post*. Zijn boek 1491. De ontdekking van precolumbiaans Amerika was een

groot internationaal succes. Manns werk is vele malen bekroond. 'Het is Mann gelukt een gecompliceerd verhaal helder te vertellen (...).' - The New York Times '1493 is een meeslepend boek, dat de vele economische, agrarische en biologische kruisbestuivingen beschrijft die plaatsvonden nadat Columbus toevallig Amerika had ontdekt.' - TheWall Street Journal '(...) een bijzonder onderhoudend en evenwichtig boek.' - New Scientist '(...) boordevol interessante inzichten, wetenswaardigheden en onvoorziene, adembenemende ellende.' - NRCHandelsblad '(...) een uitermate rijk boek.' - Trouw '(...) een helder en onderhoudend verhaal over de mens en zijn medeorganismen (...).' - De Standaard '(...) wérkelijk een fascinerende, nieuwe wereld.' - De Pers

Deze kant van het paradijs Francis Scott Fitzgerald 1971

Begraaf mijn hart bij de bocht van de rivier Dee Alexander Brown 1972

CliffsNotes AP U.S. History Cram Plan Melissa Young 2018-10-09 CliffsNotes AP U.S. History Cram Plan gives you a study plan leading up to your AP exam no matter if you have two months, one month, or even one week left to review before the exam! This new edition of CliffsNotes AP U.S. History Cram Plan calendarizes a study plan for the 489,000 AP U.S. History test-takers depending on how much time they have left before they take the May exam. Features of this plan-to-ace-the-exam product include: * 2-months study calendar and 1-month study calendar * Diagnostic exam that helps test-takers pinpoint strengths and weaknesses * Subject reviews that include test tips and chapter-end quizzes * Full-length model practice exam with answers and explanations

Midzomernachtsdroom William Shakespeare 1997 Sprookjesachtige komedie waarin een viertal jonge verliefden, bij wie de verliefdheden helaas niet netjes twee-aan-twee verdeeld zijn, in handen vallen van elfen die hun verliefdheden door middel van een kruid willen herverdelen.

Het Gele Behang Charlotte Perkins Gilman 2016-04-24 'Het gele behang' (1892) van Charlotte Perkins Gilman is het beklemmende verhaal van een geesteszieke vrouw. Het is een klassiek verhaal binnen de feministische en gothic literatuur, waarin horror en romantiek gecombineerd worden. In 'Het gele behang' stelt Gilman het gebrek aan zeggenschap van vrouwen over hun eigen leven en de weerslag hiervan op hun geestelijk en fysiek welbevinden, in de 19e eeuwse Amerikaanse maatschappij, aan de kaak. Het verhaal vertoont veel raakvlak met Charlotte Perkins Gilman's eigen leven. Na de geboorte van haar dochter onderging ze een postnatale depressie. Ze werd behandeld door, de in het verhaal genoemde arts, Weir Mitchell. Hij schreef haar een rustkuur voor: "een zo huiselijk mogelijk leven, zonder potlood, pen en penseel."

Common Core Nicholas Tampio 2018-03 Intro -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction. Do We Need a Common Core? -- 1. Arguments for National Education Standards -- 2. Arguments against National Education Standards -- 3. English Standards, Close Reading, and Testing -- 4. Math Standards, Understanding, and College and Career Readiness -- 5. Science Standards, Scientific Unity, and the Problem of Sustainability -- 6. History Standards, American Identity, and the Politics of Storytelling -- 7. Sexuality Standards, Gender Identity, and Religious Minorities -- Conclusion. Democracy, Education Standards, and Local Control -- Epilogue. Democracy and the Test Refusal Movement -- Notes -- References -- Index -- A -- B -- C -- D -- E -- F -- G -- H -- I -- J -- K -- L -- M -- N -- O -- P -- R -- S -- T -- U -- V -- W -- Z -- About the Author

Russia's Uncommon Prophet Wallace L. Daniel 2016-04-20 This lucidly written biography of Aleksandr Men examines the familial and social context from which Men developed as a Russian Orthodox priest. Wallace Daniel presents a different picture of Russia and the Orthodox Church than the stereotypes found in much of the popular literature. Men offered an alternative to the prescribed ways of thinking imposed by the state and the church. Growing up during the darkest, most oppressive years in the history of the former Soviet Union, he became a parish priest who eschewed fear, who followed Christ's command "to love thy neighbor as thyself," and who attracted large, diverse groups of people in Russian society. How he accomplished those tasks and with what ultimate results are the main themes of this story. Conflict and controversy marked every stage of Men's priesthood. His parish in the vicinity of Moscow attracted the attention of the KGB, especially as it became a haven for members of the intelligentsia. He endured repeated attacks from ultraconservative, anti-Semitic circles inside the Orthodox Church. Fr. Men represented the spiritual vision of an open, non-authoritarian Christianity, and his lectures were extremely popular. He was murdered on September 9, 1990. For years, his work was unavailable in most church bookstores in Russia, and his teachings were excoriated by some both within and outside the church. But his books continue to offer hope to many throughout the world—they have sold millions of copies and are testimony to his continuing relevance and enduring significance. This

important biography will appeal to scholars and general readers interested in religion, politics, and global affairs.

Ben-Hur Lew Wallace 2021-06-04 Classics Illustrated tells this wonderful tale in colorful comic strip form, offering an excellent introduction for younger readers. This edition also includes a biography of Lew Wallace, theme discussions and study questions, which can be used both in the classroom or at home to further engage the reader in the story. Lew Wallace's "Tale of the Christ" as told through the life of Judah Ben-Hur, a Jewish heir accused of attempting to assassinate a Roman Governor and sold into slavery as punishment.

Reassessing the Social Studies Curriculum Wayne Journell 2016-05-03 The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 dramatically changed many aspects of American society, and the ramifications of that horrific event are still impacting the domestic and foreign policies of the United States. Yet, fifteen years after 9/11—an event that was predicted to change the scope of public education in the United States—we find that the social studies curriculum remains virtually the same as before the attacks. For a discipline charged with developing informed citizens prepared to enter a global economy, such curricular stagnation makes little sense. This book, which contains chapters from many leading scholars within the field of social studies education, both assesses the ways in which the social studies curriculum has failed to live up to the promises of progressive citizenship education made in the wake of the attacks and offers practical advice for teachers who wish to encourage a critical understanding of the post-9/11 global society in which their students live.

Called to the Fire Chet Bush 2013-01-01 This is the true story of Dr. Charles Johnson, an African American preacher who went to Mississippi in 1961 during the summer of the Freedom Rides. Fresh out of Bible School Johnson hesitantly followed his call to pastor in Mississippi, a hotbed for race relations during the early 1960's. Unwittingly thrust into the heart of a national tragedy, the murder of three Civil Rights activists, he overcame fear and adversity to become a leader in the Civil Rights movement. As a key African American witness to take the stand in the trial famously dubbed the "Mississippi Burning" case by the FBI, Charles Johnson played a key role for the Federal Justice Department, offering clarity to the event that led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This story of love, conviction, adversity, and redemption climaxes with a shocking encounter between Charles and one of the murderers. The reader will be riveted to the details of a gracious life in pursuit of the call of God from the pulpit to the streets, and ultimately into the courtroom.

Everything You Need to Ace World History in One Big Fat Notebook Workman Publishing 2016-08-09 It's the revolutionary world history study guide just for middle school students from the brains behind Brain Quest. Everything You Need to Ace World History . . . kicks off with the Paleolithic Era and transports the reader to ancient civilizations—from Africa and beyond; the middle ages across the world; the Renaissance; the age of exploration and colonialism, revolutions, and the modern world and the wars and movements that shaped it. The BIG FAT NOTEBOOK™ series is built on a simple and irresistible conceit—borrowing the notes from the smartest kid in class. There are five books in all, and each is the only one book you need for each main subject taught in middle school: Math, Science, American History, English, and World History. Inside the reader will find every subject's key concepts, easily digested and summarized: Critical ideas highlighted in marker colors. Definitions explained. Doodles that illuminate tricky concepts. Mnemonics for a memorable shortcut. And quizzes to recap it all. The BIG FAT NOTEBOOKS meet Common Core State Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and state history standards, and are vetted by National and State Teacher of the Year Award-winning teachers. They make learning fun, and are the perfect next step for every kid who grew up on Brain Quest.

De hut van Oom Tom (Uncle Tom's cabin) Harriet Elizabeth Beecher Stowe 1932

Asymmetric Politics David A. Hopkins 2016-09-07 Why do Republican politicians promise to rein in government, only to face repeated rebellions from Republican voters and media critics for betraying their principles? Why do Democratic politicians propose an array of different policies to match the diversity of their supporters, only to become mired in stark demographic divisions over issue priorities? In short, why do the two parties act so differently—whether in the electorate, on the campaign trail, or in public office? Asymmetric Politics offers a comprehensive explanation: The Republican Party is the vehicle of an ideological movement while the Democratic Party is a coalition of social groups. Republican leaders prize conservatism and attract support by pledging loyalty to broad values. Democratic leaders instead seek concrete government action, appealing to voters' group identities and interests by endorsing specific policies. This fresh and comprehensive investigation reveals how Democrats and Republicans think

differently about politics, rely on distinct sources of information, argue past one another, and pursue divergent goals in government. It provides a rigorous new understanding of contemporary polarization and governing dysfunction while demonstrating how longstanding features of American politics and public policy reflect our asymmetric party system.

Het achterhuis Anne Frank 2009-10-31 Anne Frank hield van 12 juni 1942 tot 1 augustus 1944 een dagboek bij. Zij schreef haar brieven alleen voor zichzelf, tot ze in de lente van 1944 op radio Oranje de minister van Onderwijs, Kunsten en Wetenschappen in ballingschap, Bolkestein, hoorde spreken. Hij zei dat na de oorlog alle getuigenissen van het lijden van het Nederlandse volk onder de Duitse bezetting verzameld en openbaar moesten worden gemaakt. Als voorbeeld noemde hij onder andere dagboeken. Onder de indruk van deze redevoorlegging besloot Anne Frank na de oorlog een boek te publiceren. Haar dagboek zou daarvoor als basis dienen. In maart 1945 stierf Anne Frank op vijftienjarige leeftijd in het concentratiekamp Bergen-Belsen. De enige overlevende van de familie, Otto Frank, zorgde ervoor dat het dagboek van zijn dochter toch gepubliceerd werd. In 1947 verscheen *Het Achterhuis*. Het is sindsdien een van de meest gelezen boeken ter wereld. Het is in meer dan dertig landen verschenen en er zijn meer dan zestien miljoen exemplaren van verkocht. "Eén enkele Anne Frank ontroert ons meer dan de ontelbaren die net zo leden als zij, maar wier beeld in de schaduw is gebleven. Misschien moet dat ook zo zijn: als we het leed van alle mensen moesten en konden meelijden, zouden we niet kunnen leven." Primo Levi

The Serial Verb Construction Parameter Osamuyimen Thompson Stewart 2013-10-31 An investigation of the serial verb construction, this work engages central issues in syntactic theory—complex predicates, clausal architecture and syntactic variation.

As a City on a Hill Daniel T. Rodgers 2018-11-13 How an obscure Puritan sermon came to be seen as a founding document of American identity and exceptionalism “For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill,” John Winthrop warned his fellow Puritans at New England’s founding in 1630. More than three centuries later, Ronald Reagan remade that passage into a timeless celebration of American promise. How were Winthrop’s long-forgotten words reinvented as a central statement of American identity and exceptionalism? In *As a City on a Hill*, leading American intellectual historian Daniel Rodgers tells the surprising story of one of the most celebrated documents in the canon of the American idea. In doing so, he brings to life the ideas Winthrop’s text carried in its own time and the sharply different yearnings that have been attributed to it since. *As a City on a Hill* shows how much more malleable, more saturated with vulnerability, and less distinctly American Winthrop’s “Model of Christian Charity” was than the document that twentieth-century Americans invented. Across almost four centuries, Rodgers traces striking shifts in the meaning of Winthrop’s words—from Winthrop’s own anxious reckoning with the scrutiny of the world, through Abraham Lincoln’s haunting reference to this “almost chosen people,” to the “city on a hill” that African Americans hoped to construct in Liberia, to the era of Donald Trump. *As a City on a Hill* reveals the circuitous, unexpected ways Winthrop’s words came to lodge in American consciousness. At the same time, the book offers a probing reflection on how nationalism encourages the invention of “timeless” texts to straighten out the crooked realities of the past.

Fear and Schooling Ronald Evans 2019-09-23 By exploring the tensions, impacts, and origins of major controversies relating to schooling and curricula since the early twentieth century, this insightful text illustrates how fear has played a key role in steering the development of education in the United States. Through rigorous historical investigation, Evans demonstrates how numerous public disputes over specific curricular content have been driven by broader societal hopes and fears. Illustrating how the population’s concerns have been historically projected onto American schooling, the text posits educational debate and controversy as a means by which we struggle over changing anxieties and competing visions of the future, and in doing so, limit influence of key progressive initiatives. Episodes examined include the Rugg textbook controversy, the 1950s “crisis” over progressive education, the MACOS dispute, conservative restoration, culture war battles, and corporate school reform. In examining specific periods of intense controversy, and drawing on previously untapped archival sources, the author identifies patterns and discontinuities and explains the origins, development, and results of each case. Ultimately, this volume powerfully reveals the danger that fear-based controversies pose to hopes for democratic education. This informative and insightful text will be of interest to graduate and postgraduate students, researchers, and academics in the fields of educational reform, history of education, curriculum studies, and sociology of education.

The Unfinished Nation

Alan Brinkley 2018-11

1491 Charles C. Mann 2006 Describes how recent archaeological research has transformed long-held myths about the Americas, revealing far older and more advanced cultures with a greater population than were previously thought to have existed.

The National Union Catalog, Pre-1956 Imprints 1968

Journal of the Indian Musicological Society Indian Musicological Society 1980

Een Amerikaanse oorlog Omar El Akkad 2017-09-26 Sarat Chestnut is een eigenzinnig kind van zes als de Tweede Amerikaanse Burgeroorlog uitbreekt. Fossiele brandstoffen zijn verboden, de kusten van het continent zijn verzwolgen door de stijgende zeespiegel en op drift geraakte drones zaaien dood en verderf. Wanneer de familie Chestnut in een vluchtelingenkamp gaat wonen, verandert Sarat in een jong meisje vol woede. Ze neemt een besluit dat dramatische consequenties heeft, niet alleen voor haar en haar familie, maar voor het hele land.

General Catalogue of Printed Books to 1955 British Museum. Dept. of Printed Books 1967

A Patriot's History of the United States Larry Schweikart 2014-11-25 Revised and updated, this 15th anniversary edition of the #1 New York Times bestseller salutes America's true and proud history. Fifteen years ago, Professors Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen set out to correct the doctrinaire biases that had distorted the way America's past is taught – and they succeeded. A Patriot's History of the United States is the definitive objective history of our country, presented honestly and fairly. Schweikart and Allen don't ignore America's mistakes through the years. Instead, they put them back in the proper perspective, celebrating the strengths of the men and women who cleared the wilderness, abolished slavery, and rid the world of fascism and communism. Now in this revised fifteenth-anniversary edition, a new generation of readers will learn the truth about America's discovery, founding, and advancement, from Columbus's voyage to Trump's promise to "Make America Great Again."

Deze waarheden Jill Lepore 2020-06-30 Deze waarheden is de briljante weerslag van de bewogen geschiedenis van de Verenigde Staten. In fonkelend proza beschrijft Jill Lepore de worsteling van Amerika met haar eigen historie en met de fundamentele waarheden waarop zij als natie is gebouwd: gelijkheid van alle mensen, soevereiniteit, en het recht op leven, vrijheid en het streven naar geluk. Dit boek voorziet die worsteling van historische context. Een erudiete, messcherpe analyse van de Amerikaanse politiek, het recht, de journalistiek, de technologie, de erfenis van de slavernij, de blijvende ongelijkheid. Bekende en onbekende Amerikanen bevolken het relaas: presidenten en schurken, rijken en armoedzaaiers, wetenschappers en kunstenaars – en dragen bij aan Lepore's meeslepende verhaal.

The Encyclopaedia of Islam 1936

Learning in the Fast Lane Chester E. Finn, Jr. 2019-09-17 The first book to tell the story of the Advanced Placement program, the gold standard for academic rigor in American high schools The Advanced Placement program stands as the foremost source of college-level academics for millions of high school students in the United States and beyond. More than 22,000 schools now participate in it, across nearly forty subjects, from Latin and art to calculus and computer science. Yet remarkably little has been known about how this nongovernmental program became one of the greatest success stories in K–12 education—until now. In Learning in the Fast Lane, Chester Finn and Andrew Scanlan, two of the country's most respected education analysts, offer a groundbreaking account of one of the most important educational initiatives of our time. Learning in the Fast Lane traces the story of AP from its mid-twentieth-century origins as a niche benefit for privileged students to its emergence as a springboard to college for high schoolers nationwide, including hundreds of thousands of disadvantaged youth. Today, AP not only opens new intellectual horizons for smart teenagers, but also strengthens school ratings, attracts topflight teachers, and draws support from philanthropists, reformers, and policymakers. At the same time, it faces numerous challenges, including rival programs, curriculum wars, charges of elitism, the misgivings of influential universities, and the difficulty of infusing rigor into schools that lack it. In today's polarized climate, can AP maintain its lofty standards and surmount the problems that have sunk so many other bold education ventures? Richly documented and thoroughly accessible, Learning in the Fast Lane is a must-read for anyone with a stake in the American school system.