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A Whole World National Geographic Books
In 1998, Andrew Carroll founded the Legacy Project, with the goal of remembering Americans who have served their nation and preserving their letters for posterity. Since then, over 50,000 letters have poured in from around the country. Nearly two hundred of them comprise this amazing collection -- including never-before-published letters that appear in the new afterword. Here are letters from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf war, Somalia, and Bosnia -- dramatic eyewitness accounts from the front lines, poignant expressions of love for family and country, insightful reflections on the nature of warfare. Amid the voices of common soldiers,

marines, airmen, sailors, nurses, journalists, spies, and chaplains are letters by such legendary figures as Gen. William T. Sherman, Clara Barton, Theodore Roosevelt, Ernie Pyle, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Julia Child, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, and Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr. Collected in *War Letters*, they are an astonishing historical record, a powerful tribute to those who fought, and a celebration of the enduring power of letters.

Dear Sarah Random House Trade Paperbacks
King Vidor (1894-1982) had the longest career of any Hollywood director, and his works include some of the most dramatic, sublime moments in the

history of American Fountainhead, Ruby
cinema. Regarded by Gentry and War and
many film Peace. He also
historians as one helped to establish
of the greatest of the Screen
silent era filmmake Directors Guild and
rs--especially for served as its first
masterworks The Big president. This
Parade, The Crowd, book charts the
and Show ways in which
People--Vidor is Vidor's vast,
nonetheless one of complex body of
the most underrated work ranges over
of Hollywood's "old diverse genres and
masters" in terms styles while also
of his overall expressing his
career. His sound recurring personal
era films include interests in
Hallelujah, Street spirituality
Scene, The Champ, (especially
The Stranger's Christian Science),
Return, Our Daily aesthetics,
Bread, Stella metaphysics, social
Dallas, The realism, and the
Citadel, Northwest myth of America.
Passage, Duel in The first book
the Sun, Beyond the since 1988 to give
Forest, The a comprehensive

view of Vidor's career, it discusses his artistic evolution in a way that appeals to the general reader as well as to the film scholar.

The Letters of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. John Wiley & Sons

Simply Charming is a fun, fabulous book all about compliments—their history, how to use them, and how to take them. Learn how to use winning words in a wide variety of situations, from chatting with a new acquaintance to interviewing for a job. Couples and singles will also benefit from the section on compliments between lovers—whether you 're initiating a first date or celebrating your fiftieth wedding anniversary, everyone appreciates a kind word from their partner. A sincere statement of your feelings, a well-timed gift, or even just a friendly smile can

go above and beyond to make someone happy. And with this beautiful, witty guide, you can do just that.

10 Things You Might Not Know About Nearly

Everything Running Press Adult

This extraordinary collection gathers the never-before-seen correspondence of a true American original—the acclaimed historian and lion of the liberal establishment, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. An advisor to presidents, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, and tireless champion of progressive government, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., was also an inveterate letter writer. Indeed, the term “man of letters” could easily have been coined for Schlesinger, a faithful and prolific correspondent whose wide range of associates included powerful public officials, notable literary figures, prominent journalists, Hollywood celebrities, and distinguished fellow scholars. The Letters of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. reveals the late historian's unvarnished views on the great issues and personalities of his time, from

the dawn of the Cold War to the aftermath of September 11. Here is Schlesinger's correspondence with such icons of American statecraft as Harry Truman, Adlai Stevenson, Hubert Humphrey, Henry Kissinger, Bill Clinton, and, of course, John and Robert Kennedy (including a detailed critique of JFK's manuscript for *Profiles in Courage*). There are letters to friends and confidants such as Eleanor Roosevelt, John Kenneth Galbraith, Gore Vidal, William Styron, and Jacqueline Kennedy (to whom Schlesinger sends his handwritten condolences in the hours after her husband's assassination), and exchanges with such unlikely pen pals as Groucho Marx, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Bianca Jagger. Finally, there are Schlesinger's many thoughtful replies to the inquiries of ordinary citizens, in which he offers his observations on influences, issues of the day, and the craft of writing history. Written with the range and insight that made Schlesinger an indispensable figure, these letters reflect the evolution of his thought—and of American

liberalism—from the 1940s to the first decade of the new millennium. Whether he is arguing against the merits of preemptive war, advocating for a more forceful policy on civil rights, or simply explaining his preference in neckwear (“For sloppy eaters bow ties are a godsend”), Schlesinger reveals himself as a formidable debater and consummate wit who reveled in rhetorical combat. To a detractor who accuses him of being a Communist sympathizer, he writes: “If your letter was the product of sincere misunderstanding, the facts I have cited should relieve your mind. If not, I can only commend you to the nearest psychiatrist.” Elsewhere, he castigates a future Speaker of the House, John Boehner, for misattributing quotations to Abraham Lincoln. Combining a political strategist's understanding of the present moment with a historian's awareness that the eyes of posterity were always watching him, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., helped shape the course of an era with these letters. This landmark

collection frames the remarkable dynamism of the twentieth-century and ensures that Schlesinger's legacy will continue to influence this one. Praise for *The Letters of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.* "Schlesinger's political intelligence in his correspondence is excellent, the level of discourse and purpose high, the sense of responsibility as keen as the sense of fun. . . . The best letters—and there are many—come from the typewriter of the public Schlesinger, the fighting liberal, especially when he's jousting with a provocative antagonist."—George Packer, *The New York Times Book Review* "Arthur Schlesinger's letters are full of personal, political, and historical insights into the tumultuous events and enormous personalities that dominated the mid-twentieth century."—President Bill Clinton

Posterity Thomas

Nelson

America's Revolutionary Mind is the first major reinterpretation of the American Revolution

since the publication of Bernard Bailyn's *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution* and Gordon S. Wood's *The Creation of the American Republic*. The purpose of this book is twofold: first, to elucidate the logic, principles, and significance of the Declaration of Independence as the embodiment of the American mind; and, second, to shed light on what John Adams once called the "real American Revolution"; that is, the moral revolution that occurred in the minds of the people in the fifteen years before 1776. The Declaration is used here as an ideological road map by which to chart the intellectual and moral terrain traveled by American Revolutionaries as they searched for new

moral principles to deal with the changed political circumstances of the 1760s and early 1770s. This volume identifies and analyzes the modes of reasoning, the patterns of thought, and the new moral and political principles that served American Revolutionaries first in their intellectual battle with Great Britain before 1776 and then in their attempt to create new Revolutionary societies after 1776. The book reconstructs what amounts to a near-unified system of thought—what Thomas Jefferson called an “American mind” or what I call “America’s Revolutionary mind.” This American mind was, I argue, united in its fealty to a common philosophy that was expressed in the Declaration and launched

with the words, “We hold these truths to be self-evident.” Great American Lawyers Anchor Published in London just as the idea of an “American” was becoming a reality, Letters introduced Europeans to America’s landscape, customs, and then-new people. Moore’s reader’s edition situates these twelve letters, which shift from hope to disillusion, in the context of thirteen other essays representative of Crèvecoeur’s writings in English. Focus On: 100 Most Popular United States National Medal of Arts Recipients Broadway

Books

In the years between the American Revolution and the U.S. Civil War, as legal and cultural understandings of citizenship became more racially restrictive, black writers articulated an expansive, practice-based theory of citizenship. Grounded in political participation, mutual aid, critique and revolution, and the myriad daily interactions between people living in the same spaces, citizenship, they argued, is not defined by who one is but, rather, by what one does. In *The Practice of Citizenship*, Derrick R. Spires examines the

parallel development of early black print culture and legal and cultural understandings of U.S. citizenship, beginning in 1787, with the framing of the federal Constitution and the founding of the Free African Society by Absalom Jones and Richard Allen, and ending in 1861, with the onset of the Civil War. Between these two points he recovers understudied figures such as William J. Wilson, whose 1859 "Afric-American Picture Gallery" appeared in seven installments in *The Anglo-African Magazine*, and the physician, abolitionist, and essayist James McCune Smith. He

places texts such as the the book demonstrates, proceedings of black state conventions alongside considerations of canonical figures such as Frances Ellen Watkins Harper and Frederick Douglass. Reading black print culture as a space where citizenship was both theorized and practiced, Spire reveals the degree to which concepts of black citizenship emerged through a highly creative and diverse community of letters, not easily reducible to representative figures or genres. From petitions to Congress to Frances Harper's parlor fiction, black writers framed citizenship both explicitly and implicitly,

not simply as a response to white supremacy but as a matter of course in the shaping of their own communities and in meeting their own political, social, and cultural needs.

L. Eliza Hamilton Simon and Schuster

The strong-willed, heroic wife of Alexander Hamilton tells her story in this historical novel by the bestselling author of *The Secret Wife of Aaron Burr*. As the daughter of a respected general, Elizabeth Schuyler is accustomed to socializing with dignitaries and soldiers. But no visitor to her parents' home has affected her so strongly as Alexander Hamilton, a charismatic, ambitious aide to George Washington. They marry quickly, and despite the tumult of the

American Revolution, Eliza is confident in her husband and in her role as his helpmate. But it is in the aftermath of war, as Hamilton becomes one of the country's most important figures, that she truly comes into her own. In the new capital, Eliza becomes an adored member of society, respected for her fierce devotion to Hamilton as well as her grace. Behind closed doors, she astutely manages their expanding household and assists her husband with his political writings. Yet some challenges are impossible to prepare for. Through scandal, betrayal, heartbreak, and tragedy, she is tested again and again. In the end, it will be Eliza's strength that makes her not only Hamilton's most crucial ally in life, but also his most loyal advocate after his death, determined to preserve his legacy while pursuing her own path through the nation

they helped shape together. "Scott expertly handles the complex history and complicated romance, moving the personal and political plots briskly. Readers will be captivated by the affecting portrait Scott has painted of Eliza as an American patriot who was witness and counsel to Alexander's enduring legacy." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Your next Hamilton obsession." —Bustle [The Art of the Compliment](#) Agate Digital A funny autobiographical tale about growing up in the digital age, from a groundbreaking author whose writing is "reminiscent of early Douglas Coupland, or early Bret Easton Ellis" (The Guardian) This autobiographical novella is described by the author as "a shoplifting book about vague relationships," and "an ultimately life-affirming book about how

the unidirectional nature of time renders everything beautiful and sad.” From VIP rooms in hip New York City clubs to central booking in Chinatown, from New York University’s Bobst Library to a bus in someone’s backyard in a Floridian college town, from Bret Easton Ellis to Lorrie Moore, and from Moby to Schumann, *Shoplifting from American Apparel* explores class, culture, and the arts in all their American forms through the funny, journalistic, and existentially-minded narrative of someone trying to both “not be a bad person” and “find some kind of happiness or something.” “Tao’s writing . . . has the force of the real.” —Ben Lerner, author of *The Topeka School*
[Elihu Washburne](#)
Kensington Books
The New York Times
bestselling author of *Just My Type* and *On the Map*

offers an ode to letter writing and its possible salvation in the digital age. Few things are as exciting—and potentially life-changing—as discovering an old letter. And while etiquette books still extol the practice, letter writing seems to be disappearing amid a flurry of e-mails, texting, and tweeting. The recent decline in letter writing marks a cultural shift so vast that in the future historians may divide time not between BC and AD but between the eras when people wrote letters and when they did not. So New York Times bestselling author Simon Garfield asks: Can anything be done to revive a practice that has dictated and tracked the progress of civilization for more than five

hundred years? In *To the Letter*, Garfield traces the fascinating history of letter writing from the love letter and the business letter to the chain letter and the letter of recommendation. He provides a tender critique of early letter-writing manuals and analyzes celebrated correspondence from Erasmus to Princess Diana. He also considers the role that letters have played as a literary device from Shakespeare to the epistolary novel, all the rage in the eighteenth century and alive and well today with bestsellers like *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. At a time when the decline of letter writing appears to be irreversible, Garfield is the perfect candidate to inspire bibliophiles to put pen to paper and create “a form of expression, emotion, and tactile delight we may clasp to our heart.”

The *Forever Letter* e-artnow sro

Explore quotations drawn from inspiring correspondence—and the powerful stories behind them—from some of history's most noted (and notorious) letter-writers in *Signed & Sealed*, a beautiful collection from Quotabelle. From the authors of *Beautifully Said*, *Grit & Grace*, and *Bravely*, comes *Signed & Sealed*, a charming gift book that captures the wit, heart, whimsy, drama, and brilliance of correspondence between iconic and

little-known pairs both past and present. Inside, readers will find quotations from these exchanges—highlighting the openings and closings penned by their authors—alongside intriguing stories that reveal the who, what, when, and where behind each carefully selected passage. With chapter themes like “with a wink,” “with a swoon,” and “with an agenda,” this clever, rigorously researched collection delivers wisdom and inspiration drawn from the private words of public pairs. Quoted segments of these correspondences are drawn from letters of all sorts—from fan mail and love letters to sage advice and fond farewells. The featured quotations—and the back stories that accompany them—are perfectly suited for bibliophiles, history buffs, pen pals, stationery fans, and letter lovers of all ages. The 100 featured correspondents include friends, colleagues, lovers, family members, and professional admirers, among them Frida Kahlo and Georgia O’Keefe, John Adams and Abigail Smith, Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Taylor and Andy Warhol, Nelson Mandela and his young daughters, plus many more. This unique collection was meticulously researched and curated

with care by Quotabelle, James Madison, and a start-up that elevates women's voices through the power of words. It's bound to inspire today's letter writers to create their own new "signatures." Signed & Sealed is a perfect pairing with Quotabelle's Salutations & Signoffs notecards, both designed to revive the lost art of letter-writing, one line at a time.

A Secret Gift Harvard University Press
The award-winning author of *Founding Brothers* and *The Quartet* now gives us a deeply insightful examination of the relevance of the views of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson,

John Adams to some of the most divisive issues in America today. The story of history is a ceaseless conversation between past and present, and in *American Dialogue* Joseph J. Ellis focuses the conversation on the often-asked question "What would the Founding Fathers think?" He examines four of our most seminal historical figures through the prism of particular topics, using the perspective of the present to shed light on their views and, in turn, to make clear how their now centuries-old ideas illuminate the disturbing impasse of today's political

conflicts. He discusses Jefferson and the issue of racism, Adams and the specter of economic inequality, Washington and American imperialism, Madison and the doctrine of original intent. Through these juxtapositions—and in his hallmark dramatic and compelling narrative voice—Ellis illuminates the obstacles and pitfalls paralyzing contemporary discussions of these fundamentally important issues. American History Revised Penguin The private letters of Truman Capote, lovingly assembled here for the first time by acclaimed Capote

biographer Gerald Clarke, provide an intimate, unvarnished portrait of one of the twentieth century's most colorful and fascinating literary figures. Capote was an inveterate letter writer. He wrote letters as he spoke: emphatically, spontaneously, and passionately. Spanning more than four decades, his letters are the closest thing we have to a Capote autobiography, showing us the uncannily self-possessed naïf who jumped headlong into the post-World War II New York literary scene; the more mature Capote of the 1950s; the Capote of the early 1960s, immersed in the research and writing of

In Cold Blood; and Capote later in life, as things seem to be unraveling. With cameos by a veritable who's who of twentieth century glitterati, *Treat* shines a spotlight on the life and times of an incomparable American writer.

Petrarch's Letter to Posterity. [Translated by F. R. S., i.e. Francis Wrangham.] Vintage

“*American History Revised* is as informative as it is entertaining and humorous. Filled with irony, surprises, and long-hidden secrets, the book does more than revise American history, it reinvents it.” —James Bamford, bestselling author of

The Puzzle Palace, *Body of Secrets*, and *The Shadow Factory*

This spirited reexamination of American history delves into our past to expose hundreds of startling facts that never made it into the textbooks, and highlights how little-known people and events played surprisingly influential roles in the great American story. We tend to think of history as settled, set in stone, but *American History Revised* reveals a past that is filled with ironies, surprises, and misconceptions. Living abroad for twelve years gave author Seymour Morris Jr. the opportunity to view his

country as an outsider and compelled him to examine American history from a fresh perspective. As Morris colorfully illustrates through the 200 historical vignettes that make up this book, much of our nation's past is quite different—and far more remarkable—than we thought. We discover that:

- In the 1950s Ford was approached by two Japanese companies begging for a joint venture. Ford declined their offers, calling them makers of “tin cars.” The two companies were Toyota and Nissan.
- Eleanor Roosevelt and most women's groups opposed the Equal Rights Amendment
- forbidding gender discrimination.
- The two generals who ended the Civil War weren't Grant and Lee.
- The #1 bestselling American book of all time was written in one day.
- The Dutch made a bad investment buying Manhattan for \$24.
- Two young girls aimed someday to become First Lady—and succeeded.
- Three times, a private financier saved the United States from bankruptcy.

Organized into ten thematic chapters, *American History Revised* plumbs American history's numerous inconsistencies, twists, and turns to make it come alive again. Signed & Sealed Vintage

Never-before-published letters offer a rich portrait of the baseball star as a fearless advocate for racial justice. Jackie Robinson's courage on the baseball diamond is one of the great stories of the struggle for civil rights in America, but his death at age fifty-three in 1972 robbed America of his voice far too soon. Here, Robinson comes alive on the page, as scholar Long unearths a remarkable trove of Robinson's correspondence with--and personal replies from--such towering figures as Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Hubert Humphrey, Nelson Rockefeller, and Barry Goldwater. Writing eloquently, Robinson charted his own course, offering his support to Democrats and Republicans, questioning the tactics of the civil rights movement, and challenging the nation's leaders. Robinson truly personified the "first class citizenship" that he considered the birthright of all Americans.--From publisher description

Along Comes a Stranger
Scarecrow Press

Do you cringe when a talking head pronounces " niche " as NITCH? Do you get bent out of shape when your teenager begins a sentence with " and " ? Do you think British spellings are more " civilised " than the American versions? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you ' re myth-informed. In *Origins of the Specious*, word mavens Patricia T. O ' Conner and Stewart

Kellerman reveal why some Guthrie and Martha Graham of grammar 's best-known dancer Marjorie Mazia "rules" aren't—and never were—rules at all. This playfully witty, rigorously researched book sets the record straight about bogus word origins, politically correct fictions, phony français, fake acronyms, and more. Here are some shockers: "They" was once commonly used for both singular and plural, much the way "you" is today. And an eighteenth-century female grammarian, of all people, is largely responsible for the all-purpose "he." From the Queen 's English to street slang, this eye-opening romp will be the toast of grammarphiles and the salvation of grammarphobes. Take our word for it.

Simply Charming
University of Pennsylvania Press

Arlo Guthrie, the son of America 's legendary dust bowl troubadour Woody Guthrie, was reared in the rarefied atmosphere of New York City 's remnant Old Left culture, a period that brought together art, political action, and folk music. Music was part of Guthrie 's life from the very beginning and his self-confessed earliest childhood memory was standing knee-high next to Lead Belly, the blues legend and "King of the twelve-string Guitar." Arlo's earliest mentors were his father 's friends, and the youngster would learn his craft from the giants of American folk music: Pete Seeger, the Weavers, Cisco Houston, Josh White, Oscar Brand, Ramblin ' Jack Elliott, Brownie McGhee, and Sonny Terry. Arlo Guthrie: The Warner/Reprise Years revisits Guthrie 's fifteen-year ride as a recording artist for the prestigious record label. Hank Reineke

guides readers through the colorful history of Guthrie ' s most creative period, when the droll, shaggy-haired troubadour promised in song that a " new world" was surely coming. In his thoughtful consideration of Guthrie's career as a popular, if idiosyncratic, recording artist for the Reprise/Warner Bros. label, Reineke regales readers with stories behind the remarkable success of Guthrie ' s talking blues-turned-movie Alice ' s Restaurant and his celebrated appearance at the 1969 Woodstock festival. Guthrie ' s time at Reprise/Warner Bros. from 1967 to 1982 saw twelve critically acclaimed solo albums, two staple singles of FM radio (" Coming Into Los Angeles " and " City of New Orleans "), and a pair of treasured folk-music recording collaborations with Pete Seeger. With a look at Guthrie ' s life and

times before and after this prolific period of his career, Arlo Guthrie: The Warner/Reprise Years is the first biography dedicated solely to this gifted artist. A goldmine of information on the Guthrie family's legacy to American music, the counterculture of the 1960s, and the record industry of the 1970s, this work also features a detailed bibliography as well as the first comprehensive discography of Guthrie ' s recordings through the present day. Arlo Guthrie: The Warner/Reprise Years will appeal to popular music historians, folk-rock fans, and readers interested in the American counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s. America's Revolutionary Mind Knopf A revelatory portrait of Benjamin Franklin's youngest sister and a wholly different account

of the founding of the United States. To the Letter Anchor
A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR • The selected correspondence of the brilliant poet, one of the twentieth century's last great letter writers. "I don't keep a journal, not after the first week," James Merrill asserted in a letter while on a trip around the world. "Letters have got to bear all the burden." A vivacious correspondent, whether abroad, where avid curiosity and fond memory frequently took him, or at home, he wrote eagerly and often, to family and lifelong friends,

American and Greek lovers, confidants in literature and art about everything that mattered—aesthetics, opera and painting, housekeeping and cooking, the comedy of social life, the mysteries of the Ouija board and the spirit world, and psychological and moral dilemmas—in funny, dashing, unrevised missives, composed to entertain himself as well as his recipients. On a personal nemesis: "the ambivalence I live with. It worries me less and less. It becomes the very stuff of my art"; on a lunch for Wallace Stevens given by Blanche Knopf: "It had been decided by one and all that nothing

but small talk would be allowed"; on romance in his late fifties: "I must stop acting like an orphan gobbling cookies in fear of the plate's being taken away"; on great books: "they burn us like radium, with their decisiveness, their terrible understanding of what happens."

Merrill's daily chronicle of love and loss is unfettered, self-critical, full of good gossip, and attuned to the wicked irony, the poignant detail—a natural extension of the great poet's voice.

150 Great Americans
Harvard Business Press
From the First Lady of unauthorized, tell-all biography, this is the first real inside-look at the most powerful – and

secretive – family in the world. From Senator Prescott Bush's alcoholism, to his son George Herbert Walker Bush's infidelities, to George Walker Bush's religious conversion, shady financial deals, and military manipulations, Kitty Kelley captures the portrait of a family that has whitewashed its own story almost out of existence.