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article on Charles Lee, who was court-martialed under Washington; and treatments of Mt. Vernon and the Natural Bridge in Virginia, which Washington is believed to have referenced in several letters. Selected writings, a chronology, and lists of family members, the military officers with whom he served, and the executive officers during his presidency round out the text. More than a companion for those reading about Washington's life, this work is also an interesting and sometimes detailed reference work on Colonial and Revolutionary America. Recommended for all academic and most public libraries.—*Grant A. Fredericksen, Prairie Dist. P.L., Metamora, IL*

★**Hardboiled Mystery Writers: Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett, Ross MacDonalD; A Literary Reference.**

Carroll & Graf. Aug. 2002. c.324p. ed. by Matthew J. Bruccoli & Richard Layman. illus. index. ISBN 0-7867-1029-2. **pap.** \$22. REF

The father, son, and holy ghost of hardboiled whodunit writers are served up in this volume, which is essentially a full-text bibliography. Divided into three equal sections, the book presents each author through interviews, articles, excerpts from earlier studies lifted whole cloth, letters, reviews, and more.

The text is buttressed with numerous author photos as well as illustrations from book jackets, posters and stills from films based on their work, and prints of pages from first editions and pulp magazines. Although this volume does not take the same tack as straight literary biography, the combination of elements provides a rounded view of these authors, who have been elevated to the ranks of America's literary elite. This is a solid supplement to literary biographies, edited by two experts on the genre, that only include excerpts or references to the materials appearing in full here. Highly recommended.—*Michael Rogers, "Library Journal"*

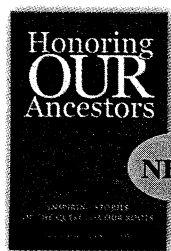
✱**Higher Education in the United States: An Encyclopedia.** 2 vols.

ABC-CLIO. 2002. c.794p. permanent paper. ed. by James J.F. Forest & Kevin Kinser. illus. bibliog. index. ISBN 1-57607-248-7. \$185. REF

This useful two-volume set serves as a worthy complement to Pergamon's four-volume *Encyclopedia of Higher Education (EHE)* and Facts On File's three-volume *Encyclopedia of American Education (EAE)*, now in its second edition. Instead of attempting to match the international scope of the former or the historical coverage of the latter, editors Forest (political science, United States Military Acad., West Point) and Kinser (ed-

ucational administration and policy studies, SUNY at Albany) have compiled essays on selected higher education topics of contemporary interest, starting with World War II. The introduction by Philip G. Altbach provides historical perspective for the postwar years, when the American research university became the model for major institutions worldwide. Many of this volume's 177 entries, such as "Graduate Student Unions," "Intellectual Property," and "Retrenchment," are absent from the other two works. And although those works include more entries overall, the essays here are invariably longer and more thorough. The GI Bill, for example, gets a three-page write-up here but only three paragraphs in *EAE* and no entry at all in *EHE*. The concerns and implications of part-time faculty get four pages here but only a cursory nod from the other two. On the other hand, many topics that should have been included in this encyclopedia are missing—e.g., grade inflation and information literacy—and dozens of others have variant headings among the three sources—e.g., business and finance of higher education, money management, and school funding/finance—that make cross-comparison difficult. Still, this is a solid round-up of key factors in higher education that will be an asset to the reference collection of any large academic or public library.—*Will Hepfer, SUNY at Buffalo Libs.*

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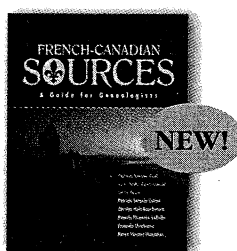


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### Johnson, Troy R. **Distinguished Native American Spiritual Practitioners and Healers.**

Oryx. 2002. 240p. permanent paper. photogs. bibliog. index. ISBN 1-57356-358-7. \$69.95. REF

For this new A-to-Z resource, Johnson (history, California State Univ., Long Beach) has written short biographical essays on 100 Native American spiritual figures. The figures profiled are a mix of the well known, such as Sitting Bull, Geronimo, and Black Elk; the less famous, such as Wovoka and Quanah Parker; and many who will be obscure to the average reader. The earliest subject dates from the mid-14th century (Deganawida), while the most recent (Reuben A. Snake Jr.) was born in 1937. Each entry provides all of the subject's variant names, birth and death dates (if known), education, and leadership position. The two- to three-page essays include a summary, a description of the subject's early life and leadership, and suggestions of print and electronic sources for further reading. Two appendixes list the subjects by birth date and by nation or group, and a general index is included. With its breadth of coverage, this is a good first stop for researching specific Native American spiritual leaders or healers. The introduction is brief and does not attempt a broader overview of the subject of Native American spirituality. Recommended for academic and public libraries.—*Stephen Joseph, Butler Cty. Community Coll. Lib., Pittsburgh*