

establish democratic governments. Readers interested in the history of political systems and governments will find her work informative and easy to understand. [See Prepub Alert, 12/5/16.]—**Jill Ortner, SUNY Buffalo Libs.**

★**Thrall, Nathan. *The Only Language They Understand: Forcing Compromise in Israel and Palestine*. Metropolitan: Holt. May 2017. 336p. notes. index. ISBN 9781627797092. \$28; ebk. ISBN 9781627797108. POL SCI**

Thrall, an experienced journalist and commentator on the Middle East, has linked together and updated substantial analyses on various aspects of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict to explain the lack of progress in spite of 40 years of close attention by American presidents. In 1977–78, President Jimmy Carter guided important agreements on a foundation for peace. Since then, Israel was able to reduce the threats from external Arab armies through negotiations, and responded to the Palestine uprisings by convincing Palestinians to accept limited elements of self-rule and by expanding settlements and claiming new land in the West Bank and Jerusalem. Thrall concludes that Israel has never really acknowledged the validity of Palestinian history or demand for sovereignty. He notes ironically that President Barack Obama entered office in 2009 with empathy for Palestinian claims but failed to produce any improvements for them.

VERDICT Highly recommended for readers familiar with the headlines on this issue who want a deeper and more detailed understanding. [See Prepub Alert, 9/12/16.]—**Elizabeth Hayford, formerly with Associated Coll. of the Midwest, Evanston, IL**

PSYCHOLOGY

Tashiro, Ty. *Awkward: The Science of Why We're Socially Awkward and Why That's Awesome*. Morrow. Apr. 2017. 288p. illus. bibliog. index. ISBN 9780062429155. \$26.99; ebk. ISBN 9780062429179. PSYCH

Tashiro (*The Science of Happily Ever After*) intends to describe what it means to be awkward, how modern society increases the opportunity for awkward moments, and how awkwardness can be an indication of greatness in other areas. Tashiro's prose meets this intention as he meticulously spells out what it's like to be awkward and the inherent paradox of it. With intriguing premises throughout, this work makes an unexpected point about the connection between likability and popularity and poses fascinating questions such as: "How do you fit in without losing yourself?" Readers who enjoyed Susan Cain's *Quiet* will find similar enjoyment here, whether reading to understand their own awkwardness or awkwardness in others. Tashiro's book is not self-help in

nature, but it can make readers feel more comfortable and in control. **VERDICT** Mixing personal anecdotes with summaries of psychological studies, Tashiro effectively delivers an informative and engaging pop psychology piece on what it's like to be socially challenged. [See Prepub Alert, 8/22/16.]—**Abby Hargreaves, Alexandria P.L., VA**

SOCIAL SCIENCE

★**Davis, Heath Fogg. *Beyond Trans: Does Gender Matter?* New York Univ. Jun. 2017. 208p. notes. bibliog. index. ISBN 9781479855407. \$25; ebk. ISBN 9781479824120. SOC SCI**

In 2014, *Time* magazine published the article, "Transgender Tipping Point," acknowledging the heightened visibility of the "T" within the LGBTQ population. Recently, that visibility has come to the fore in states' battles over who has access to which bathrooms. Davis (political science, Temple Univ., PA) covers that issue here in his cleverly named chapter "Bathroom Bouncers." But the author also does much more in his survey of the hot-button issues confronting transgender people navigating society's barriers. He explores the complex questions of identification and documentation, college admissions, and single-sex sports. The over-

arching question that content are gender markers useful, and how productive in these instances? The author not only challenges the status quo but, in the appendix, provides guidelines for organizations to perform a gender audit, which includes worksheets and policy guidelines based on Davis's consulting experience. **VERDICT** This highly recommended work offers clear, real-world discussions of issues facing transgender people, along with practical applications and solutions. It will be useful to academics, policymakers, and general readers.—**David Azzolina, Univ. of Pennsylvania Libs., Philadelphia**

★**Goldstein, Amy. *Janesville: An American Story*. S. & S. Apr. 2017. 368p. notes. index. ISBN 9781501102233. \$27; ebk. ISBN 9781501102288. SOC SCI**

Janesville, WI, is home to politician Paul Ryan—and, until two days before Christmas in 2008, the longest-operating GM plant in the world. This intense, intimate, compelling narrative closely considers the aftermath of the plant closure, its long-term impacts, and how it bifurcated a traditionally unified and optimistic community of 63,000 people. For this debut, *Washington Post* writer and Pulitzer Prize honoree Goldstein immersed herself in Janesville life

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Benjes-Small, Candice & Rebecca K. Miller. *The New Instruction Librarian: A Workbook for Trainers and Learners*. ALA. Nov. 2016. 256p. illus. index. ISBN 9780838914564. pap. \$68; ebk. ISBN 9780838915134. PRO MEDIA

Benjes-Small (Radford Univ., VA) and Miller (Pennsylvania State Univ.) correctly note there are many great books introducing information literacy instruction to librarians. What has been lacking, however, is an introduction for librarians who are new to instruction. In addition, many librarians find their initial teaching experience is "trial by fire" rather than a structured training program. With that in mind, the authors have written a solid overview of academic instruction librarianship for both supervisors and novices. Supervisors will find content related to recruitment, orientation, and providing continuing support. The authors outline the many roles librarians will be expected to play: instructional designer, teaching partner, advocate, and learner. Included are expert voices, activities, and reading suggestions, as well as a section dedicated to templates and activities for both audiences. **VERDICT** New instruction librarians, particularly recent graduates, will likely find the chapters related to roles to be helpful in understanding expectations in their new workplace. Even experienced managers should find this work to be helpful in thinking about how to welcome librarians



Cooke, Nicole A. *Information Services to Diverse Populations: Developing Culturally Competent Library Professionals*. Libraries Unlimited. Dec. 2016. 224p. illus. index. ISBN 9781440834608. pap. \$65. PRO MEDIA

This latest work by Cook (assistant professor, MS/LIS program director, Graduate Sch. of Library & Information Science, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; coeditor, *Teaching for Justice Implementing Social Justice in the LIS Classroom*) is a fitting capstone to an extensive career focusing on diversity and inclusion. Here, she highlights her expertise in the area of diversity within librarianship. Chapters address the theory and practice of serving a variety of populations. The work is organized as an ongoing discussion, beginning with an overview, moving through a sampling of populations and services, and ending with practical advice on how to serve an array of clientele. The focus is not just on patrons, however. Cooke is keen to include the LIS profession as a whole within the diverse populations upon which this book is based. **VERDICT** Although written for LIS students, this work is also essential for all information professionals and will be particularly valuable to library managers looking to recruit a more inclusive workforce.—Jennifer A. Townes, Georgia Coll., Milledgeville

into their instruction programs.—Amanda Folk, Ohio State Univ. Libs.

Crossover Readers' Advisory: Maximize Your Collection To Meet Reader Satisfaction. Libraries Unlimited. Nov. 2016. 182p. ed. by Jessica E. Moyer. index. ISBN 9781440838460. pap. \$55. PRO MEDIA

Moyer (Sch. of Information Studies, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; a 2008 *LJ* Mover & Shaker) says this work will help improve a librarian's ability to assist patrons without increasing their collections. Various readers' advisory (RA) librarians share their expertise by authoring individual chapters, each providing a genre description and a discussion of its audience appeal. The authors suggest librarians serving adult patrons may not be familiar with teen titles, while librarians dealing with teens may be less knowledgeable of adult titles. This resource attempts to bridge this gap in RA service. The first half of the book focuses on promoting adult books to YA readers, while the second half discusses YA books of interest to adults. Contributors identify resources to assist with RA and collection development. Chapters end with a brief description of subgenres and a list of representative titles with summaries. For teens, the authors consider mystery and detection, sf, fantasy, horror, nonfiction, romance, and new adult. For adults, they delve into thrillers, suspense and adventure, sf, fantasy, romance and chicklit, mainstream literature, nonfiction, and graphic novels. **VERDICT** RA veterans will not find much unfamiliar information here, but librarians new to RA will discover a basic guide to broaden their knowledge.—Lydia Olszak, Bosler Memorial Lib., Carlisle, PA

and culture for years, following the fortunes of out-of-work GM union employees and their families, laid-off workers from other factories that supported GM's production, and community catalysts. Their post-GM paths are as typical as they are heartrending: daylong commutes to spend the workweek far from family; transitioning from being givers to recipients of charity; stubbornly hopeful boosterism with few tangible results; and a widening gap between the city's elite class of bankers and politicians and the frustrated and increasingly desperate workers. The author incorporates original research that indicates job retraining is actually ineffective. **VERDICT** Goldstein's exhaustive, evenhanded study of the plight of America's working class through the lens of one emblematic community is deeply humane and

deeply disturbing, timely and essential.—Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Lib. of Ohio, Columbus

Lebron, Christopher J. *The Making of Black Lives Matter: A Brief History of an Idea*. Oxford Univ. Jun. 2017. 208p. notes. index. ISBN 9780190601348. \$27.95. soc sci

Black Lives Matter is more than the movement Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometti initiated on social media in 2013 in the wake of Trayvon Martin's death, insists Lebron (African American studies, Yale Univ.; *The Color of Our Shame*). The author explains that, dating back to America's beginnings, a long line of black forefathers sought to challenge the damning and ongoing violence against black people. Throughout five brief essays, an introduction, and an afterword, black scholars consider the

persistent failure of the U.S. justice system to redress or remedy the white terrorism responsible for harming black lives. Rejecting their contemporary status quo, these thinkers advocate for acknowledgement and acceptance of black people as equals in society. **VERDICT** Injecting historical and philosophical perspective into the country's contemporary racial quagmire, Lebron offers readers a glimpse of the intellectual roots of African American's continual fight for respect and equality. His call to join a historically momentous generational force demanding change also offers readers direction on how to become part of a solution.—Thomas J. Davis, Arizona State Univ., Tempe

Love, Erik. *Islamophobia and Racism in America*. New York Univ. May 2017.