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## Terrorism: The Essential Reference Guide

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encyclopedic list offers detailed accounts of mass shootings from 1966 to 2016. A second collection of writings features expert commentary on key issues such as gun control, gun stockpiling, and prevention. Relevant documents, a detailed index, and a lengthy list of recommended readings conclude the book. This balanced volume effectively juxtaposes practical and theory-based solutions to the problem and includes opposing viewpoints. **VERDICT** An excellent starting point for student researchers and general readers on a topic that is front-page news on an all-too-frequent basis.—**Rob Tench, Old Dominion Univ. Libs., Norfolk, VA**

**Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards.** Genealogical. Apr. 2018. 678p. ed. by Elizabeth Shown Mills. index. ISBN 9780806320724. \$59.95. HIST

Editor Mills's (*Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*) follow-up to 2001's *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers & Librarians* offers seasoned genealogists guidance on everything from vocational opportunities to producing quality reports, proof arguments, and family histories. Although the book covers the same topics as its predecessor—save for additional chapters on forensic genealogy and genetics—the content is fresh, with new authors contributing essays on professional development, legal and ethical issues, business management, research challenges, and the creation of professional and educational products and services such as reviews, periodicals, lectures, and courses. The volume focuses on adherence to the standards of proof and professionalism set forth by the Board for Certification of Genealogists, with sections devoted to research skills and professional products built around an exploration of these standards. **VERDICT** An essential reference for experienced genealogists looking to develop businesses or ensure that their research products are consistent with professional standards.—**Sara Shreve, Newton, KS**

egory (which includes subjects, topics, and people/place names). Researchers can also browse by subject, school of thought, period, and region and refine results by these categories. For instance, a search for “liberation theology” can be narrowed to include only people living in America during the 20th century. As of this writing, there are 52 subjects, 38 schools of thought, seven periods, and 43 regions.

While the prominently featured “time-line of thinkers,” which maps key philosophers to relevant events, is an excellent concept, the content is rather sparse. Perhaps

**Terrorism: The Essential Reference Guide.** ABC-CLIO. May 2018. 335p. ed. by Colin P. Clarke. bibliog. index. ISBN 9781440856280. \$94; ebk. ISBN 9781440856297. POL SCI

This basic but solid encyclopedia answers the who, what, and why of terrorism. Editor Clark (Rand Corporation) provides an excellent introduction that reviews several classic texts on the subject and speculates about the future of terrorism. The book covers domestic and European topics, such as the Oklahoma City bombing and the Irish Liberation Army, but the majority of

entries are devoted to Middle Eastern terrorism. Though the work doesn't unearth new ground, the writing is balanced and thoughtful. Signed articles, see-also references, citations, pictures, 14 primary documents, a chronology of modern terrorist acts, and a detailed index enhance the volume. Clark effectively captures how the scope, characteristics, and nature of terrorism have changed in the past 50 years. **VERDICT** General readers and students at any level will find this a solid resource.—**Rob Tench, Old Dominion Univ. Libs., Norfolk, VA**

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