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American Revolution: The Essential Reference Guide

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HEALTH & MEDICINE

★ **Goode, Keisha L. & Barbara Katz Rothman.** *Pregnancy and Birth.* ABC-CLIO. (Contemporary World Issues). Jun. 2021. 350p. ISBN 9781440869211. \$63. REF

Goode (sociology, State Univ. of New York, Old Westbury) and Rothman (sociology, City Univ. of New York) provide a well-organized overview of the history of pregnancy and birth in the United States, with topics such as midwifery; doulas; physician care; natural childbirth; the experiences of Indigenous peoples and the LGBTQIA+ community, including transgender people; media representations; and perinatal health care costs. Data and primary documents include the Sheppard-Towner Act and the Black Maternal Health Omnibus. A chronology details the move

ers who work in think tanks, those involved with public health, and premed, nursing, midwife, and doula students.—**Laurie Selwyn, formerly at Grayson Cty. Law Lib., Sherman, TX**

HISTORY

American Revolution: The Essential Reference Guide. ABC-CLIO. May 2021.

322p. ed. by **Spencer C. Tucker.** ISBN 9781440876516. \$97. REF

Thousands of books have been written about the American Revolution, so one might ask whether there is need for another work on the topic. The answer is an unequivocal yes for this well-done introduction. Military historian Tucker and 19 contributors focus on the principal political and military figures and primary battles and campaigns of the

cluded, among them a newspaper account of the Boston Massacre, a prison narrative of Massachusetts sailor Ebenezer Fox's capture by the British off the coast of New Jersey, and the complete text of the Treaty of Paris. A very good general bibliography concludes the guide. Contributors write succinctly but with an authority that conveys their knowledge of the subject. **VERDICT** A basic but lucid and effective look at the American Revolution, with an emphasis on the major personalities, military maneuvers, and events of the war. General readers and high school students will find it useful.—**Rob Tench, Old Dominion Univ. Libs., Norfolk, VA**

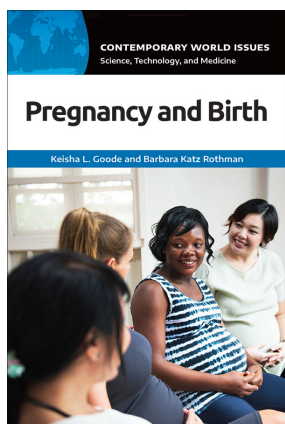
Hall, Richard A. *The 2000s.* Greenwood. (Pop Goes the Decade). Apr. 2021. 261p. ISBN 9781440868122. \$92. REF

In this comprehensive and accessible installment in Greenwood's "Pop Goes the Decade" series, historian Hall (*The American Superhero: Encyclopedia of Caped Crusaders in History*) studies the first decade of the new millennium. Each chapter dissects a medium—sports, TV, literature, and more—and examines its response to 9/11 and the voices that shaped it the most. A decade that began with VHS tapes and Blockbuster Video, CDs and terrestrial radio, pagers and landline telephones, underwent enormous progress in a short span of time. Hall discusses the fast-moving technology that led to streaming services, social media, CGI, and 3-D movies and gives brief histories of everything from reality television to Disney and superhero movies, the late-night talk show wars to the rise of cable news domination, the steroid drug scandal in sports, and the great divide in the political parties. He discusses how the arts reflected the massive conflicts in U.S. society and provided welcome relief from the stress of everyday life. **VERDICT** Students and general readers curious about the 2000s will find the chapters engaging and the suggested reading lists thorough.—**Lisa Henry, Kirkwood P.L., MO**

Heineman, Kenneth J. *The Reagan Revolution and the Rise of the New Right.* ABC-CLIO.

(Guides to Historic Events in America). Jun. 2021. 261p. ISBN 9781440871849. \$65. REF

In this look at Ronald Reagan's presidency, Heineman (history, global security studies, Angelo State Univ., TX; *The Rise of Con-*



from community-based care to professionalized medical-based care. Profiles highlight 22 individuals (Margaret Sanger, Virginia Apgar) and 18 organizations (La Leche League, Planned Parenthood). Ten signed essays share experiences of miscarriage, adoption, surrogacy, abuse, and more. It would have been beneficial to include an essay on abortion, though it is mentioned in the miscarriage discussion. Similar titles focus on the practical rather than broader pregnancy concerns. **VERDICT** A thoughtful look at issues confronting pregnant Americans. Will appeal to read-

war. Related entries cover logistics, major weapon systems, and treaties. Articles on the impact and role of slavery and women are standouts. Tucker starts with a short but excellent summary of the causes, course, and consequences of the Revolution, establishing the context and tone of the 85 entries that follow. The discussion of the war's consequences is particularly insightful. Entries are signed and generally run a few pages, with up to six resources listed for further reading, perfect for student papers and oral reports. There are also 16 primary documents in-



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