

Bookmarks

Latest works by faculty and alumni

Summer Haven: The Catskills, the Holocaust, and the Literary Imagination

Academic Studies Press, 2015; 396 pages
Edited by Holli Levitsky and Phil Brown, University Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Health Sciences

This collection recounts the lives of American Jews who visited Catskills resorts in upstate New York during the Holocaust and of Holocaust survivors who settled in the Catskills. These memoirs and fictional stories explore how residents, vacationers, and resort employees dealt with a painful contradiction—the pleasure of an idyllic summer resort region against the backdrop of the Nazi extermination of Jews across Europe.

Brown and Levitsky enrich the collection by asking the stories' authors to write fresh reflections about the significance of that time and place.

From the Other Side of the Desk: A Practical Guide to Shortening Your Job Search

Inspire on Purpose Publishing, 2015; 216 pages
By Jay D. Fusaro, DMSB'83

Searching for a new job can be a long, grueling journey. Fusaro, a hiring manager turned career coach, teaches job seekers what they need to know—from writing a polished resumé and networking effectively to interviewing and negotiating a salary—to quickly land the right position. Fusaro provides advice for every step of the job search.

He offers a chapter of additional tips for job candidates who face the most challenges, including recent college grads and older workers. The author outlines strategies that every new employee should use during the first 100 days of a new job.

Grapes of the Hudson Valley

Flint Mine Press, 2016; 272 pages
By J. Stephen Casscles, L'84

Written by a regional expert, this easy-to-use reference guide will appeal to new vintners, experienced growers, established wine makers, and even consumers who enjoy

cold-weather varietal wines. The book describes more than 150 hybrid grapes and wines—including which varieties will thrive in the cold environment—the style of wine the grapes produce, and basic winemaking and vineyard management practices.

Casscles' family has been growing fruit in the Hudson Valley since the 1870s, so rest assured, he knows whereof he speaks.

Girl Sent Away

SixOneSeven Books, 2015; 257 pages
By Lynne Griffin, UC'85, GB'92

In her latest novel, Griffin explores the world of boot camps for troubled teens. Ava Sedgwick is an adolescent whose wild behavior forces her father, Toby, to pack her off to a wilderness therapy camp. It becomes clear that Ava is suffering from PTSD, following the deaths of her sister and mother in Thailand during the 2004 tsunami. It also becomes clear that sadistic counselors are running the camp.

Toby eventually removes Ava from the abusive camp, and father and daughter work together to recover from their family's tragedy.

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