

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

tion to academic and larger public collections.—*Linda Smith, Mobil Corp. Lib., Fairfax, Va.*

### Mohr, James C. **Doctors and the Law: Medical Jurisprudence in Nineteenth-Century America.**

Oxford Univ. Pr. Apr. 1993. c.320p. permanent paper. illus. index. ISBN 0-19-505384-2. \$35. LAW

Understanding the evolution of medical jurisprudence in 19th-century America is essential to current legal thought. This study examines the foundations of medical education and court practice and the development of social policy in post-Revolutionary America. Mohr (history, Univ. of Oregon) focuses on the unsteady relationship between physicians and the courts as he examines issues underlying the institutionalization of the mentally incompetent; the insanity plea in criminal proceedings; the role of toxicology and forensics in medical testimony; and malpractice. Primarily dependent on contemporary 19th-century medical literature, Mohr provides a scholarly and thorough treatment of this topic. Highly recommended for academic libraries.—*Mary Hemmings, Univ. of Calgary Law Lib., Alberta*

### O'Brien, Darcy. **A Dark and Bloody Ground.**

HarperCollins. Apr. 1993. c.368p. illus. LC 92-54451. ISBN 0-06-017958-9. \$20. CRIME

As he demonstrated in *Murder in Little Egypt* (LJ 2/1/89), O'Brien is adept at analyzing crime by using sociological and cultural methods to create an integrated picture of the criminal and his world. This time the world is the "dark and bloody ground" of eastern Kentucky and the criminals are a group of five "hillbillies" (three men and two women) who live by the law of the mountains and support themselves by drug dealing and armed robbery. When they hear tales of a rich doctor living in tiny Fleming-Neon, Kentucky, the inevitable happens; they steal almost \$2 million in cash—and brutally murder the doctor's daughter in the process. Telling his story from the viewpoint of Sherry Sheets Hodge, the most intelligent of the group, O'Brien creates a fascinating portrait of the mountain way of life and thought that forged the lives of these criminals—as well as the doctor they robbed and the lawyers they hired. Recommended for true crime collections. [Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 12/92.]—*Rebecca House Stankowski, Purdue Univ. Calumet Lib., Hammond, Ind.*

### Schwartz-Nobel, Loretta. **Forsaking All Others:**

**A California Socialite Turns to Killing.** Villard: Random. 1993. c.256p. photos. ISBN 0-679-41601-3. \$20. CRIME

Elizabeth Broderick followed all the rules. She married young, then supported her husband while he got his medical degree and his

law degree. She raised their four children and became a Super Mom, living the American Dream. Then, when her husband, Dan, turned 40, he decided he no longer needed her. He began a subtle psychological warfare against his wife of 20 years, convincing her that she was old, fat, and dumb. She believed him. What she couldn't believe was that he was going to give up their life together and marry a 20-year-old. Dan Broderick used his power as an attorney and doctor to strip Elizabeth of her future, her home, and eventually her children. She used the only power she had left: On November 5, 1989, she walked into Dan's bedroom and killed him and his new wife. Schwartz-Nobel (*The Baby-Swap Conspiracy*, LJ 2/1/93) presents an in-depth look at the Broderick case, including exclusive interviews with Elizabeth from her prison cell. She examines the issues of psychological abuse and justice before the law. Recommended for general collections.—*Belinda Pugh, Kings Bay Base Lib., Ga.*

Skolnick, Jerome H. & James J. Fyfe.

### **Above the Law: Police and the Excessive Use of Force.**

Free Pr. 1993. c.264p. bibliog. ISBN 0-02-929312-X. \$24.95. LAW

Berkeley law professor Skolnick and Temple University criminal justice professor and former New York City police officer Fyfe examine the problem of police violence on the street, in crowd control, and in interrogations. Although they believe that police use of excessive force has decreased somewhat in the last 20 years, it is still widespread and is aggravated by the use of the military model, police culture, and methods of police administration. They argue that police agencies need major reforms including greater accountability, openness, and professionalism and would benefit from a new vision of policing. They are troubled by some police definitions of success (based on numbers of arrests versus preventing and solving peacekeeping problems); the view of police work as war rather than enlisting constructive community support; and the mindset of the "divided nation"—police allied with the white middle class against poor inner-city nonwhites. The authors include a detailed discussion of the Los Angeles police (including the Rodney King case) and other urban police departments as well as interesting comparisons with British policing. Students of criminal justice, public policy, and law, as well as police professionals and the educated public, won't want to miss this interesting, constructive, and timely book.—*Mary Jane Brustman, SUNY at Albany Libs.*

Tripodi, Tom with Joseph P. DeSario. **Crusade: Undercover Against the Mafia and KGB.** Brassey's (US) Inc: Macmillan. Apr. 1993. c.288p. index. ISBN 0-02-881019-8. \$23. CRIME

Tripodi worked for 27 years, until 1985,

for various federal drug enforcement agencies and the Central Intelligence Agency. His anecdotal memoirs are wide-ranging, covering his work with anti-Castro Cubans, questioning KGB defector and possible double agent Yori Nosenko, and helping to prepare drug cases against the Mafia in Sicily. An underlying theme is criticism of the federal bureaucracy, which he feels hampered the efforts of motivated agents. Tripodi's undercover work was actually quite sporadic and not especially successful. Despite novelist DeSario's (*Sanctuary*, LJ 7/89) efforts, a lack of personal details and sustained drama as well as an absence of well-known cases is likely to limit the general appeal of this book. Appropriate for large law enforcement collections.—*Gregor A. Preston, Univ. of California Lib., Davis*

### Urofsky, Melvin I. **Letting Go: Death, Dying, and the Law.**

Scribner. May 1993. c.224p. index. ISBN 0-684-19344-2. \$22.50. LAW

In this competently researched and readable book, Urofsky, professor of history and constitutional law and a prolific author (*A Conflict of Rights*, LJ 2/1/91) writes of the evolving U.S. law regarding the constitutionally protected "right to die." In such cases as Nancy Cruzan and Karen Anne Quinlan, courts have explored this right and its applicability to incompetent persons. While focusing on euthanasia, Urofsky also discusses suicide and the death penalty. Clearly explaining legal terms and issues for lay readers, his writing is generally fair-minded and refreshingly free of the shrillness that mars some works on this subject. Living will and healthcare proxy forms are also included. For most libraries. (Index not seen.)—*Carol Lewis Watwood, Western Kentucky Univ. Lib., Bowling Green*

## Political Science

### Brzezinski, Zbigniew. **Out of Control: Global Turmoil on the Eve of the Twenty-First Century.**

Scribner. Apr. 1993. c.231p. index. ISBN 0-684-19630-1. \$21. INT AFFAIRS

President Carter's former national security adviser has produced his fourth book in ten years. The last one, *The Grand Failure* (LJ 4/15/89), chronicled the decline of communism. This time, Brzezinski joins other recent writers like George F. Kennan (*Around the Craggy Hill*, LJ 1/93) and Paul Kennedy (*Preparing for the Twenty-First Century*, LJ 3/1/93) in describing the possible dark future facing the United States and the rest of the world. Unlike Kennedy, Brzezinski does not clutter his text with footnotes and references but simply tells it as he sees it in an extended thought-piece. Characterizing the present century as one of megadeath and organized insanity with the complete failure of totalitarian utopias, Brzezinski argues that only through a fun-