

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

### Sichrovsky, Peter. **Abraham's Children: Israel's Young Generation.**

Pantheon. Nov. 1991. c.182p. tr. from German by Jean Steinberg. ISBN 0-679-40419-8. \$19. INT AFFAIRS  
Sichrovsky's timely book reveals through interviews a cross-section of the lives, thoughts, and opinions of 25 of Israel's younger generation. Some of these Israelis are immigrants, others are sabras (native born); many are children of Holocaust survivors. Some come from Arab countries. One interviewee is a Christian convert to Judaism. Not all are religious, but most feel that Israel is their country, bought and fought for by them, and that no part of it should ever be given away. Some would come to a compromise with the Palestinians. A young Israeli Arab doctor would not exchange his life in Israel for one in an Arab country. It is regrettable that no interviews of representatives of the well-known urban religious communities such as Bayit Vegan or B'nai Brak or settlements such as Ariel and Kiryat Arba were included in this book. Recommended for public libraries.—*Elaine R. Sherer, formerly with Massachusetts Bay Community Coll. Lib., Wellesley*

### Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr. **Rebuilding Russia: Reflections and Tentative Proposals.**

Farrar. Nov. 1991. c.105p. tr. by Alexis Klimoff. ISBN 0-374-17342-7. \$14.95. INT AFFAIRS  
Solzhenitsyn, the Soviet Union's reclusive gadfly, has long been critical of perestroika reforms for both their lack of success and their fundamental misdirection. Rather than restructuring the surface of her flawed empire, doomed to break up eventually, he feels that Russia should concentrate on the inner development of her true Slav essence. To do so would require divesting the non-Slav republics of Central Asia to pursue their own dream, while retaining strong links to Slavic Ukraine and Belorussia. Although the descriptions of the social institutions and form of government of the essential Russia are similar to those offered in previous essays, recent events in the Soviet Union make this piece especially timely and are sure to generate reader interest. [Reviewed in Prepub Alert, *LJ* 12/90.]—*Marcia L. Sprules, Council on Foreign Relations Lib., New York*

## Psychology

### Kaufman, Barry Neil. **Happiness Is a Choice.**

Columbine: Fawcett: Ballantine. Nov. 1991. c.240p. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-449-90658-2. \$16. PSYCH  
Kaufman, director of the Option Institute and author of *A Land Beyond Tears* (*LJ* 4/1/82), contends that if you change a belief or attitude you can change your life. A decision to pursue happiness, he claims, can improve relations with others: "We can engineer our own responses, choos-

ing love over hate, peace over conflict and happiness over depression." The first five sections relate Kaufman's philosophy and offer stories of clients' successful changes while in therapy. Section six has short chapters detailing shortcuts to happiness. The book has a four-page bibliography and two pages of additional readings. A cut above most self-help books; recommended.—*Del Cain, V.A. Medical Ctr. Lib., Bedford, Mass.*

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### AIDS and Ethics.

Columbia Univ. Pr. Jan. 1992. c.384p. permanent paper. ed. by Frederic G. Reamer. bibliog. index. LC 91-21477. ISBN 0-231-07358-5. \$35. soc sci  
The AIDS epidemic has raised a number of disturbing questions. The essays presented here by Reamer explore notions of individual rights, community rights, civil obligation, justice, and even the legitimacy of government. In the introductory essay, the editor considers the relevance of ethics in modern society and dismisses the proposition that expert advice confounds the issues with relativism and moral skepticism. AIDS policy issues stemming from public health concerns are the topic of three essays. The remaining contributions deal with health insurance underwriting, public health education, the roles of activists as well as healthcare professionals. Finally, legal questions and court decisions are reviewed to synthesize this conflict between the individual and the community. Highly recommended for academic libraries.—*Mary Hemmings, Univ. of Calgary Law Lib., Alberta*

### America at Century's End.

Univ. of California Pr. 1991. c.520p. permanent paper. ed. by Alan Wolfe. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-520-07476-9. \$29.95. soc sci  
Editor Wolfe—author of *Whose Keeper: Social Science and Moral Obligation* (*LJ* 9/15/89)—has assembled a volume of essays by "third generation post-World War II sociologists" that attempts to come to terms with the myriad changes facing American society as the century draws to a close. In his concluding essay, Wolfe sums up the standpoint of the contributors by arguing that America has become "decentered." No longer are standard institutional models adequate for describing what constitutes a "normal" life. Michael Schudson's chapter on the media and Bart Landry's piece on racism provide the high points of the collection. As a whole, however, the volume, while offering occasional insights into American culture, falls short of revealing the direction that America is heading as the 21st century approaches. Recommended for academic libraries.—*Eric Hinsdale, Simmons Coll. Graduate Sch. of Management Lib., Boston*

### ★Davis, Flora. **Moving the Mountain: The Women's Movement in America Since 1960.**

S. & S. Nov. 1991. c.662p. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-671-60207-1. \$23. soc sci  
This is an unbiased, finely detailed account of the second wave of the women's movement in America. Rarely is history so emotionally compelling as in Davis's depiction of the struggles and anger of these activist women. In part one, she chronicles the birth, submersion, and eventual rebirth of feminism; she then examines in part two such issues as women in politics, the women's health movement, and lesbian feminism. In the last section, she discusses where the current movement is and where it is going. Davis interviewed many activist women for this book, but a lengthy bibliography and thorough footnoting indicate scholarly attention to the subject. Another history of the contemporary women's movement is Leila J. Rupp and Verta Taylor's *Survival in the Doldrums: The American Women's Rights Movement, 1945 to the 1960s* (*LJ* 5/15/87), but it focuses on the postwar era. Highly recommended for both public and academic libraries. (Index not seen.) [See also Susan Faludi's *Backlash* (*LJ* 9/15/91) and Paula Kamen's *Feminist Fatale* (*LJ* 9/15/91).—Ed.]—*Cindy Faries, Pennsylvania State Univ. Lib., University Park*

### Fiddes, Nick. **Meat: A Natural Symbol.**

Routledge: Routledge, Chapman & Hall. Dec. 1991. c.248p. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-415-04837-0. \$29.95. soc sci  
In this thought-provoking study of the sociocultural aspects of meat-eating in Western—primarily British and American—culture, Fiddes (social anthropology, Edinburgh) argues that meat symbolizes the human (and fundamentally patriarchal) desire for control over the natural world. He concludes that because meat represents supremacy over nature, attitudes about meat have begun to change, along with a shift in social values away from industrialism and its reliance on a model of human supremacy, toward more ecologically sound ways of life. The book provides an absorbing survey of the social forces behind meat eating, including discussions of its historical, economic, political, religious, physiological, and sexual connotations. Fiddes's argument would have been more powerful had he drawn less frequently on the words of others and had he attributed his quotations from nonscholars. Still, this will be of particular interest to vegetarians, environmentalists, and feminists. Recommended for general collections in anthropology, sociology, and gastronomy.—*Ellen Finnie Duranceau, MIT Lib.*

### ★Garber, Marjorie. **Vested Interests: Cross-Dressing and Cultural Anxiety.**

Routledge: Routledge, Chapman & Hall. Dec. 1991. c.427p. illus. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-415-90072-7. \$35. soc sci  
Do clothes really make the man? What

