While he was the historian at the CIA Museum, Nicholas Reynolds, a longtime CIA officer, former Marine colonel and Oxford-trained historian, began to discover tantalizing clues that suggested Ernest Hemingway’s involvement in World War II-era intelligence work was much more complex and fraught with risks than has been previously understood.

“When I first read about [what Hemingway had done], I thought that this is not the Hemingway we’re accustomed to,” Reynolds said in a recent interview about the book for paulsemel.com. “We’re used to the Hemingway who is someone with semi-formed left wing sympathies, a general predilection to prefer the underdog over the tycoon, but not someone who gets involved in politics in an organized way, not someone who commits to an ideology of any sort.”

The tone of the book is simultaneously factual and gripping.

“I am a classically trained historian, I’m used to writing the facts in a very precise way, and footnoting my sources, and worrying more about accuracy than color or readability,” Reynolds said. “But in this case, I had a great story with a lot of passion and drama, and I had terrific support from my editor and a couple of book groups that I belong to, who pushed me in the direction of writing creative nonfiction. So I’m hoping that the end result is fun to read for people, and that I tell the story in a way that they can enjoy reading the story as well as learn something, and then come to their own conclusion as to whether my answer to the question [of why Hemingway became involved with the Soviet secret service] is a good one.”

—Madison Fisher
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THE NEW RULES OF RETIREMENT: STRATEGIES FOR A SECURE FUTURE
ROBERT C. CARLSON ’82
WILEY

Today, Americans face six critical threats to lifetime income security that past generations didn’t face, including low investment returns, higher taxes, the deterioration of Social Security and Medicare, longer life expectancy and more. In this second edition, Carlson presents advice and strategies based on independent, objective and detailed research, reflecting today’s environment.

OVERCOMING COGNITIVE BIASES: THINKING MORE CLEARLY AND AVOIDING MANIPULATION BY OTHERS
E. SCOTT FRIEHWALD LLM. ’94, S.J.D. ’01
CREATESPACE

This book offers guidance on understanding and overcoming cognitive biases—ways of thinking that are different from reality—in order to think more clearly and avoid being manipulated by others.

NOT THE CLEVER FAMILY—HOW THE TYPICAL MODERN AMERICAN FAMILY HAS CHANGED
MARIA LEONARD OLSEN ’88
TATE PUBLISHING

Cultural shifts and science have allowed the typical American family to no longer resemble the Cleavers, the idealized fictional family from the 1950s and 60s television show “Leave It to Beaver.” This book, based on hundreds of interviews with diverse families across the country, illustrates just how the normative paradigm of the American family has changed.

A COURAGEOUS FOOL: MARIE DEANS AND HER STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY
TODD C. PEPPERS ’93 with MARGARET A. ANDERSON
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY PRESS

A South Carolina native who yearned to be a fiction writer, Deans was thrust by a combination of circumstances—including the murder of her beloved mother-in-law—into a world much stranger than fiction. For 20 years, Deans fought for the rights of death row inmates in Virginia and South Carolina. She filed lawsuits over prison conditions, found the inmates lawyers for their appeals and stood “death watch” with 34 inmates. Thanks to Deans, three inmates received conditional or full pardons based on concerns about their factual innocence, including Earl Washington—a mentally handicapped inmate who came within eight days of being executed for a crime he did not commit.

WE DO OUR PART: TOWARD A FAIRER AND MORE EQUAL AMERICA
CHARLES PETERS ’57
RANDOM HOUSE

“We Do Our Part” was the slogan of Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s National Recovery Administration—and it captured the can-do spirit that allowed America to survive the Great Depression and win World War II. Over the course of his 60-year career as a Washington, D.C., journalist and historian, Peters, the founder of the Washington Monthly, argues that too many Democrats have lost touch with the average American. Instead, the liberal elite became more concerned with being smarter, having better taste and making more money than with understanding the concerns of the average worker.

A MOTHER’S LOVE OF MADNESS AND A BIRD: A MEMOIR
ZACK MCDERMOTT ’08
TATE PUBLISHING

Zack McDermott’s freefall into psychosis and struggle to claw his way back to sanity, regain his identity and rebuild some semblance of a stable life. It’s a journey that took him back to his Kansas roots and to the one person who might be able to save him: his tough, big-hearted Midwestern mother, nicknamed “the Bird,” whose fierce and steadfast love is the light in McDermott’s dark world.

WAIT, WHAT? AND LIFE’S OTHER ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
JAMES R. RYAN ’92
HARRPERONE

In “Wait, What?”, Jim Ryan, dean of Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education and president-elect of the University of Virginia, celebrates the art of asking—and answering—good questions. Using examples from politics, history, pop culture and social movements, as well as his personal life, Ryan demonstrates how these essential inquiries generate understanding, spark curiosity, initiate progress, fortify relationships and draw our attention to the important things in life—from the Supreme Court to Fenway Park. By regularly asking these five essential questions, Ryan promises, we will be better able to answer life’s most important question: “And did you get what you wanted out of life, even so?”
Captured: The Corporate Infiltration of American Democracy
SHELDON WHITEHOUSE ’82 with MELANIE WACHTELL STINNETT
THE NEW PRESS

U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse offers an eye-opening take on what corporate influence looks like today from the Senate floor. He combines history, legal scholarship and personal experiences to explain what he believes has gone wrong in a government that is supposed to be “of the people, by the people, for the people,” exposing multiple avenues through which the government has been infiltrated and disabled by corporate powers. Whitehouse argues that we can—and must—take our American government back and make it work in the public’s best interest.

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