

ment Highly recommended for religion collections. Notes, to be indexed. SEM.

Wiersbe, Warren W. *The Integrity Crisis*. 1985. 144p. Thomas Nelson, \$9.95 (0-8407-9091-0).

262.7 Christianity—20th century. I. Christian life—1960— [CIP] 88-1771

Wiersbe addresses Evangelical Christians in the U.S., challenging them to examine their own integrity in light of the recent "Pearlygate" scandals. Avoiding discussion of specific notorious individuals, he presents current events as a call to repentance for all Christians. Wiersbe compares the modern popularity of Evangelical Christianity with the "big business" of the temple during the days of the prophet Jeremiah—when popular religion as opposed to true worship was peddled—using support for abortion among some Christians as a case in point. Many readers will agree with Wiersbe's summation: "The wrong kind of preachers have created the wrong kind of Christians by declaring the wrong kind of message, compelled by the wrong motives." Wiersbe's remedy: an increase in prophetic ministers and leaders, and the avoidance of televised evangelism (because it creates "evangelical gigolos"). Chapter notes; no index. SEM.

Social Sciences

Ackerman, Kenneth D. *The Gold Ring: Jim Fisk, Jay Gould, and Black Friday, 1869*. 1988. 336p. Dodd, \$21.95 (0-396-09065-6). Galley. YA

332.645 Gold—Prices—U.S.—History—19th century || Speculation—History—19th century || Commodity exchanges—U.S.—History—19th century || Fisk, James || Gould, Jay [CIP] 88-16206

Ackerman, who is with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, a federal regulatory agency, has taken a chapter from the life of financier Jay Gould, the most notorious of the Robber Barons of the late 1800s, and expanded it into a compelling tale of financial intrigue and corruption. The saga of the attempts of Gould and his partner Jim Fisk to corner the gold market makes today's insider trading scandals and takeover battles seem almost innocent. The subsequent collapse of the gold market on "Black Friday"—September 24, 1869—has previously been described in numerous biographies and financial histories, but Ackerman's account derives from extensive research among numerous archives and collections of personal papers of the various protagonists. His narrative style brings history to life. Bibliography; notes and index to be included. DAR.

Bazarini, Ronald. *Boys: A Schoolmaster's Journal*. Nov. 1988. 149p. Walker, \$12.95 (0-8027-1053-0). Galley.

372.11'0092 St. Bernard's School (Manhattan, New York, N.Y.) || Bazarini, Ronald || Elementary school teachers—New York (N.Y.)—Biography || Preparatory school students—New York (N.Y.) [CIP] 88-10807

Bazarini fancies himself an American Mr. Chips and, apparently, so do his boys at St. Bernard's preparatory school in Manhattan. Teaching fourth grade may seem to some a dreadful chore, but Bazarini, once an actor and still a playwright, makes it sound as if it were a noble mission. This account of his experiences in the classroom takes the form of journal entries, though the passages possess more narrative flow than is usually found in journals. Bazarini's entertaining, instructive anecdotes reveal all

aspects of the teacher's daily life, from comic encounters with students to parent-teacher conferences. His message to parents and educators is "ease up"; learning to be a person is rough enough on a kid, so let's forgo the demands for academic achievement at an early age. DPD.

Berzon, Betty. *Permanent Partners: Building Gay & Lesbian Relationships That Last*. 1988. 432p. Dutton, \$19.95 (0-525-24698-3). Galley.

306.7'66 Gay couples—U.S. || Interpersonal relations [CIP] 86-11799

The third gay marriage manual this year one-ups Marcus' *Male Couple's Guide to Living Together* [BKL Mr 1 88] and Clunis and Green's *Lesbian Couples* [BKL Ap 15 88] in several ways. It addresses both gay men and lesbians; it insists that each read the advice given specifically to the other; and it is also the most engaging of the three and the one that goes into the most psychological detail about relationship dynamics. Berzon combines the narrative-anecdotal skill of Clunis and Green with Marcus' businesslike propensity to list and outline, producing in the process the most satisfying guide to dealing with the emotional issues of same-sex coupling yet written. Separate chapters treat such matters as jealousy, conflict, communication, money issues, relating to families, sex, and so on, in clear, uncondescending prose and in the voice of a warm, egalitarian counselor who, when appropriate, comfortably draws examples from her own 14-year relationship. Still, good as it is, Berzon's effort is a peer of, not a replacement for, Marcus' and Clunis and Green's excellent books. Bibliography. RO.

Caine, Lynn. *Being a Widow*. 1988. 304p. Arbor House, \$18.95 (0-87795-966-8). Galley.

306.8'5 Widows—U.S.—Psychology || Grief [OCLC] 86-15280

Lynn Caine, who died of cancer in 1987, wrote *Widow* [BKL J1 1 74] about her own experiences as a widowed woman with two small children and inadequate financial means. Ironically, it was this story of her grief and recovery that "catapulted her into a fifteen year odyssey of lectures, seminars, book-promotion tours, and television and radio appearances." Now, in this posthumously published volume, Caine talks frankly about coping with terminal illness and sudden death, about living with the shock of loss and the resulting emotional, practical, and physical problems. She counsels women on such basic matters as how to eat, sleep, express grief, and regain contact with the outside world. Steps toward recovery are also covered with advice on dating, sex, assertive behavior, and creating a new, personal life-style. In addition to material drawn from Caine's own experience, the text is supplemented with quotes from the thousands of women who have responded to her writing and talks. In an epilogue, she writes with admirable openness about being diagnosed and treated for cancer. Resource list and bibliography appended. DPD.

Earley, Pete. *Family of Spies: Inside the John Walker Spy Ring*. Nov. 1988. 375p. Bantam, \$19.95 (0-553-05283-7). Galley. YA

327.12 '81 Walker, John Anthony || Walker family || Whitworth, Jerry || Espionage—Soviet Union—History—20th century || Espionage—U.S.—History—20th century [OCLC] 88-19432

The Walker spy ring continues to fascinate the

American public. It has been estimated that, before their arrest in 1985, Walker and cohorts—brother Arthur, son Michael, and navy buddy Jerry Wentworth—traded more than one million pieces of military information, and that the secrets they passed may have had an impact on the outcome of the Vietnam war. This latest work attempts two things: first, to tell more of the ring members' own stories, using extensive and often remarkably frank conversation with the subjects, and second, to show how Walker's involvement in espionage paralleled the breakdown of his family. To a degree, the two objectives work against each other. The family troubles, beginning with Walker's father's problems with alcohol, inspire some sympathy, but it rapidly melts in the face of the greed and sheer egotism that constantly surface in Walker's conversation. Still, *Family of Spies* is a worthwhile addition to the Walker story; it benefits from a novelistic prose style that humanizes the daunting barrage of scientific details that have tended to overwhelm some of the earlier books. PLR.

Goddard, Donald. *Undercover: The Secret Lives of a Federal Agent*. Nov. 1988. 320p. illus. Times Books, \$18.95 (0-8129-1220-9). Galley.

363.4'5 [B] Levine, Michael || Narcotic enforcement agents—U.S.—Biography || Undercover operations || Undercover operations—U.S. [CIP] 88-40157

If Michael Levine didn't exist, some novelist would have invented him. Goddard calls him the "Orson Welles of America's criminal theater," noting that Levine's efforts have brought 3,000 criminals to trial. A Drug Enforcement Agency investigator who spent most of his career undercover, Levine grew up tough in the Bronx. Although Jewish, he was fluent in

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