



# Specialized Encyclopedias

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**The 9/11 encyclopedia.** (2 vol.). (2008). Westport, CT: Praeger Security International.

**Reference - HV6432.7 .A85 2008**

This unique title includes a useful annotated bibliography, an impressive collection of primary documents such as letters, reports and testimonies, and a chronology of events from 1978 to 2006. A detailed list of developments on the day of the attacks arranged by the exact time of the occurrence is also provided. Entries include people such as George W. Bush, movies such as *Fahrenheit 9/11* and more.

**American philosophy: An encyclopedia.** (2008). New York: Routledge.  
**Reference - B850 .A43 2008**

Providing a unique focus on American philosophy and philosophers, this encyclopedia covers key thinkers such as John Dewey and Booker T. Washington along with living philosophers such as George Allan. It explains concepts like Social Darwinism and defines terms such as *a priori* and *a posteriori* knowledge.

**Caribbean popular music: An encyclopedia of reggae, mento, ska, rock steady, and dancehall.** (2006). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.  
**Reference - ML102 .P66 M67 2006**

"Jamaican popular music" would be a more accurate title for this encyclopedia since it focuses largely on music originating from Jamaica and not from other Caribbean countries. Nevertheless, the coverage is impressive featuring numerous figures including singers, song writers, producers, engineers, and studio owners both from Jamaica and abroad such as the British artist Apache Indian.

**The concise encyclopedia of economics.** (2008). Indianapolis, IN: Liberty Fund.  
**Reference - HB61 .C647 2008**

Useful for economics students, this encyclopedia provides unique coverage of the economic dimension of issues such as health insurance and discrimination. It also includes biographies of major figures such as John Kenneth Galbraith and Milton Friedman, explains terms such as microeconomics and outlines the causes of the savings and loan crisis and the effects of inflation.

**Contemporary youth culture: An international encyclopedia.** (2 vol.). (2006). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press  
**Reference - HQ796 .C8154 2006**

This encyclopedia is divided into five distinct sections: studying youth culture; the media; youth identities and subcultures; youth activism and politics; and education. It contains essays covering a diverse range of issues such as eating disorders and hip hop and education. Not all entries are academic - some are autobiographical and include unique pieces such as poetry and lyrics.

**Encyclopedia of American civil liberties.** (3 vol.). (2006). New York: Routledge.  
**Reference Law - KF4747.5 .E53 2006**

From the founding of the nation to the present, this encyclopedia provides historical coverage of American civil liberties with entries on significant events, organizations, government bodies, biographies, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, legal cases, trials, and key court decisions.

**The encyclopedia of American law enforcement.** (2007). New York: Facts on File.  
**Reference - HV8133 N49x 2007**

Focusing entirely on police work in America, this title covers law enforcement agencies, short biographies of significant police figures, major incidents and general topics such as "investigation". It also includes useful appendices that list police academies in the U.S. and U.S. law enforcement websites.

**Encyclopedia of capital punishment in the United States.** (2008). Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company.

**Reference – HV8694 .P35 2008**

This title impressively includes almost all capital punishment opinions by the Supreme Court up to 2006 and summarizes key death penalty laws. The judicial structure of jurisdictions that have capital punishment is also covered along with the history of execution methods, capital punishment in other countries and organizations that are anti- and pro- capital punishment.

**Encyclopedia of domestic violence.** (2007). New York: Routledge.  
**Reference - HV6626 .E534 2007**

Deals with the different forms of domestic violence such as child and elder abuse, and covers topics such as victims of domestic violence, theories, laws, and domestic violence in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

**Encyclopedia of gangs.** (2008). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.  
**Reference – HV6439 .U5 E53 2008**

A unique title covering four major topic areas: gang theory such as labeling theory and the Chicago school; gang practices including violence, symbols, music, drugs and language; gang types from the Crips to skinheads; and "gang expansion" which includes gangs outside of the U.S. (for example, Russia, Brazil, Spain). Also includes vivid images that enhance the encyclopedia's already provocative and unique content.

**Encyclopedia of information ethics and security.** (2008). Hershey: Information Science Reference.

**Reference – HM851 .E555 2008.** Also available electronically.

Timely and pertinent coverage of ethical and security issues relating to current technologies such as computer crimes, cyber terrorism, privacy concerns, and surveillance. This title also conveniently defines relevant key terms at the end of each entry such as "identity theft" and "phishing".

**Encyclopedia of juvenile violence.** (2007). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

**Reference - HV9104 .E59 2007**

This title provides unique coverage of juvenile violence and juvenile victims of violence with a focus on the United States. It also includes international entries and a chronology of key events from 1642 to 2005. Entries discuss drugs, the justice system, gender issues, gangs, the media, theories of juvenile violence and persons likely to commit certain forms of violence such as gang violence.

**Encyclopedia of law enforcement.** (3 vol.). (2005). Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

**Reference – HV7921 .E53 2005.** Also available electronically.

Essential for students in criminal justice, this encyclopedia provides comprehensive coverage of theories of policing and law enforcement at the local, state, national and international levels. It also includes federal law enforcement bodies, significant law enforcement issues and legal cases. Volume three is especially useful for its coverage of criminal justice in 200 countries.

**Encyclopedia of law and society: American and global perspectives.** (3 vol.). (2007). Los Angeles: Sage Publications.

**Reference Law - K583 .E53 2007.** Also available electronically.

Providing interdisciplinary coverage of law including economics, government, sociology, anthropology, psychology and criminology, this encyclopedia includes biographies of key thinkers and entries on concepts, theories, terms and legal systems in different countries. International scholars contributed to this comprehensive resource.

**Encyclopedia of multicultural psychology.** (2006). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

**Reference - GN502 .E63 2006.** Also available electronically.

This title deals with cultural difference and its relation to psychology, moving away from past analyses which have focused largely on racial difference. It explains terms, concepts and topics such as different ethnic groups, measurements, treatments, and indigenous issues.

**Encyclopedia of police science.** (2 vol.). (2007). New York: Routledge.

**Reference - HV7901 .E53 2007**

A useful resource with extensive coverage of research on police science, this title includes lengthy essays on topics such as the police and community, crime prevention and zero tolerance.

**Encyclopedia of politics and religion.** (2007). Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

**Reference - BL65 .P7 E53 2007**

Updated to include developments post-9/11, this title profiles several countries and regions, and includes historical and cultural information on topics such as Confucianism, biographies of figures such as Gandhi and discusses issues including abortion. Useful appendices include documents such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948).

**Encyclopedia of prisoners of war and internment.** (2006). Millerton, NY: Grey House Publishing

**Reference - UB800 .E53 2006**

A broad range of events, topics, people and wars dealing with wartime captivity such as the Abu Ghraib Prison and the English Civil War (1641-1649) are included in this fascinating encyclopedia. This title also provides a useful bibliography organized by topics such as the Vietnam War and women, and includes legal documents, newspaper articles and commentary including an excerpt from the 1907 Hague Convention.

**Encyclopedia of psychology & law.** (2 vol.). (2008). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

**Reference Law - K346 .E53 2008.** Also available electronically.

Unique in its coverage of both psychology and law including criminal justice, this resource defines terms such as "delusions" and explains issues such as juvenile offenders, laws and trial processes. This title is searchable by keywords in the electronic version, or entries can be browsed by topics

such as “Death Penalty” and “Mental Health Law” using the “Reader's Guide”. A useful resource for forensic psychology students.

**Encyclopedia of public administration and public policy.** (3 vol.). (2008). New York: Taylor & Francis.

**Reference - JK9 .E526 2008**

Excellent for public administration researchers, this encyclopedia covers theories, issues and concepts in public administration and policy, and includes entries on policy-making processes, research methods, law, and public administration in foreign countries.

**Encyclopedia of race, ethnicity, and society.** (3 vol.). (2008). Los Angeles: SAGE Publications.

**Reference - HT1521 .E63 2008**

Critically connecting racism to other inequalities such as gender, sexual orientation and ability, this encyclopedia covers racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. and abroad, as well as topics such as urban riots and Native American health care. It also includes useful American data tables on topics such as permanent resident status and predicted population change by race and Hispanic origin.

**Encyclopedia of serial killers.** (2006). New York: Checkmark Books.

**Reference - HV6245 .N49 2006b**

International in scope, this title provides extensive coverage of particular serial killer types and their motives. It also explains law enforcement techniques, major events, how serial killers are punished, representations of serial murder in fiction and film, and the factors that create serial killers. An impressive set of profiles of solo serial killers, team killers and unresolved cases are included as part of the appendix.

**Encyclopedia of sexual behavior and the law.** (2006). Washington, D.C.: CQ Press. **Reference Law - KF9325 .A68 M33 2006**

This unique title explains court decisions, laws and concepts, and includes people, organizations and events that have affected American law. It also covers topics such as AIDS-HIV and discrimination against people with AIDS along with hate crimes, and provides useful tables of state laws for a number of entries

**Encyclopedia of swearing: The social history of oaths, profanity, foul language, and ethnic slurs in the English-speaking world.** (2006). Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.  
**Reference - PE3724 .O3 H84 2006**

Entertaining and informative, this encyclopedia covers the amusing history of numerous swear words. It also includes figures such as Shakespeare whose work used a great deal of foul language. Some of the entries on "ethnic slurs" and sexist language, however, do not deal with the full social and cultural ramifications of these terms. However, there is an essay on gender stereotypes and language that partially addresses the issue of hateful and oppressive language.

**Encyclopedia of United States national security.** (2 vol.). (2006). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.  
**Reference - UA23 .E571274 2006.** Also available electronically.

This title provides comprehensive coverage of conflicts, concepts, places, terms, technologies, weapons systems, events, pacts, policies and people such as generals and strategists. It also includes a useful list of national security acronyms.

**Encyclopedia of world history.** (7 vol.). (2008). New York: Facts on File.  
**Reference - D21 .E5775 2008**

Organized into six time periods, this comprehensive seven-volume set is arranged in chronological order from prehistoric times to the present covering topics such as warfare, technological developments, agricultural matters, trade and social issues for each time period. Color maps and chronologies are included in all seven volumes and an impressive range of primary documents ranging from the Code of Hammurabi to John F. Kennedy's inaugural address make this title a useful resource.

**Encyclopedia of the world's nations and cultures.** (4 vol.). (2007). New York: Facts On File.  
**Reference - G63 .K874 2007**

This encyclopedia provides impressive coverage of countries including newer states such as East Timor covering the political, economic, legal, social and cultural contours of each country. A very useful resource.

**Forensic science: An encyclopedia of history, methods, and techniques.** (2006). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

**Reference - HV8073 .T55 2006**

A great resource for forensic science students, this encyclopedia explains different drugs, tests, specimen types, procedures, evidence and investigative techniques. The introduction to this title provides an illuminating overview of the history, people, and debates in forensic science.

**From suffrage to the senate: America's political women: An encyclopedia of leaders, causes and issues.** (2 vol.) (2006). Millerton, NY: Grey House Publications.

**Reference - HQ1236.5 .U6 S32 2006**

An excellent source for information on women in politics and beyond, this encyclopedia includes female commentators, columnists and campaign advisors along with court cases, organizations, legislation, movements and an informative chronology (1638-2005). This title also contains a useful appendix of documents which includes Susan B. Anthony's 1873 speech and writings by figures such as Margaret Sanger and Anita Hill.

**International encyclopedia of organizational studies.** (4 vol.). (2008). Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

**Reference - HD31 .I564 2008.** Also available electronically.

The four volumes of this encyclopedia cover important ideas, concepts, theories and terms in organization studies along with various schools of thought and fields such as human resources management. Entries are concise and informative and they include a definition and conceptual overview followed by a very useful "Critical Commentary and Future Directions" discussion.

**Latinas in the United States: A historical encyclopedia.** (3 vol.). (2006).

Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

**Reference - E184 .S75 L35 2006**

The history of working class Latinas in America and their contributions to building the United States over three centuries is the focus of this unique resource. It includes biographies of women, movements, social and political organizing efforts, organizations, historical events and topics such as aging.

**McGraw-Hill encyclopedia of science and technology.** (20 vol.). (2007).  
**Reference - Q121 .M3 2007**

7100 articles cover topics across the sciences, with updated information on significant advances in information technology, cell and molecular biology, nanotechnology and more. Numerous diagrams and illustrations enhance this massive 20-volume encyclopedia. This is a great resource to find explanations of scientific terms, ideas, procedures and more.

**The Oxford encyclopedia of British literature.** (5 vol.). (2006). New York: Oxford University Press.

**Reference - PR19 .O95 2006**

The entries in this comprehensive title cover the history of British literature, including themes, movements, institutions and genres such as detective fiction. Authors are the focus of this resource. A useful chronology lists encyclopedia entries beside significant historical events.

**Political corruption in America: An encyclopedia of scandals, power, and greed.** (2 vol.). (2008). Millerton, NY: Grey House Publishing.

**Reference - JK2249 .G767 2008**

A unique title covering political corruption cases with entries on people such as Adam Clayton Powell Jr. along with legal cases and explanations of terms such as impeachment. Includes images, a chronology (1635 to 2008), an illuminating "primary documents" section which includes newspaper articles covering cases of political corruption, and appendices which cover, for example, mayors involved in corruption.

**Prisons and prison systems: A global encyclopedia.** (2006). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press

**Reference - HV8665 .R67 2006**

Prison researchers will appreciate the breadth and depth of this encyclopedia with coverage of corrections staff, reformers, prison architecture, law, corrections systems in various countries and labor camps. Unique appendices list prison slang, prison worker writings, prison architects and more.

**Routledge international encyclopedia of queer culture.** (2006). London: Routledge.

**Reference - HQ76.96 .R68 2006**

With its unique focus on queer cultural production around the world, this title covers topics such as film, video, poetry, literature, cities, sport, music, and popular culture. Impressive appendices list GLBT archives around the world, along with sex laws and political and community organizations.

**World police encyclopedia.** (2 vol.). (2006). New York: Routledge.

**Reference - HV7901 .W64 2006**

Created to facilitate comparative research on various countries, this encyclopedia provides standardized entries on policing in different countries. It covers topics such as police training and education, funding, and political oversight.

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