



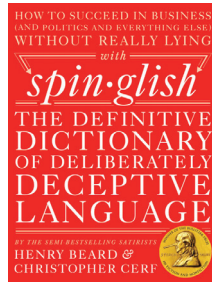
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★ **Beard, Henry & Christopher Cerf.**  
**Spinglish: The Definitive Dictionary of Deliberately Deceptive Language.**  
 Blue Rider. 2015. 368p. illus. ISBN  
 9780399172397. \$25.95. REF

Echoing their previous publications (*The Official Politically Correct Dictionary and Handbook* and *The Official Sexually Correct Dictionary and Dating Guide*), Beard and Cerf offer a serious, comprehensive, and informative lexicon of terms and phrases that “spin doctors” have used to put to gloss over real meaning. Instead of *surveillance*, for example, we find *data collection*. Spin often requires two or three words when the actual expression can usually be accomplished in one. *Strippers* are *exotic dancers* and *theft* is *inventory shrinkage*. There are two parts to this alphabetically arranged compendium. The first part translates “Spinglish” into commonly known English equivalents and the second part takes everyday English language terms and morphs them into Spinglish—*teacher* becomes *learning facilitator*, for example. Each entry has an appropriate citation, showing the source of the “spin” meaning. **VERDICT** This book is enlightening and often just plain funny.—**Herbert E. Shapiro, Lifelong Learning Soc., Florida Atlantic Univ., Boca Raton**

★ **The History of Cartography: Cartography in the Twentieth Century.** 2 vols. Univ. of Chicago. (History of Cartography, Bk. 6). 2015. 1960p. ed. by Mark Monmonier. photos. maps. ISBN 9780226534695. \$500; ebk. ISBN 9780226152127. REF

This stunning set finishes a series that began with an examination of cartography in prehistoric, ancient, and medieval Europe and the Mediterranean and extended over the world and time to reach this work, which examines technologically advanced global mapping. With 500 entries (the first three volumes of the encyclopedia featured instead lengthy essays) accompanied by more than 1,000 color and black-and-white maps, photographs, and tables, and its coverage of a seminal time in cartography, this is the portion to buy if your library can't acquire the entire series. The endpapers offer a list of entries by conceptual cluster, with headings such as “Political & Social Context” and “Individuals, Institutions, Artifacts, & Events.” Articles range from coverage of coastal mapping, crime maps, and the U.S. Army Corp



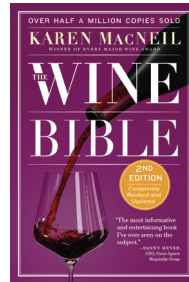
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of Engineers to geodetic surveying, MapQuest, and various countries and people. **VERDICT** For a masterclass in a prominent era in cartography, academic libraries that can afford it should pair this beautiful set with the publisher's compelling *A History of the Twentieth Century in 100 Maps*.—**Henrietta Verma, Library Journal**

**MacNeil, Karen. The Wine Bible.** 2d ed. Workman. Oct. 2015. 1008p. photos. maps. ISBN 9780761180838. pap. \$24.95; ebk. ISBN 9780761187158. REF

Multiaward-winning writer MacNeil (*Wine, Food & Friends*) here updates her comprehensive exploration of wine. She starts with the basics (grape varieties, production methods, food pairings) before traversing the world. France comes first (and at greatest length), as is usual in wine books, while a brief section on Asian producers (India, Japan, China) concludes the journey. The volume is not exhaustive—while Mexican wine is covered in a four-page section, there are curious omissions such as Lebanon, Algeria, Croatia, and Romania. Maps and illustrations add helpful detail, particularly in showing labels from recommended producers. MacNeil's prose is enlightening yet breezy, and the many sidebars provide terrific nuggets of supplementary and sometimes curious information. **VERDICT** Straddling the line between reference resource and leisure read, this guide merits a home in many libraries. Recommended where wine is a topic of interest.—**Peter Hepburn, Coll. of the Canyons Lib., Santa Clarita, CA**

**Panton, Kenneth J. Historical Dictionary of the British Empire.** Rowman & Littlefield. (Historical Dictionaries of Ancient Civilizations & Historical Eras). 2015. 766p.



bibliog. index. ISBN 9780810878013. \$150; ebk. ISBN 9780810875241. REF

Panton (emeritus, former dean, Honors Coll, Univ. of Southern Mississippi; *Historical Dictionary of the United Kingdom*) presents a 20-page chronology that is followed by 700-plus brief entries on people, places, politics, institutions, religion, culture, economy and events. The cross-referenced entries are short, averaging three paragraphs in length each, and successfully place the subject in its historical context. End matter includes two appendixes; the first details the names, dates, and parties of the colonial secretaries, and the second is a chronology of the membership of the Commonwealth of Nations. Given the briefness of the entries and the availability of such content in demand-driven reference and general ebook collections, this material may not be of great value to libraries, though this reviewer would welcome it if included as part of a larger acquisition package. **VERDICT** Recommended where there is a demonstrable need and/or for those libraries collecting the series.—**Lura Sanborn, St. Paul's Sch. Lib., Concord, NH**

## SCIENCES

**Weidensaul, Scott. Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean.** Houghton Harcourt. Oct. 2015. 352p. photos. bibliog. index. ISBN 9780547840031. \$40. REF

Prolific author, Pulitzer Prize nominee, and active field researcher Weidensaul examines the natural world in a more comprehensive manner than field guides that focus mainly on identification and concise information on a species (though it is larger than those guides). The author, who spent decades with ornithologists preparing for this book, provides detailed, up-to-date information about the calls, biology, migration, ecology, natural history, and conservation status of the 39 types of owls that live in Canada, the United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean. The book includes color maps showing breeding, wintering, and migration routes. It is the first North American book on owls that includes the Caribbean. **VERDICT** This title, one of the few reference guides on the subject, will appeal to the serious birder interested in a comprehensive reference guide to North American owls.—**Mark Jones, Mercantile Lib., Cincinnati**

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