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

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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

Everyday English gets a glossover; a popular wine guide gets an update


Multiaward-winning winner MacNeil (Wine, Food & Friends) here updates her comprehensive exploration of wine. She starts with the basics (grape varietals, 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


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