Books

Letter from a Young Poet
By Hyam Plutzik
Trinity College and the Estate of Hyam Plutzik, 2015

The late Plutzik, former John H. Deane Professor of Rhetoric and Poetry at Rochester and benefactor of the Plutzik Reading Series, offers a personal narrative of his formative years in a never-before-published work.

Keep Mothers and Babies Together: The Story of Dr. John Kennell
By Karen Olness and Carolyn Myers with Mary Hellerstein
Praeclarus Press, 2015

Medical doctor Olness and her coauthors present a life’s story of Olness’s longtime colleague, John Kennell ‘44, ‘46M (MD), the pediatrician and neonatologist whose studies on maternal and infant bonding persuaded hospitals to abandon the practice of separating mothers from their newborns in the hours following delivery. The book includes a foreword by Robert Haggerty, professor emeritus of pediatrics at Rochester.

Bridgehead: Eastman Kodak Company’s Covert Photoreconnaissance Film Processing Program
By Dick Sherwood ’56 et al
National Reconnaissance Office, 2014

Sherwood and five of his former colleagues at Eastman Kodak offer a firsthand account of the top-secret government operation at Kodak known as Bridgehead. Sherwood worked on the project in several roles, including as program manager, over a 21-year period. The project, which began in 1955 and continued until the late 1990s, was declassified in 2011.

High Tide
By Inga Åbele, translated from the Latvian by Kaija Straumanis ‘12 (MA)
Open Letter Books, 2013

Straumanis offers an English translation of the 2008 psychological mystery novel by Latvian novelist Åbele. Straumanis’s translation won the 2015 Best Translation into English award from the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages.

Graphing Data with R: An Introduction
By John Jay Hilfiger ‘70
O’Reilly Media, 2015

Hilfiger, a statistician, offers a guide to using the R language to create visualization tools to analyze complex data.

Infectious Madness: The Surprising Science of How We ‘Catch’ Mental Illness
By Harriet Washington ’76
Little, Brown & Co., 2015

Medical writer and ethicist Washington explores the latest research in new germ theory, which posits that some cases of Alzheimer’s, schizophrenia, and other brain disorders may be caused by viruses, prions, or bacteria.

Radiant Skin from the Inside Out: The Holistic Dermatologist’s Guide to Healing Your Skin Naturally
By Allan Dattner ’66
Picture Health Press, 2015

Dattner, a holistic dermatologist practicing in Manhattan and New Rochelle, New York, shares advice on skin health.

Remediation in Rwanda: Grassroots Legal Forums
By Kristin Doughty
University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016

Doughty, an assistant professor of anthropology at Rochester, explores the complex process by which Rwandans have attempted to forge an indigenous culture of law, in the aftermath of a brutal civil war.

The Endless Proverb Model of the Universe
By John Shipman ’69
Department of Household Sciences and Advanced Proverbs, 2015

Toronto conceptual artist Shipman presents a 281-page sentence, combining 10,000 proverbs “exploring meaning and purpose, order and disorder, despair and wonder.”

Everydata: The Misinformation Hidden in the Little Data You Consume Every Day
By John Johnson ’95
Biblomotion, 2016

Johnson, president and CEO of Edgeworth Economics, offers a layperson’s guide to common statistical tricks as well as errors in data interpretation.

American Gold and Silver: U.S. Mint Collector and Investor Coins and Medals, Bicentennial to Date
By Dennis Tucker ’94

Numismatist Tucker goes behind the scenes at mints in Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, and West Point, as well as the United States Treasury, in an illustrated history of American precious metal coinage.
The Peril of Thyself: The Spectacular Demise of Two Firms
By Mark Mozeson ’83, ‘85S (MBA)
Mascot Books, 2015

In his first novel, business consultant Mozeson presents “two stories, intertwined and also parallel in the way the personal attributes of an organization’s leader seals an organization’s fate.”

The End of Public Schools: The Corporate Reform Agenda to Privatize Education
By David Hursh
Routledge, 2015

Hursh, a professor of teaching and curriculum at the Warner School, explores the increasing role of corporations and foundations in education reform, and the ways in which it has limited the participation of teachers and parents.

The New Reality for Suburban Schools: How Suburban Schools Are Struggling with Low-Income Students and Students of Color in Their Schools
By Jessica Shiller ’93
Peter Lang, 2015

Shiller, a professor in the instructional leadership and professional development department at Towson University, explores the phenomenon of “resegregation” in suburban districts with rising populations of low-income students and students of color.

Marketing Dictionary for the 21st Century
By Robert Bly ’79
Motivational Press, 2016


African Art and Silicon Chips: A Life in Science and Art
By Jay Last ’51
Sierra Vista Books, 2015

Last, a longtime art collector who is best known as one of eight physicists whose work on silicon-based transistors led to the creation of Silicon Valley, offers a memoir.

Peril by Ponytail
By Nancy Cohen ’70, ’70N

In the 12th novel in her Bad Hair Day mystery series, Cohen tells the story of a hairdresser’s honeymoon gone bad.

Pensionless: The 10-Step Solution for a Stress-Free Retirement
By Emily Brandon ’04
Adams Media, 2016

Brandon, a senior editor at U.S. News and World Report, offers a guide to improving your retirement finances and making the most of Social Security and Medicare.

50 Amazing Team Activities
By Jim Cain ’96 (PhD)
Teamwork & Te amplay Publishing, 2015

Cain, consultant and founder of Teamwork & Te amplay, presents more than 50 team-building activities from around the world, translated into 16 languages.

Country Dances by Thomas Straight, 1779–1784
By the Birmingham Baroque Collective
Regency Dances, 2015

The Birmingham Baroque Collective, which includes keyboardist Micaela Gutierrez Schmitz ’02E (DMA), performs Regency-era English country dancing.

The Lost Lady
By Donna Coleman ’86E (DMA)
CD Baby, 2015

In 21 solo piano tracks, Coleman explores the roots of ragtime and its revival in the 1960s.

Beam Me Up
By Shauli Einav ’08E (MM)
Berthold Records, 2016

Saxophonist, composer, and bandleader Einav introduces new jazz compositions inspired by the works of 20th-century classical composers such as Sergei Prokofiev and Arnold Schoenberg.

The Territory
By Darrell Grant ’84E
Portland Jazz Composers’ Ensemble, 2015

Grant presents a nine-movement composition reflecting on the natural and human history of the Portland, Oregon, region. Grant is a professor of music at Portland State University.

A Heightened Sense of Things
By J. C. Amitie ’91
MagnaFire Records, 2015

Austrian, Texas, guitarist and keyboardist Amitie presents a compilation of 11 original rock instrumental tracks.

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