

Yankee Steve's Column for the week of December 3, 2009

Do you have your gifts wrapped and under the Christmas tree? If not, consider Yankee Steve's 2009 recommended books for the patriotic readers on your list. This is different than my column for December 4th last year.

Recent Books

End the Fed by Ron Paul. Hardcover 9/16/09

Meltdown: A free-market look at why the stock market collapsed, the economy tanked, and government bailouts will make things worse by Thomas E. Woods, Jr. and Ron Paul. Hardcover 2/9/09

A Patriot's History of the United States: From Columbus's Great Discovery to the War of Terror by Larry Schweikart and Michael Patrick Allen. Hardcover 12/29/04

Liberty and Tyranny: A conservative manifesto by Mark R. Levin. Hardcover 3/24/09

The Conservatives: Ideas and personalities throughout American history by Patrick Allitt. 5/26/09

Churchill by Paul Johnson. 11/3/09

Culture of Corruption: Obama and his team of tax cheats, crooks, and cronies by Michelle Malkin. 7/27/09

Culture of Corruption by Michelle Malkin. Unabridged on 8 CDs 2009

Saving Freedom: We can stop America's slide into Socialism by Jim DeMint. 7/4/09

Help! Mom! The Ninth Circuit Nabbed the Nativity by Katharine DeBrecht and Jim Hummel (a blast at the ACLU that both children and adults can appreciate)

Older Books that Will Require a Search

The Constitution of Liberty by Friedrich von Hayek. 1960 (a great work from the author of *The Road to Serfdom*. Sell your shirt to get this one and even if you want to hold it close to your bosom after reading; please share it!)

Socialism by Ludwig von Mises (a must-read; always lucid, von Mises is the dean of the Austrian School of Economics)

The Worldly Philosophers: The lives, times and ideas of the great economic thinkers by Robert L. Heilbroner. 7th edition (very readable)

A History of the Jews by Paul M. Johnson. 1988 (also very readable)

Society and Thought in Early America by Harvey Wish. 1950, David McKay Company

The Wall of Separation by Frank J. Sorauf. 1976, Princeton Press (a scholarly work dealing with the U.S. Constitution and the separation of church and state)

The Foundations of Modern Political Thought by Quentin Skinner. 2 volumes, 1978, Cambridge Press (heavy but worth the effort)

Modern Times Revised Edition: The world from the twenties to the nineties by Paul M. Johnson. Perennial Classics paperback, 8/7/01

On the State of Society in France before the Revolution of 1789 and the Causes which Led to That by Alexis de Tocqueville. 1856