

# France's Top 10 Non-Fiction Books

**American Furies: Crime, Punishment, and Vengeance in the Age of Mass Imprisonment on Beacon Press** by Sasha Abramsky, americanfuries.com

This is journalist and UCD lecturer Sasha Abramsky's acclaimed indictment of the prison system and clear reminder that we have created a time bomb. His work reminds you that it is not too late to rethink our society's draconian penal system

**Battlefield without Borders - Iraq Poems** by David Smith-Ferri, battlefieldwithoutborders.org

This book is a gem. David writes directly to your heart. The first edition already has sold out. The new edition has an introduction by Kathy Kelly and 12 new poems. Profits from book sales go to Direct Aid Initiative, which provides urgent medical assistance to some of the 2.25 million Iraqis who've fled their country and now live in Amman, Jordan or Damascus, Syria.

**Beyond the Green Zone: Dispatches from an unbedded journalist in occupied Iraq** by Dahr Jamail, beyondthegreenzone.com

What do you do when you want to ensure that the truth is reported by the media? This man went to Iraq to begin reporting from the ground with no Humvee, no armor, and no military protection just because he felt he had to do so. Read the book to find out what your tax dollars are buying.

**Blue Grit: True Democrats Take Back Politics from the Politicians** by Laura Flanders

The "RadioNation" host profiles many of the grassroots progressive groups who are working hard and succeeding in states we associate with conservatism. Ms. Flan-

ders' indomitable spirit shines through and proves that independent thought thrives throughout the country.

**Dissent: Voices of Conscience** by Ann Wright, Susan Dixon and Daniel Ellsberg

When your children or grandchildren ask you about this time, it will be important for them to know that many people of conscience spoke out. Diplomats who resigned, like Ret. Col. Wright after 34 years of serving her country, and officers and soldiers who became conscientious objectors are profiled along with their letters of resignation or statement. This book is a crucial historical document.

**The Conservatives Have No Clothes - Why Right-Wing Ideas Keep Failing** by Greg Anrig

Although the title first kept me from reading this book, I quickly found that it documents the reality that so-called conservative ideas have really hurt everyone except the rich and powerful. Also see *The Squandering of America* by Robert Kuttner.

**Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law** by Marjorie Cohn

Ms. Cohn teaches criminal law and international human rights. This makes her uniquely qualified to give us the answers needed for those who argue this administration committed no impeachable offense.

**Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic** by Chalmers Johnson

Since Dahr Jamail recommended this author, of course I immediately contacted him. Many of you read his interview in the last KDVIationS. It does the best job I've seen at tying all our foreign policy decisions in one very dangerous legacy.

**The Short Bus, A Journey Beyond Normal** by Jonathan Mooney

*Normal sucks!* That is what Jonathan Mooney, a dyslexic writer and activist who did not learn to read until he was 12 years old wants you to know. By the way, he is a graduate of Brown University's class of 2000 and holds an honors degree in English literature. This wonderful book profiles people who don't fit society's definition of normal and questions exactly why we accept such restrictive categorization.

**Typecasting: On the Arts & Sciences of Human Inequality** by Ewen and Ewen

"In a complex and dangerous world, the allure of the simple is addictive." This is from the authors' website, stereotypeandsociety.typepad.com. No matter how unbiased you think you are, this book will challenge you!



## Gary's Top 10 Albums

1. Excelencia – *Salsa Con Conciencia* (Handle with Care)
2. Teresa Bright – *Hawaiiana* (self-released)
3. Tabu Ley Rochereau – *Voice of Lightness* (Stern's Africa)
4. Christinha Azcuy – *Soneros All Stars Present Christina Azcuy: Mariano* (Pimienta)
5. Hilo Hawaiians – *Honeymoon in Hawaii* (Ono)
6. Koop – *Koop Islands* (Atlantic/Ada)
7. V/A – *Roots of Rumba Rock: Congo Classics 1953-1955* (Crammed Disc)
8. Disco Fuentes All-Stars – *La Biblia de la Cumbia* (Disco Fuentes)
9. Amy Hanaiali'i – *Generation Hawaii* (Hanaiali'i)
10. Mark Wonder – *Victory: The Mystery Unfolds* (Battle Axe)