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that there is no better place to find information on Hammer films than this book. (However, is it possible to have too much information about a subject? Each uncredited harem girl, each clapper loader, and each third assistant carpenter has an entry here). There is also an appendix that lists the films that never made it to production, a well-sourced notes section, and a bibliography. For all of the details, a simple filmography would have been a great addition for the non-Hammerphiles among us.

This effusively thorough, physically giant encyclopedia isn't for everyone, but would make a good addition to a library at a college or university that offers a film program.—*Tracy Carr, Library Services Director, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, Mississippi*

Hatred of America's Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Trump. Edited by Lori Cox Han. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2018. 396 pages. Acid-free \$94 (ISBN 978-1-4408-5436-1). Ebook Available (978-1-4408-5437-8), call for pricing.

Books on the greatness of American presidents fill America's bookstore shelves. However, this work focuses instead on the hatred and opposition that each president faced. It sets itself apart from a book like *The American President: A Complete History* (by Kathryn Moore), which covers the national and world events of each president's term, but does not necessarily cover the backlash presidents receive in response to those events. Many books focus on assassinations of presidents, but they do not typically include additional information about every president's term, as this one does.

This volume includes contextual information such as public opinions, political oppositions, and the relationship between the president and the press. This focus provides a very different aspect of the man in office at that time, something other books are often not able to do. The editor of the book has also given the reader a definition to standardize the application of hate/hatred: "intense dislike or hostility directed at someone or something, includes the synonyms such as loathing, aversion, animosity, or ill will" (xi), and each author wrote with this definition in mind.

Hatred of America's Presidents was inspired by a statement made by President Trump in 2017 in which he declared, "No politician in history . . . has been treated worse or more unfairly" (ix). The editor does acknowledge that it is hard to be objective in today's hyper-partisan political environment, but he inquires about how such a thing could be measured and whether Trump's statement would stand up to history.

As the title would suggest, this work focuses on the criticism of each president. The book includes an introduction and is formatted with one chapter per president, written by an expert on that particular president or historical period. The chapters do vary in tone because various individuals have written them, but also because the circumstances of each presidential term are so different in terms of opinion polls, political rivals, the relationship with the press, and

the personality of the president. Other contextual information includes new historical developments such as political parties' machines, the religious right, and political action committees that would mail or email propaganda directly to the people.

The target audience for this book is hard to pinpoint, but it would be useful as a resource to read a few chapters for a class or for personal understanding. The writing is reminiscent of a college textbook, with further readings suggested at the end of each chapter. It provides a collection of unique facts that fills a void in the genre. Librarians collecting for colleges, universities, and large public libraries would find it useful for their political science and history collections.—*Susan Elkins, Digital Resources Librarian, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas*

Holidays Around the World. 6th Ed. By Pearline Jaikumar. Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, 2018. 1,528 pages. Acid-free \$177 (ISBN 978-0-7808-1619-0). Ebook Available (978-0-7808-1658-9), call for pricing.

"I have to write a paper about Eka Dasa Rudra," explains the teenager who has just approached the reference desk. Talk about out-of-the-blue! "How did you hear about him?," you ask. The student explains that it isn't a person. It's a gathering involving hundreds of thousands of people that happens once every hundred years. Where? The student doesn't know. "Oh wait, someplace where there are volcanoes," she says. With a little more prompting, the student explains that the gathering takes place at a temple which was built on the slopes of a volcano. Luckily, you had the foresight to order a copy of *Holidays Around the World* because your hunch that this just might be some obscure religious observance proves correct. With the help of this directory, researchers may obtain interesting background information about all kinds of holidays and celebrations in all fifty US states and in more than 100 countries. Each entry provides information on that holiday's origins and cultural or religious context, as well as a brief list of organizations to contact for further information.

There is a comparable directory, *Holiday Symbols and Customs* (Omnigraphics, 2009), which covers fewer holidays but provides more depth. It's also a more readable source with headings as well as key words in bold type. In terms of organization, the user will find the same indexes and appendixes in both sources. The subject index is divided into subsections. For example, if I wanted to learn about Judaism, I could use the religion subcategory, where I would find four holidays associated with the Jewish faith. Using the chronological index, you can get some idea of what to do on your vacation. For example, I see that there is a film festival going on in Atlanta during April. Flipping to the appendix for tourism information sources, I now have the contact information for the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. That's all well and good, but most of us would go online first, turning to a printed directory for tourism information second.

This directory is a recommended reference source for