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NEW TITLES IN THE USAID KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Building back better: delivering people-centered housing reconstruction at scale.

Lyons, Michael, Theo Schilderman, and Camillo Boano, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2010.

This book examines people's participation in reconstruction projects. Case studies from several countries—including Pakistan, Indonesia, and Bangladesh—analyze whether involving citizens in large-scale rebuilding after disasters contributes to long-term sustainability.

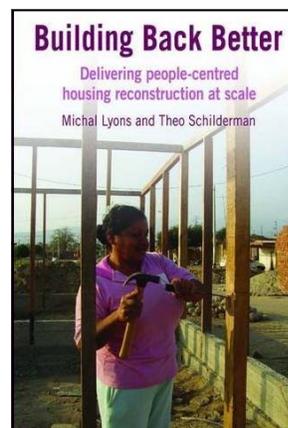


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Religion and development: ways of transforming the world. Ter Haar, Gerrie. New York: Columbia University Press, 2011.

The essays in this collection are based on the premise that religion and development are closely related, since values influence motivation, attitude, behavior, and ultimately outcome. Authors discuss why religion is an essential aspect of sustainable development. Topics like human rights, Islamic banking, religious NGOs, and health programs are discussed.

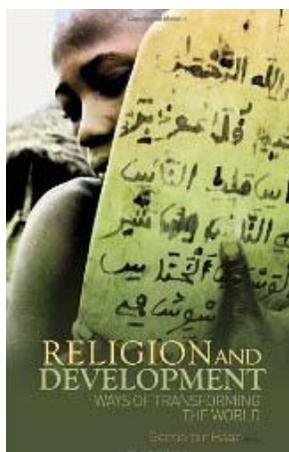


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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT



Adapting to a changing environment: confronting the consequences of climate change. McClanaham, Tim R. and Joshua E. Cinner. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

The authors begin by discussing how climate change affects coastal communities of East Africa and islands in the Indian Ocean. They then present a framework for creating policies which help vulnerable people to adapt to environmental changes. Topics include fisheries, coral reefs, adaptive capacities, and managing adaptation measures.



Crop adaptation to climate change. Yadav, Shyam, et al, editors. Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

The authors examine the implications of climate change on plant life by region and advocate genetic crop alterations for adaptation. They discuss how certain crops—like chickpea, potato, cassava, and banana—may be genetically modified to tolerate changes in environment.



Experiences of climate change adaptation in Africa. Filho, Walter Leal, editor. Berlin: Springer, 2011.

This volume presents case studies on climate change adaptation in African countries. The essays—on countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia, and Zambia—discuss various aspects of adaptation like food security, economics, indigenous knowledge, and participation.

Plundered nations? successes and failures in natural resource extraction. Collier, Paul and Anthony Venables, editors. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Edited by Paul Collier and Anthony Vanables, this book examines how 8 countries manage their natural resources. Two of the countries examined—Chile and Malaysia—are determined to have successfully applied extraction towards sustainable development. Kazakhstan, Iran, Russia, and Zambia are among the countries discussed.



Resources, rights and cooperation: a sourcebook on property rights and collection action for sustainable development. Washington, DC: CGIAR Program on Collective Action and Property Rights, 2010.

This volume about property rights is made up of many short essays. The essays focus on collective action—how groups go about attaining and keeping rights to their properties. Several issues pertaining to property rights are discussed, like gender, market relations, and natural resource management. USAID staff may check out the book or download it for free [online](#).

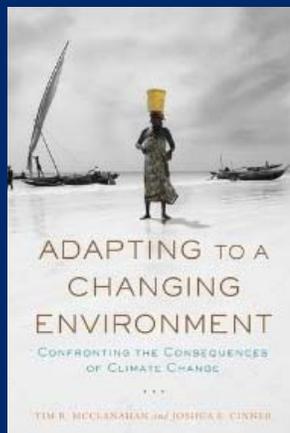


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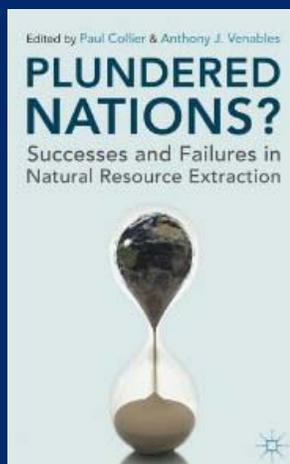


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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

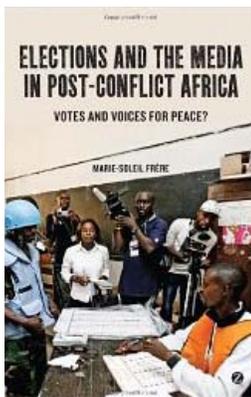


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Elections and the media in post-conflict Africa: votes and voices for peace? Frère, Marie-Soleil. New York: Zed Books, 2011.

A journalist herself, Frère examines the role of independent media in post-conflict elections. She focuses on elections in 6 Central African countries and analyzes if and/or how journalists contributed to free and fair elections.

The justice cascade: how humanitarian rights prosecutions are changing world politics. Sikkink, Kathryn. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2011.

Sikkink explores the movements which have contributed to holding public officials accountable for human rights violations. She describes how citizens create and enforce new norms of accountability and justice, as well as how such ideals spread. The author devotes a chapter to Argentina and also discusses prosecutions in countries such as Uruguay, Chile, Greece, Portugal, and the United States.

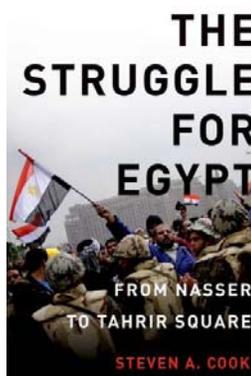


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The struggle for Egypt: from Nasser to Tahrir Square. Cook, Steven A. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Cook examines Egyptian nationalism since 1952 and the factors which led to Egypt's Revolution in January 2011. In addition to providing a political history, the author describes American involvement in defining Egyptian identity.



The valley's edge: a year with the Pashtuns in the heartland of the Taliban. Green, Daniel R. Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2012.

Green analyzes American reconstruction and development projects in Afghanistan. Having worked with provincial reconstruction teams in Afghanistan's Uruzgan province, he explains his notions of how the Taliban revived itself in the area.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Debt-for-development exchanges: history and new applications. Buckley, Ross P. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Buckley explains debt-for-development exchanges over time and how they differ from debt-equity exchanges. He examines how several donor nations have used debt-for-development techniques and suggests some innovative future practices. USAID exchange programs in Bolivia and Madagascar are briefly mentioned.



The dynamics of entrepreneurship: evidence from the global entrepreneurship monitor data. Minniti, Maria, editor. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

The pieces in this collection revolve around global entrepreneurship data. Authors discuss types of entrepreneurs and various aspects of entrepreneurship like motivation, gender, macroeconomics, and exports.

Stealth of nations: the global rise of the informal economy. Neuwirth, Robert. Pantheon Books: New York, 2011.

Neuwirth examines the global informal economy, a multi-trillion dollar economy in which he says mostly legal goods and services are sold. He travels the world to shed light on the order and function of the underground economy, particularly how it works and how it contributes to the formal economy. Goods like electronics and food are discussed, as well as services like collecting garbage to recycle.

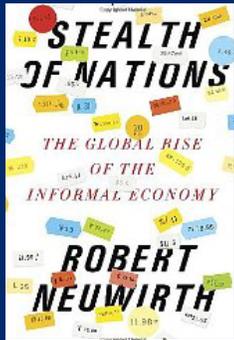


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Education

Changing schools: alternative ways to make a world of difference. Wrigley, Terry, Pat Thomson, and Bob Lingard, editors. New York: Routledge, 2012.

Case studies in this volume describe changes in schools through the emphasis of social justice, equality, and democracy. Authors describe how practitioners in a number of developed countries practice different techniques to improve school performance and culture.

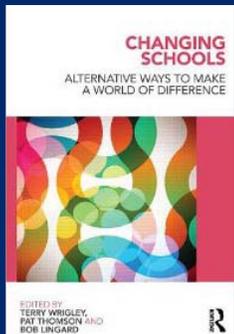


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Reforming education finance in transition countries. Alonso, Juan Diego, and Alonso Sánchez. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This e-book looks at how per-capita financing has been applied towards education in Europe and Central Asia. Six case studies—from countries including Armenia, Georgia, and Russia—look at World Bank reforms in educational financing. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

EVALUATION

The ABCs of evaluation: timeless techniques for program and project managers. 3rd ed. Boulmetis, John and Phyllis Dutwin. Hoboken, NJ: Jossey-Bass, 2011.

This textbook introduces the concepts of evaluation. Authors explain the function and process of evaluation and cover several topics such as evaluation models, data sources, reports, and analysis.

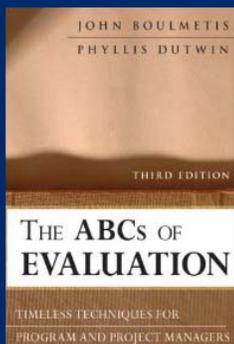


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GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



War is not over when it's over: women speak out from the ruins of war. Jones, Ann. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2010.

Jones uses stories from women in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, the DRC, Burma, and Iraqi refugee camps to convey the long-term effects of war on women. The stories and photos depict how violent conflict spawns issues like rape, domestic violence, and poverty. The author discusses how a photography project helped affected women find and raise their voices.

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION



Achieving an AIDS transition: preventing infections to sustain treatment. Over, Mead. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development, 2011.

Over proposes that international governments coordinate their efforts with local governments to reduce the transmission of HIV. He suggests that governments earn incentives for declining numbers of new HIV cases in their countries.

'Good health at low cost' 25 years on: what makes a successful health system? Balabanova, Dina, Martin McKee and Anne Mills, editors. London: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, 2011.

This report looks at factors which contribute to the success or failure of health care systems across the globe. Case studies of health systems in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, and India are included. The book may be checked out from the library or downloaded for free from the [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#).

The origins of AIDS. Pepin, Jacques. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Pepin tracks the AIDS pandemic from its beginning, explaining how the virus came to kill 29 million people since 1981. He says that the virus was initially transmitted from chimpanzees to humans, and that urbanization, prostitution, and colonial medical campaigns facilitated its spread across Africa and the world.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Africa's ICT infrastructure: building on the mobile revolution. Williams, Mark D. J. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

An e-book, this publication examines how mobile phones became an integral part of African life. In particular, the book looks at regulations and policies in African countries which have led to the rapid spread of mobile network coverage on the continent. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

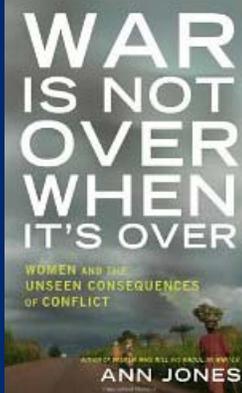


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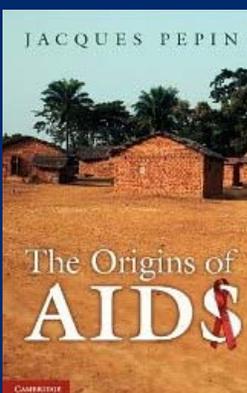


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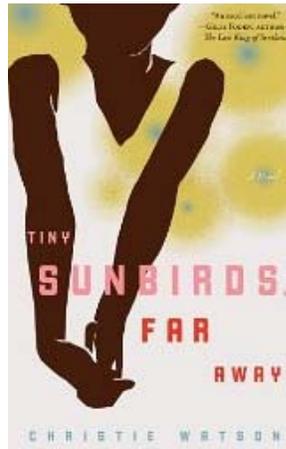


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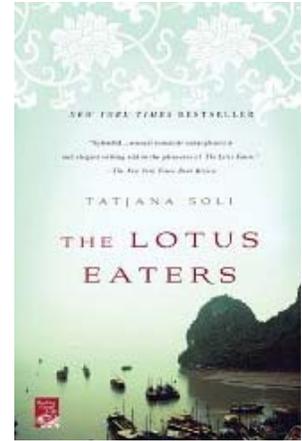
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AFRICA



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Tiny sunbirds, far away. Watson, Christie. New York: Other Press, 2011.

Blessing's life in Lagos is uprooted when problems between her parents force her to move into her grandparents' rural home. She begins to adjust to life with her midwife grandmother, but things become chaotic again when her mother begins dating a white man and her brother joins a gang.

ASIA

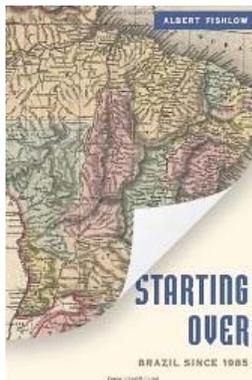
Dos and don'ts in Cambodia. Hill, David. Bangkok: Book Promotion & Service, 2005.

This guide to Cambodia focuses on the finer points of Cambodian culture and suggests what to do—and not do—in a variety of situations. The author provides tips on handling a plethora of situations, like greetings, traffic, weddings, holidays, and shopping.

The lotus eaters. Soli, Tatjana. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2010.

This novel features Helen Adams, a photographer who is working in Vietnam during the Fall of Saigon. Amidst the violence of war, she is torn by her feelings for two men, a Vietnamese photojournalist and an American reporter.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN



Starting over: Brazil since 1985. Fishlow, Albert. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2011.

Fishlow examines how Brazil has progressed since its switch to civil rule in 1985. He outlines the three factors which he says have led to Brazil's successful political and economic development, and speculates about the country's future.

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MIDDLE EAST

Tales from the bazaars of Arabia: folk stories from the Middle East. Shah, Amina. New York: Tauris Parke Paperbacks, 2008.

This is a collection of classic folk tales from the Middle East. Short stories stem from Afghanistan, Arabia, Persia, and Turkey.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Home keeps moving: a glimpse into the extraordinary life of a “third culture kid.” Sand-Hart, Heidi. Hagerstown, MD: McDougal Publishing, 2010.

The author explains coming of age in a missionary family which moved from country to country. She discusses the difficulties of relocation and the struggle of not having one single home to which she can relate. The book contains perspectives from others who grew up as third culture kids.

Harvard Business Review on winning negotiations. Boston: Harvard Business Review, 2011.

This book provides essays on making good business deals. Authors discuss several aspects of negotiation such as ripe conditions for deal making and collaborating with other parties.



Captain Abu Raed. Neoclassics Films, Ltd, 2010.

An airport janitor, Abu did not have the chance to travel the world as he had always dreamed. He finds a captain's hat and wears it around his neighborhood in Jordan, attracting children eager to hear about his travels. He begins telling the children imaginary stories about the world and, in the process, learns about the rough home lives of the kids.

Destination Bolivia. Globe Trekker; DVD Masters, 2008.

Host Ian Wright explores Bolivia, stopping by places like La Paz, Lake Titicaca, and Sucre.

Until when... Falafel Daddy Productions, 2004.

Set in the West Bank during the Second Intifada, this documentary looks at the lives of four families in the Dheisheh Refugee Camp. The families, of different dynamics, tell their stories of struggle and survival amidst occupation.

***Cutting for Stone* discussion is just around the corner!**

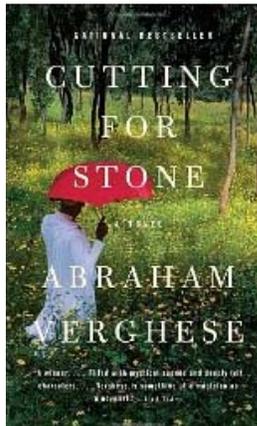


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We're looking forward to seeing you at the next Book Club meeting! Join us if you've read *Cutting for Stone*, or if you would you like to hear what your colleagues are saying about the book and development issues in Ethiopia.

The novel tells the story of Marion and Shiva, twin brothers who grow up in Addis Ababa during the reign of Haile Selassie. The boys grow up at a community hospital, where their adopted parents see an endless train of desperately ill patients. The novel provides rich details of the political, cultural and health conditions of Ethiopia from the 1950s through the 1970s.

Join us for the discussion

When: Thursday, December 15, 2011
12-1pm

Where: USAID Library, M1.010 on the Mezzanine of the RRB

RSVP: Reserve your spot by e-mailing ksc@usaid.gov

Patrick White, Desk Officer for Ethiopia, will lead the conversation.

Working at a Mission? View discussion notes and contribute to the dialogue on the Library's blog, [The Extreme Librarian](#).

This event is open to USAID staff only.

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