

**Al-Qaida's Doctrine for Insurgency**, translated and analyzed by Norman Cigar (192 pages, January 2009), provides a rare glimpse into the strategy and tactics of radical Islamic terrorist cells. Cigar, a former Pentagon military analyst who is now a research fellow at the Marine Corps University, has translated *A Practical Course for Guerrilla War* by Abdel Aziz al-Muqrin, the leader of the mujahedeen group al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (QAP) from May 2003 to June 2004, when he was killed in a shootout with police in Riyadh. The manual offers both an overview of jihadist doctrine as well as advice on taking hostages and assassinations. Cigar's intent in making it available to an English-speaking audience is to provide some insight into how these groups think and operate. \$55.00. Potomac. 978-1-59797-252-9.

**A Country Storekeeper in Pennsylvania: Creating Economic Networks in Early America, 1790-1807**, by Diane E. Wenger (263 pages, December 2008), examines the operations, customers, and business records of a general store in Schaefferstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, at the turn of the 19th century. The family of the owner, Samuel Rex, preserved a wealth of daybooks, ledgers, bills, and receipts relating to the store that have been preserved in several local archives, enabling the author to determine the goods that Rex sold in his store, the types of customers he served, his use of teamsters, and the merchants in Philadelphia from whom he obtained many of his wares. Wenger points out that Rex's store served as a cultural intersection that brought together both German speakers and English speakers, as well as local farmers, craftsmen, and ironworkers. \$55.00. Pennsylvania State University. 978-0-271-03412-6.

**The Encyclopedia of Psychological Trauma**, edited by Gilbert Reyes, Jon D. Elhai, and

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Julian D. Ford (720 pages, October 2008), is an in-depth compilation of terms, symptoms, causes, diagnoses, clinical guidelines, therapies, and theories relating to traumatic stress and the condition that often follows it, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Considering all the psychological stresses the 20th century has produced, it is remarkable that PTSD was not defined until 1980. This encyclopedia encapsulates the state of the art in the early 21st century. \$160.00. Wiley. 978-0-470-11006-5.

**The Last Witch of Langenburg: Murder in a German Village**, by Thomas Robisheaux (427 pages, February 2009), tells the story of Anna Schmiege, who was accused of poisoning a neighbor by sending her a little cake on Shrove Tuesday in 1672. Rumors of witchcraft surfaced, even after physicians at Altdorf University conducted an autopsy (an uncommon practice at the time) that indicated traces of arsenic in the dead woman's stomach. After two torture sessions, Schmiege confessed to the murder but said she had intended



the poison for her daughter. The incident resulted in one of the last witchcraft trials and executions in the district and is also notable for the extensive documentation located in the Hohenlohe Castle at Neuenstein, a treasure trove of minutiae that allowed Robisheaux to assemble a coherent narrative. A good companion book is Michael Kunze's *Highroad to the Stake* (University of Chicago, 1987), which records the detailed trial of the Pappenheimers, a vagrant family accused of witchcraft in Bavaria in 1600. \$26.95. W. W. Norton. 978-0-393-06551-0. *zz*