



Books for the Holidays

The books listed here as holiday gift suggestions are available in local bookstores or by phone from the University of Oklahoma Press, 1-800-627-7377.

Along Route 66

by *Quinta Scott*

320 pages. 250 photographs.
\$34.95 hardcover.

Route 66 was the Mother Road, the way west for a new wave of fortune seekers following the sun to golden California. Instead, many settled along the road to build restaurants, tourist attractions, gas stations and motels. These architectural treasures are rapidly disappearing from America's most famous road. Author/photographer Scott treats her readers to page after page of striking black-and-white images and unforgettable oral histories.

Frontier Children

by *Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith*

foreword by *Elliott West*

176 pages. 206 illustrations.
\$24.95 cloth.

Enriched by vintage photographs, *Frontier Children* is a visual and verbal montage of childhood in the 19th century West. From a wide range of

primary and secondary sources, Peavy and Smith, well-known for their books on Western women, have brought together stories and images that erase the stereotypes and bring to life the infinite variety of the experience of growing up in the American West.

The Inca World:

The Development of Pre-Columbian Peru, A.D. 1000-1534

Edited by *Laura Laurencich Minelli*

Photographs by *Mireille Vautier*

480 pages. 345 illustrations.

\$49.95 hardcover.

The development of the Inca Empire was complex and often paradoxical. This lavishly illustrated volume is based on extensive archaeological research and Spanish colonial documentation. The material provides important insights into many questions and contradictions regarding the Inca Empire by carefully examining the social, economic, political and religious systems that characterized the Inca Empire from its earliest times.

Will Rogers: A Biography

by *Ben Yagoda*

456 pages. 85 illustrations.

\$18.95 paperback.

Will Rogers was a true American icon, beloved as a public figure as few have been before or since. Daily newspaper columnist, movie star, radio personality, lecturer and homespun sage, his death in a 1937 plane crash was a national tragedy.

"Someone has finally written a good biography of Will Rogers . . ." says the *New York Times Book Review*. "It's a delight to be reminded that political humor without meanness of spirit is not only possible, but indeed is a great

American tradition. Politicians and all who labor with them will relish Ben Yagoda's *Will Rogers*, but so will those who enjoy show biz tidbits and vaudeville history."

Infantry Soldier: Holding the Line at the Battle of the Bulge

by *George W. Neill*

384 pages. 20 illustrations.

\$24.95 hardcover.

In harrowing detail, journalist Neill recalls the life he and other green recruits led as infantry riflemen during World War II. These men of the 99th Division carried an enormously disproportionate burden; representing only six percent of the U.S. Army in Europe, they suffered 83 percent of the casualties. Neill takes the reader into the foxholes to reveal how combat infantrymen lived and survived, what they thought and how they fought.

To Hell with Honor:

Custer and the Little Bighorn

by *Larry Sklenar*

416 pages. 12 illustrations.

\$29.95 hardcover.

Military and Western history buffs will find much to ponder in this fresh perspective on an enduring mystery: What really happened at the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn? Sklenar analyzes and interprets the widely accepted facts of Custer's "last stand" and reaches completely new conclusions. Custer is seen here as an experienced commander with a feasible battle plan, capable of selfless commitment, yet surrounded by subordinates of limited ability. A revolutionary take on an old debate.

