carefully selected villages with the expectation that their halo effect would spread throughout the country. Munk artfully observes how Sachs's infectious enthusiasm and optimism bring attention (and funding, including $120 million from George Soros) to the fledgling organization at home and abroad. Sachs ably illustrates how tactics like lacing mosquito nets with insecticides to fight malaria can make significant headway in achieving a larger goal of helping communities improve their circumstances and chances for funding, including $120 million from the John Birch Society, Claire grew up in Chicago in a house of harsh discipline and even harsher political extremism in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The opinions of Revilo Oliver, who became a well-known Holocaust denier, and the writings of Fred Koch (father of David and Charles Koch, who are major funders of right-wing political groups) were frequently heard at the breakfast table. Conner's political awakening is typical of college students in the 1960s, but her starting point was far more extreme than most young adults at the time. As late as 1961, Birch Society founder Robert Welch espoused the belief that former President Dwight Eisenhower was a communist and that the civil rights movement was part of a larger plan for a unified world government. Conner's secret teenage dissident prompted her and her siblings to find paths to mentally escape the family's politics without disturbing the peace. "My parents and I were in different universes," Conner writes. While she effectively sketches out the political divergence within her family, more could have been done to explore the psychological gap caused by her parents' zealotry and her emergent liberal beliefs. Agent: Jo Ann Deck, Gather Insight. (July)

Business Secrets of the Trappist Monks: One CEO's Quest for Meaning and Authenticity
Entrepreneur and corporate executive Turak, who spent 16 years working with the Trappist monks of Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner, S.C., argues that capitalism raises a moral conundrum, in which altruistic goals ("higher purpose, putting people first, and looking out for the customer") are sometimes at odds with boosting the bottom line. As Turak spent more time living and working among the monks, he realized that their successful economic model allowed for capitalism and selflessness to coexist. The monks have been successful not despite, but because of, their commitment to higher values and principles. Turak argues that the qualitative side of business—"things like mission, purpose, values, principles, integrity, ethics, service, and people"—is "critical to success." The monks, Turak suggests, can teach us how to keep "what is positive and productive about capitalism while transcending its ethical limitations and internal contradictions." Turak provides instructive case studies on how these ideas can play out in the business world. For those wishing for a more ethical approach to business, this book offers a viable option. (July)

Surgeon in Blue: Jonathan Letterman, the Civil War Doctor Who Pioneered Battlefield Care
2013 marks the 150th anniversary of
the deadliest battle ever fought on American soil. At Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, over the course of three days in July 1863, nearly 50,000 men lost their lives. But bloodshed isn’t the focus of this stirring tale. Instead, McGaugh (Battlefield Angels) focuses on Civil War surgeon Jonathan Letterman’s radical efforts to staunch the bleeding at Gettysburg, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. Union commander George McClellan called Letterman “the man for the occasion,” and McGaugh’s engrossing narrative bears this out. The innovative doctor devised an unheard-of approach to battlefield care that stressed organization and accountability, immediate evacuation for the injured, a healthy diet for convalescing soldiers, hygiene, and sharpening the skills and leadership of the medical corps in the heat of battle. In just 18 months, Letterman revolutionized battlefield medical care to cope with a new age of mass-casualty combat, and the legacy of the so-called “Letterman System” continues to inform battlefield care. In addition to being an incisive portrait of the great doctor and leader, McGaugh’s history is a testament to the brave men to whom Letterman dedicated his life. 30 b&w photos. Agent: Scott Mendel, Mendel Media Group LLC. (July)

The Universe in the Rearview Mirror: How Hidden Symmetries Shape Reality
Dave Goldberg. Dutton, $27.95 (336p) ISBN 978-0-525-95366-1

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Arnhem Lift: A German Jew in the Glider Pilot Regiment

Originally published in 1945, just a few months after Britain and the U.S. launched the Allied airborne Operation Market Garden to capture bridges across the Rhine, this brief, compelling narrative relates the travails of a German Jewish glider pilot who joined the British army and who took part in that failed mission. Hagen describes being holed up around Arnhem in the Netherlands with his fellow paratroopers and surrounded by enemies, fighting desperately for a week against hopeless odds. Incredibly, despite volunteering for numerous dangerous patrols, Hagen survived the battle without serious wounds and was later personally decorated by the King of England. This new edition of the book is supplemented by a German perspective of the battle, courtesy of a German officer whom the author befriended after the war, and Hagen adds a short description of his subsequent career in the British army and his fascinating return to the battlefield for a 50-year reunion. The author’s background, his direct involvement with many key leaders of the operation, and his lucid descriptions of combat make this a valuable and incredibly entertaining military history. (July)

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