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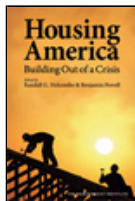
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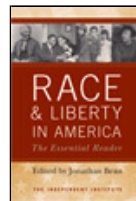


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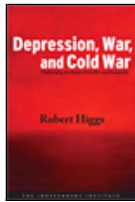
The authoritative book on housing costs and the government measures that have caused the crisis.



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Edited by Jonathan J. Bean  
This compelling documentary history reveals how classical liberals have shaped the history of America by fighting for abolitionism and equality under law.

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By Robert Higgs  
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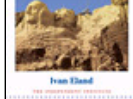
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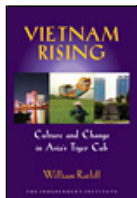
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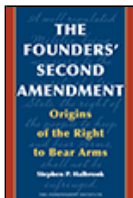
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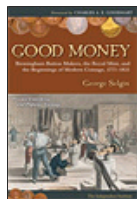
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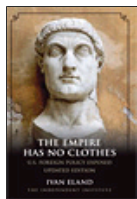
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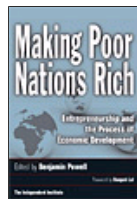
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