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cessive lengths of personation." Fanny had successive lengths almost beyond measure; she was a divorced Indiana mother of three; a San Francisco seamstress, cook, and gardener of unrelenting perfection; and a Paris artist of some ability and of great sensibility regarding line and color. Contrary to some opinion, Fanny was neither an intellectual nor adventuress. Pure emotion ruled her. RLS claimed to have been love-struck the first time he saw her through a half-open door. He was 25, she 36. Throughout their marriage, Fanny excited his imagination and love of adventure. She outlived Stevenson by 21 years, dying in 1915. For anyone who loves to read; highly recommended for all libraries.—*Robert L. Kelly, Fort Wayne Community Schs., Ind.*

Leslie, Kent Anderson.

Woman of Color, Daughter of Privilege: Amanda America Dickson, 1849–1893.

Univ. of Georgia Pr. 1995. c.240p. permanent paper. photogs. bibliog. index. LC 94-17033. ISBN 0-8203-1688-1. \$29.95. BIOG

When she died, Amanda America Dickson of Savannah, Georgia, reportedly was the richest African American woman in the South. Born into slavery, the offspring of Julia, a 13-year-old slave girl, and

David Dickson of Hancock County, Georgia, Julia's 40-year-old farmer master, Amanda was legally a slave until Emancipation. In 1885, David's carefully worded will promised Amanda, his only child, the bulk of his \$600,000 estate. Challenges to the Dickson legacy from David's white relatives called into question the legal rights of blacks and women, Georgia inheritance laws, and the murky familial relationships bred in slavery. Culling African American oral history, written records, and court transcripts, Leslie (women's studies, Oglethorpe Univ.) weaves together the fragments of the life of a mulatto ex-slave who in 1887 successfully fought legal challenges to take her rightful place as a wealthy black heiress. Recommended for African American and women's studies collections.—*Brenda M. Brock, Univ. at Buffalo*

Offit, Sidney. *Memoir of the Bookie's Son.*

Thomas Dunne Bk: St. Martin's. Jun. 1995. c.176p. ISBN 0-312-13140-2. \$18.95. AUTOBIOG

Buckley Offit, the author's father, was once described as "the biggest bookmaker in Maryland, maybe the entire United States of America." One of his son's first memories is of Buckley fighting off a kidnap attempt; later he remembers his father

buying his way out of a gambling rap. An unsavory underworld character, we might conclude, but Buckley Offit was also the man who inspired his wife to answer, "Bucky, my Bucky," when asked what had kept her alive for 90 years. And years later, when asked to recall the highlights of his life, he responded, "I think about Lily . . . about things we done together." There are many sides to a man, and Offit captures his father's here. Recommended for most public libraries.—*Jim Burns, Otumwa, Ia.*

Ritt, Michael J. Jr. & Kirk Landers.

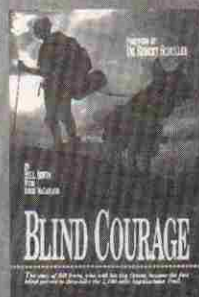
A Lifetime of Riches:

The Biography of Napoleon Hill.

Dutton. Jul. 1995. c.224p. permanent paper. photogs. index. ISBN 0-525-94001-4. \$24.95. BIOG

Think and Grow Rich! was Napoleon Hill's wildly successful motivational book. Written in 1938, it has been a best seller ever since. Interestingly, there has been no biography of this influential man until now—25 years after his death. Born Oliver Napoleon Hill into poverty in Appalachia, he was led by the influence of his stepmother from a troubled youth to the path to success. In a fateful meeting, Andrew Carnegie challenged Hill to set down the rules of achievement that em-

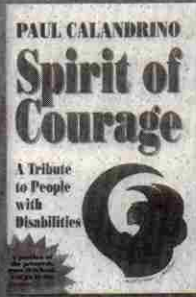
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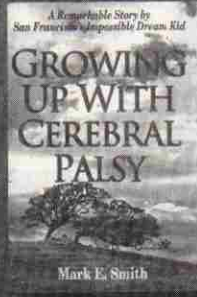
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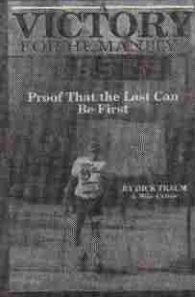
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