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***NEW RESOURCE GUIDE FROM UNIVERSITY PRESSES—
THE UNITED STATES AT WAR OFFERS RELEVANT
SCHOLARSHIP ON CURRENT EVENTS***

*Including book lists on Iraq, U.S. Foreign Policy, the Media in Wartime and
War Reporting, and Other Topics*

New York (March 26, 2003)— Books for Understanding, a free online project of the Association of American University Presses, has launched a special resource guide, “The United States at War,” to broaden understanding of the background of events in Iraq.

When nations go to war, the public’s attention is naturally focused on the daily (or, in the Internet age, hourly) news from the battlefield. Newspapers, TV, radio and web sites are keeping us informed of what is known about events on the ground and in the air of Iraq. Books are, of course, a more static resource, and can offer a different—though just as important—form of understanding of the war in Iraq.

“The United States at War” (<http://aaupnet.org/booksforunderstanding.html>) provides a variety of bibliographic guides for librarians, teachers, journalists, public officials, and concerned readers. Book lists are available on Iraq, the Persian Gulf War, United States Foreign Policy, Nuclear/Biological/Chemical Weapons, Terrorism, and other pertinent topics.

AAUP is also compiling several special subject bibliographies to complement existing resources. A book list on War Reporting and the Media in Wartime is now available online from Books for Understanding. Additional special subject lists are planned on the History and Future of the United Nations and Refugee Crises.

“We speak of ‘the fog of war’ that soldiers experience, but the fog of war is just as murky away from the battlefield, on our televisions and in our papers. In an era of instant, unconfirmed, conflicting reports and images, following what is happening in this war is difficult. Knowledge of the background of the present conflict helps us to a better understanding of the news from the front,” says Peter Givler, AAUP Executive Director.

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Examples of books found in this special resource:

The Media in Wartime

**Seeing Through the Media: The Persian Gulf War*,
edited by Susan Jeffords and Lauren Rabinovitz (Rutgers University Press).

**Media and Sovereignty: The Global Information Revolution and Its
Challenge to State Power*, by Monroe Price (The MIT Press).

Iraq

* *Baghdad Express: A Gulf War Memoir*, by Joel Turnipseed (Borealis Books).

**The Continuing Storm: Iraq, Poisonous Weapons, and Deterrence*,
by Avigdor Haselkorn (Yale University Press).

**Saddam's Word: Political Discourse in Iraq*, by Ofra Bengio
(Oxford University Press).

U.S. Foreign Policy

**American Patriotism in a Global Society*, by Betty Jean Craige
(State University of New York Press).

**Presidential Machismo: Executive Authority, Military Intervention,
and Foreign Relations*, by Alexander DeConde (Northeastern University Press).

**Operations Against Enemy Leaders*, by Stephen T. Hosmer (RAND).

Books for Understanding is a one-stop, easy-to-use online resource for anyone looking for in-depth background and expertise on today's news. Sponsored by AAUP, *Books for Understanding* features subject-specific bibliographies on the critically important topics in the headlines. It is a dynamic resource, new bibliographies are compiled when a major news story breaks or heated public debate takes place.

Books for Understanding was sparked by Sanford Thatcher, Director of Pennsylvania State University Press. Immediately after September 11, he noticed a surge of requests for two backlist titles on terrorism and approached AAUP with a request to compile a field-wide listing for people looking for information and insight. The Association of American University Presses is the world's largest organization of not-for-profit scholarly publishers. Formally established in 1937, AAUP promotes the work and influence of its 122 university press members.