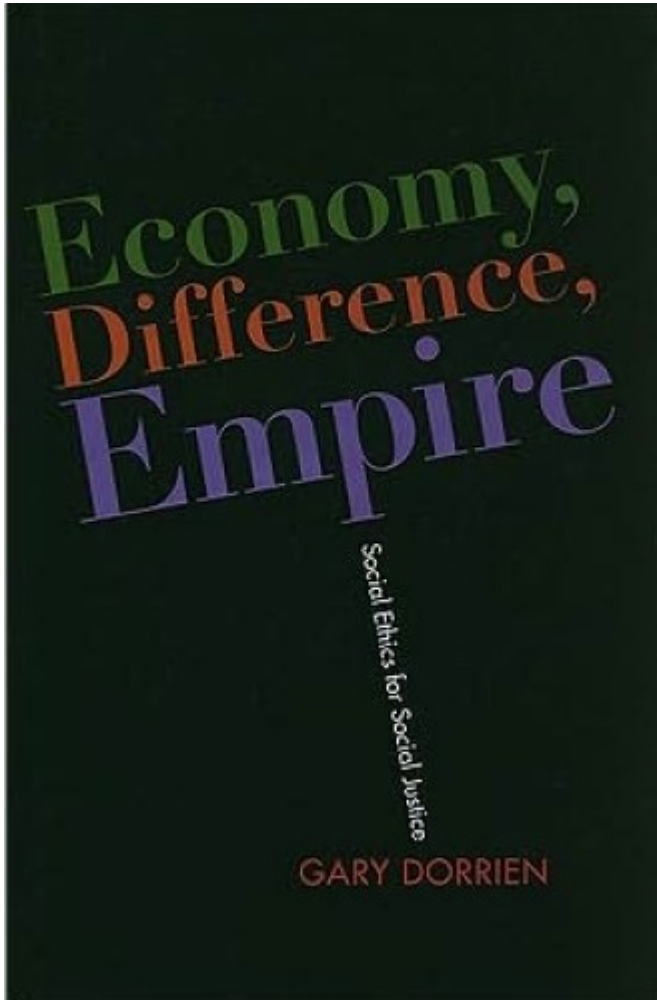


Summer reading list

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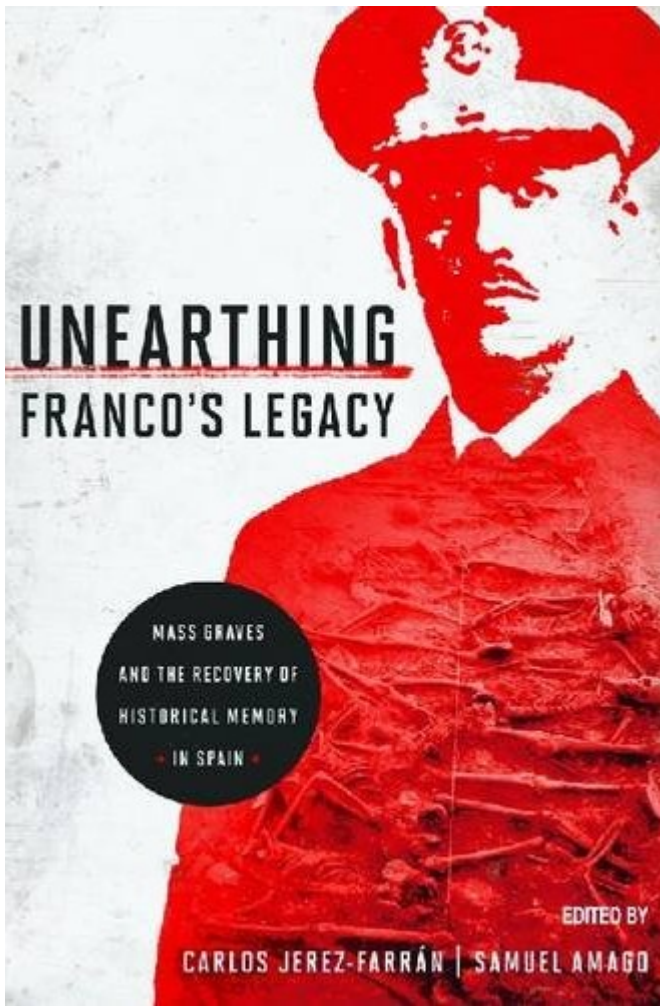
In Review



Economy, Difference, Empire

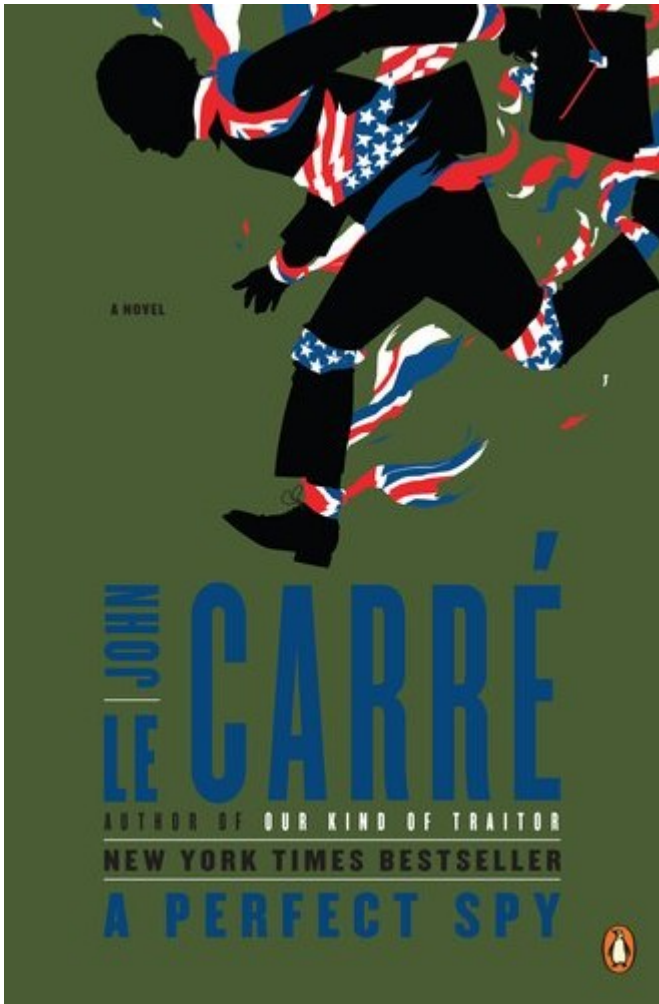
by Gary Dorrien

Columbia University Press



Unearthing Franco's Legacy

edited by Carlos Jerez-Farrán and Samuel Amago
University of Notre Dame Press



A Perfect Spy

by John le Carré
Penguin

What are you hoping to read this summer? We posed this question to the Century staff, a group of people with diverse tastes and interests. Along with commenting on our choices, feel free to post your own in the comments. --Ed.

Gary Dorrien's spring *Century* [article](#), which argued for economic as well as political democracy, whetted my appetite for the book that part of it was adapted from: *Economy, Difference, Empire: Social Ethics for Social Justice*.

Having temporarily assuaged my Hispanophile predilections with Giles Tremlett's trenchant *Ghosts of Spain: Travels Through Spain and Its Silent Past*, I hope to follow it up with a book in a similar vein: *Unearthing Franco's Legacy: Mass Graves and the Recovery of a Historical Memory in Spain*, a collection of essays edited by Carlos Jerez-Farrán and Samuel Amago.

My latest foray into fiction: John le Carré's disquieting and politically impassioned espionage novel *Absolute Friends*. It prompted me to put on my must-read list le Carré's highly acclaimed character study *A Perfect Spy* ("the best English novel since the war," says Philip Roth).