Across My Desk

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Publications Online

The magazine you’re holding is just one format of the available content. Some articles are just too long to fit into one issue so we’ve begun featuring longer versions online, what we like to call the “author’s cut.” Like a director’s cut of a movie, they include information from the original draft that is important but perhaps tangential to most readers of the printed magazine. And sometimes, there is enough reader demand for sharing articles as they are in the magazine that we post them right away just as printed. You can find a few of these at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/secondary.aspx?id=234/.

Each magazine typically includes two book reviews but readers can find many more on the History Center’s blog. These capsule-length reviews range from the Civil War to environmental issues to local histories. You can find the blog at http://senatorjohnheinzhistorycenter.blogspot.com.

The History Center holds an annual Holiday Book Fair and many of the authors are briefly interviewed at the event by President and CEO Andy Masich. These video clips are then posted on YouTube. I’ve also talked with two authors for lengthier interviews—Lisa Spahr and Jason Togyer—which you’ll find at the end of the list at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/secondary.aspx?id=289/.

Finally, an electronic edition of every magazine issue from 1918 through 2009 is available as a fully searchable PDF. Thousands of pages were scanned and made available through a collaboration with the Office of Digital Scholarly Publishing at Penn State University. You’ll find this amazing resource at http://tinyurl.com/WPHarchive/.

C. Prentiss Orr and Tripp Clarke discuss their book (co-authored by Abby Mendelson) Pittsburgh Born, Pittsburgh Bred (published by the History Center) at the annual book fair with Andy Masich.