

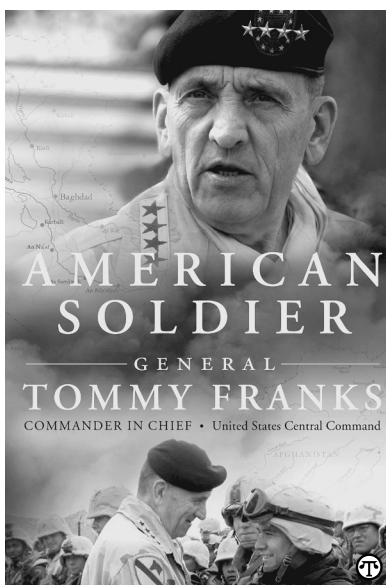
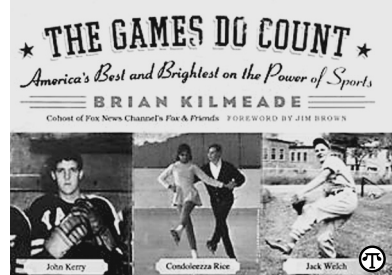
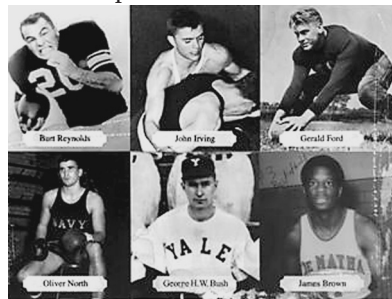
BOOKS WORTH READING

Reading Up On What To Give Everyone In Your Family

(NAPSA)—Whether reading tastes run to historical memoirs, what's winning about sports or what it takes to master everyday necessities, there's a gift book for everyone this holiday season.

One of this season's most fascinating reads takes a look at something Henry Kissinger, Jon Stewart, Condoleezza Rice and Jon Bon Jovi all have in common—playing sports. Sports taught these successful people and many others the skills necessary to excel in their respective careers as adults.

In **"The Games Do Count: America's Best and Brightest on the Power of Sports"** (ReganBooks, \$24.95), author and TV personality Brian Kilmeade presents 70 stories that offer insight into the power of sports. After years of interviewing celebrities, politicians and top businesspeople, Kilmeade found most successful people share a love of sports.



What does it take to make a hero? The answer may be found in **"American Soldier: General Tommy Franks"** (ReganBooks, \$27.95). Franks made history by leading American and Coalition forces to victory in Afghanistan and Iraq—decisive battles in the war on terrorism. Drawing on his own recollections and military records declassified for this book, Franks offers the first inside account of the war that has changed the world since Sept. 11, 2001.

In his memoir, Franks retraces his journey from a small town boyhood in Oklahoma and Texas through a lifetime of military service. A reform-minded Cold War commander and shrewd tactician during Operation Desert Storm, Franks took command of CENTCOM at the dawn of what he calls a "crease in history" in the most dangerous region on earth.

Having an edge is not just important on the battlefield, says Jane Buckingham, author of **"The Modern Girl's Guide to Life"** (ReganBooks, \$25.95)—and that's exactly what her new book offers. Buckingham, host of the Style Network's show by the same name, gives overworked—and often overwhelmed—young women an edge on everything from combating mildew to concocting the perfect dry martini, from nailing a job interview to jump-starting a car. Best of all, she makes it as simple and stress-free as possible with clever shortcuts and detours.

"It's about helping you juggle the demands placed on a modern girl gracefully, easily and perhaps even confidently," says Buckingham, owner of a successful consulting firm, who secretly felt like a failure until she learned to boil an egg. The book aces the art of housework, features fabulous entertaining tips and shores up your survival skills.

