Delve Deeper into "The Tailenders"
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This multi-media resource list, compiled by Penny Talbert of the Ephrata Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "The Tailenders" that premieres on July 25th, 2006 at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at www.pbs.org/pov/).

Global Recordings Network, founded in Los Angeles in 1939, has produced audio versions of Bible stories in over 5,500 languages, and aims to record in every language on earth. They distribute the recordings, along with ultra-low-tech hand-wind players, in isolated regions and among displaced migrant workers. GRN calls their target audience "the tailenders" because they are the last to be reached by worldwide evangelism. Filmed in the Solomon Islands, Mexico, India and the United States, "The Tailenders" is an unusual filmic essay that examines the missionaries' strategic use of media and the intersection of missionary activity and global capitalism.

ADULT NONFICTION


Deutscher, Guy. The Unfolding of Language: An Evolutionary Tour of Mankind's Greatest Invention. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2005. Deutscher, a University of Leiden specialist in Semitic languages, takes an intriguing look at both the human need to create order and our desire to communicate through words and meaning.


Gutierrez, David, ed. Between Two Worlds: Mexican Immigrants in the United States. Lanham, MD: SR Books, 1977. Examines the public idea that Mexican immigrants are responsible for the social, political and economic problems associated with immigration. This anthology is a great way to begin to understand the complexities of the immigration issue.


Newman, Jay. Religion and Technology. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1997. Newman discusses the relationship between religion and technology and explores the idea that both may be part of the other.

Noble, David. Forces of Production: A Social History Of Industrial Automation. New York: Knopf, 1984. Explores the metal-working industry and the automation that occurred to modernize industry. Nobles asserts that this automation was a societal process, and he discusses the forces that propelled this type of advancement and their consequences on business and society.


information to examine how languages thrive or perish.


White, Geoffrey. Identity through History: Living Stories in a Solomon Islands Society. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2003. To understand the way the people of Santa Isabel in the Solomon Islands see themselves, one must understand the history behind the people and how it shaped their identity. In this compelling book, White uses various forms of anthropology, both historical and psychological, to show how a community defines itself.

VIDEOS/DOCUMENTARIES

"End of the Spear." A film by Jim Hanon. Every Tribe Entertainment, 2006. (108 min.) The story of Mincayani, a Waodani tribesman from the jungles of Ecuador. When five young missionaries, among them Jim Elliot and Nate Saint, are speared to death by the Waodani in 1956, a series of events unfolds to change the lives of not only the slain missionaries’ families, but also Mincayani and his people.


"Hungry for Profit." A film by Robert Richter. Richter Videos, 2004. (86 min.) A documentary demonstrating the ever-increasing gap between the rich and poor nations of the world as exhibited in the global agribusiness system. Documenting the situations in five different continents, the film shows the transformation of the world’s food supply into a global supermarket.

"Merton: A Film Biography." A film by Paul Wilkes. First Run Features, 2004. (57 min.) A documentary exploring the life of Thomas Merton, a prolific Catholic author and social critic who was also a member of the Cistercian Order.


"Passion of the Christ." A film by Mel Gibson. 20th Century Fox, 2004. (127 min.) A dramatic interpretation of the events leading up to the demise of Jesus of Nazareth.


WEB SITES

P.O.V.’s “The Tailenders” www.pbs.org/pov/pov2006/tailenders/preview.html Includes an interview with the filmmaker, resources, special features and more.

Global Recordings Network http://globalrecordings.net/ Also the focus of "The Tailenders," GRN records Bible stories in an effort to reach groups without ample Christian resources.

Ethnologue: Languages of the World www.ethnologue.org/ A comprehensive online reference which catalogues 6,912 of the world’s known languages.

Languages by Country www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0855611.html A comprehensive listing of every language spoken in each country in the world.

The Linguist List www.linguistlist.org/ A linguist resource page providing extensive information on language and language analysis.

Global Issues That Affect Everyone: Causes of Poverty www.globalissues.org/TradeRelated/Poverty.asp
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A discussion of various economic arguments accounting for global poverty.

The World Bank – Policy Research Reports
A series of reports detailing the results of World Bank research on development policy.

World Atlas: Maps and Geography of the World
http://geography.about.com/library/maps/blindex.htm
A list of links to global and US maps.

American Heritage – Invention and Technology Magazine
www.inventionandtechnology.com/
A magazine dedicated to innovation in U.S. technology.

Recording Technology History
www.recording-history.org/
A website that provides a historical overview of the different cultural and technological aspects of sound recording technology.

International Mission Board
www.imb.org/core/default.asp
As an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, the IMB seeks to present the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The First Migrant Workers
www.farmworkers.org/immigrant.html
A brief historical account of the first migrant workers.

Definitions of Globalization
www.infed.org/biblio/defining_globalization.htm
A discussion of the theories behind the term "globalization," in addition to a list of links to further resources.