

travails, showmanship, and marketing ballyhoo ("The Wonder Show of the Universe"). Steinmeyer recovers, from the shadows of his greatest rival, a figure whose grandiose productions were an American institution for almost 30 years. (Feb. 3)

**UFOs: Myths, Conspiracies, and Realities**

John B. Alexander, foreword by Jacques F. Vallee, intro. by Burt Rutan. St. Martin's/Dunne, \$25.99 (336p) ISBN 978-0-312-64834-3

A former Green Beret commander and developer of weapons at Los Alamos, N. Mex., Alexander reviews major events in

UFO history, finding both facts and flaws: "The gulf between the public's opinion of UFOs and what most scientists believe regarding them is cavernous." During the 1980s, Alexander organized an interagency group to explore the evidence, with participants from the military, CIA, and aerospace industry examining classic cases, including Roswell; the Gulf Breeze, Fla., photos; and unexplained incidents occurring within the U.S. strategic defense systems (such as sightings by NORAD installations), plus claims of reverse engineering on captured crafts; the Phoenix Lights, which Arizona's governor at the time ad-

mitted witnessing; and the documented radiation poisoning suffered by Betty Cash and Vicky Landrum after their reported 1980 encounter near Houston. Alexander succeeds in separating solid facts and credible witnesses from the myths and conspiracy theorists. Determining that UFOs, while real, are "beyond current comprehension," he sees the extraterrestrial hypothesis as too narrow. UFOs remain an enigma, he concludes, since "every time we think we have an answer, new observations make the problem more complex." 8 pages of b&w photos. (Feb.)

**LOVE'S LABOR**

For Valentine's Day, some famous lovers and the science of passion.

**Great Philosophers Who Failed at Love**

Andrew Shaffer. Harper Perennial, \$12.99 trade paper (208p) ISBN 978-0-06-196981-2

Shaffer's jaunty compendium of highbrow heartbreak provides proof positive that even the most brilliant of minds can fall afoul of Cupid—and offers some measure of hope to the lovelorn. He profiles 37 great Western thinkers, detailing the

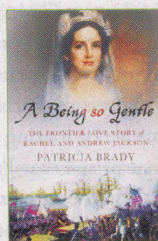


sometimes lurid, always disastrous ways their love lives imploded. The brisk biographies paint a picture of the pitfalls of marriage, dating, and love, but also a philosophy primer. And after learning that Louis Althusser "accidentally" murdered his wife, that Albert Camus divorced his wife after discovering she was sleeping with a doctor in exchange for morphine, that Friedrich Nietzsche engaged in sexual intercourse on several occasions "on doctor's orders," and that Martin Heidegger discovered his son was the product of an affair between his wife and a family friend, almost everyone will feel better about his or her love life. (Jan.)

**A Being So Gentle: The Frontier Love Story of Rachel and Andrew Jackson**

Patricia Brady. Palgrave Macmillan, \$26 (272p) ISBN 978-0-230-60950-1

"Their greatest happiness was being together, and they were miserable when apart." But Andrew and Rachel Jackson's marriage led to vicious smears during the 1828 presidential campaign, when opponents labeled Rachel an adulteress, bigamist, and whore. The Jacksons' adoring 40-year marriage, in fact, began with an elopement while Rachel was still married to a successful but overly possessive mer-



chant. Unable legally to seek a divorce after she fell in love with Jackson, her mother's lodger, Rachel fled with him to Mississippi and Kentucky, and the legality of their marriage remained opaque. Following Rachel's death soon after his election as president, Jackson "mourned [her] every day for the rest of his life." In a narrative more simplistic than nuanced, Brady (*Martha Washington*) nevertheless spins an absorbing tale of lovers in adversity and reveals the humanity of an ambitious, calculating politician. 16 pages of b&w illus. (Feb.)

**Attached: The New Science of Adult Attachment and How It Can Help You Find—and Keep—Love**  
Amir Levine, M.D., and Rachel S.F. Heller. Tarcher, \$24.95 (304p) ISBN 978-1-58542-848-9

According to psychiatrist and neuroscientist Levine and social psychologist Heller, one's adult romantic partnerships have patterns similar to those one has as a child with one's parents. Our individual attachment styles are thus, they conclude, hardwired into our brains. Focusing on three main attachment styles (secure, anxious, and avoidant), the authors explain the biological facts behind our relationship needs, teach readers how to identify their own and loved ones' attachment styles, and warn of the emotional price of connecting with someone with drastically different intimacy needs. Teaching readers communication skills to breach these differences, the authors stress that people have very different capacities for intimacy, and that partners must ensure each other's emotional well-being. Chock-full of tips, questionnaires, and case studies, this is a solidly researched and intriguing approach to the perennial trials of "looking for love in all the right places" and improving existing relationships. (Jan.)

