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Bartrop, Paul R. **Fifty key thinkers on the Holocaust and genocide**, by Paul R. Bartrop and Steven Leonard Jacobs. Routledge, 2011. 317p bibl index ISBN 9780415775502, \$110.00; ISBN 9780415775519 pbk, \$29.95; ISBN 9780203846025 e-book, \$29.95

Bartrop (Bialik College, Melbourne), coauthor of *Dictionary of Genocide* with S. Totten (CH, Jun'08, 45-5360), and Jacobs (Univ. of Alabama), coeditor of *Confronting Genocide* with M. I. Sherman (CH, Feb'10, 47-3096), have selected the 50 "key thinkers" in the relatively young fields of Holocaust and genocide studies. They take pains in the introduction to stress that those included are not necessarily the "best" (though some are), but rather individuals who have had sustained careers and whose writings have expanded the parameters of their fields. Entries average about six pages and provide biographical and critical information, brief illustrative excerpts from writings, a list of the author's major writings, and short reference lists. They are divided about equally between the Holocaust and genocide, and include historians, political scientists, sociologists, theologians, anthropologists, and literary scholars. Somewhat more than half were born in the US, but also

included are representatives from Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, and the Middle East. Arguing with the choice of who was included is difficult, but the prominent names left out, e.g., Donald Kenrick and Richard Lukas, make one wish the book were not limited to 50. **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ Lower-level undergraduates through researchers/faculty.—*J. A. Drobnicki, York College, CUNY*