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The Source: a guidebook to American genealogy, ed. by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. 3rd ed. Ancestry, 2006. 965p bibl index afp ISBN 1593312776, \$49.95

First published in 1984 and revised in 1997, this work, now in its third edition, features some of the same contributors and topics, along with new ones. Following introductory articles on the basics of genealogical research and the use of computers, chapters cover different types of records (e.g., census, church, court, immigration, military, vital) and the fundamentals of research on different ethnic groups (e.g., African American, Hispanic, Jewish American, and Native American). In the revised and updated chapters, even more emphasis has been placed on computers and technology. Many contributors are recognized experts in their respective areas of specialization, including Gary Mokotoff (Jewish) and Tony Burroughs (African American). New to this edition are chapters titled "Colonial English Research" and "Colonial Spanish Borderland Research." Each chapter contains source notes

and a list of references. Eight appendixes provide information on associations, societies, the LDS Family History Library, the National Archives, and state archives. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* by Val D. Greenwood (2nd ed., CH, Oct'90, 28-0693; 3rd ed., 2000) covers many of the same topics, but not in as much depth as *The Source*. **Summing Up:** Essential. All genealogy collection; all levels.—*J. A. Drobnicki, York College, CUNY*