

# Delve Deeper into "Bright Leaves"

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This multi-media resource list, compiled by Mary Cella of the St Charles 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 "Bright Leaves" that premieres on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at [www.pbs.org/pov/](http://www.pbs.org/pov/)).

What legacy is passed down to generations when a family is a giant tobacco producer? Filmmaker Ross McElwee (Sherman's March, "Time Indefinite" – P.O.V. 1994), whose great-grandfather created the famous Bull Durham brand in his native North Carolina, takes viewers on an autobiographical journey across that state's social, economic and psychological tobacco terrain. Wise and wry, this meditation on the allure of cigarettes looks at loss and preservation, addiction and denial. "Bright Leaves" also examines filmmaking itself, as McElwee grapples with home movies, a vintage Hollywood melodrama and his own efforts to document North Carolina and his family.

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## ADULT NONFICTION

### SMOKING AND TOBACCO

Bailey, William Everett. *The Invisible Drug*. Houston, TX: Mosaic Publications, 1996. Describes the history and significance of cigarette smoking.

Balkin, Karen F. (ed.). *Tobacco and Smoking*. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2005. Offers opposing viewpoints on the controversial issue of smoking.

Gately, Iain. *La Diva Nicotina: the Story of How Tobacco Seduced the World*. London, U.K.: Simon & Schuster, 2001. Traces the history of tobacco in society.

Gately, Iain. *Tobacco: A Cultural History of How an Exotic Plant Seduced Civilization*. New York: Grove Press, 2002. A cultural history of tobacco's influence on the world.

Glantz, Stanton A. et al. *The Cigarette Papers*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1996. Explores documents from the tobacco industry about the harms of cigarette smoking.

Goodman, Jordan. *Tobacco in History: the Cultures of Dependence*. New York: Routledge, 1993. Describes both the past and present role of tobacco in society.

Heyes, Eileen. *Tobacco, U.S.A.: the Industry Behind the Smoke Curtain*. Brookfield, CT: Twenty-First Century Books, 1999. An introduction to the tobacco industry in the United States.

Hirschfelder, Arlene B. *Encyclopedia of Smoking and Tobacco*. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1999. A reference book on smoking and tobacco.

Kessler, David. *A Question of Intent: a Great American Battle with a Deadly Industry*. New York: Public Affairs, 2001. An in-depth look at the tobacco industry and their practices.

*Kicking Butts: Quit Smoking and Take Charge of Your Health*. Atlanta, GA: American Society, 2003. A guide to quitting smoking.

Kluger, Richard. *Ashes to Ashes: America's Hundred-Year Cigarette War, the Public Health, and the Unabashed Triumph of Philip Morris*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1996. Follows the history and cultural significance of cigarette smoking.

Lang, Susan. *Teens & Tobacco: a Fatal Attraction*. New York: Twenty-first Century Books, 1996. Discusses the effect of smoking on teenagers and why they smoke.

Marcus, Bess. *How to Quit Smoking Without Gaining Weight*. New York: Pocket Books, 2004. A guide to quitting smoking healthily.

McCuen, Gary E. *Tobacco: People, Profits & Public Health*. Hudson, WI: GEM Publishing,

Inc., 1997. Discusses the impact of tobacco on public health.

Moyer, David B. *The Tobacco Book: a Reference Guide of Facts, Figures and Quotations About Tobacco*. Santa Fe, NM: Sunstone Press, 2005. A comprehensive reference guide about all aspects of tobacco.

National Cancer Policy Board. *Taking Action to Reduce Tobacco Use*. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1998. Provides facts about smoking and tips on how to quit smoking.

Newton, Corky. *Generation Risk: How to Protect Your Teenager from Smoking and Other Dangerous Behavior*. New York: M. Evans, 2001. Examines the connection between teen smoking and social, psychological, and cultural issues.

Oxford, D. (ed.). *Tobacco: Production, Chemistry and Technology*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Science, 1999. Details the scientific aspects of the tobacco industry.

Pampel, Fred C. *Library in a Book: Tobacco Industry and Smoking*. New York: Facts on File, 2004. A reference book about the tobacco industry and smoking.

Parker-Pope, Tara. *Cigarettes: Anatomy of an Industry from Seed to Smoke*. New York: New Press, 2001. Examines the history of smoking and the current tobacco industry's marketing strategies.

Pertschuk, Michael. *Smoke in Their Eyes: Lessons in Movement Leadership from the Tobacco Wars*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press, 2001. Covers the political side of the smoking controversy.

Prince, Eldred E. *Long Green: the Rise and Fall of Tobacco in South Carolina*. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2000. An historical account of the tobacco industry in South Carolina.

Reynolds, Patrick. *The Gilded Leaf: Triumph, Tragedy and Tobacco: Three Generations of the R. J. Reynolds Family and*

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**Fortune.** Boston: Little, Brown, 1989. The story of the Reynolds family, who accumulated their wealth from the tobacco industry.

**Schwebel, Robert.** *How to Help Your Kids Choose to Be Tobacco-Free: a Guide for Parents of Children Ages 3 Through 19.* New York: Newmarket Press, 1999.

Provides helpful advice for parents about preventing their children from smoking.

**Stephenson Jr., Frank E.** *Tobacco Market, Ahoskie, N.C.* Murfreesboro, NC: Meherrin River Press, 1997. A photographic documentary about tobacco farming.

**Whelan, Elizabeth.** *Cigarettes: What the Warning Label Doesn't Tell You: the First Comprehensive Guide to the Health Consequences of Smoking.* New York: Prometheus Books, 1997. Explores the health risks of smoking.

**Zegart, Dan.** *Civil Warriors: the Legal Siege on the Tobacco Industry.* New York: Delacorte Press, 2000. An in-depth look behind the scenes of the tobacco industry trials.

## FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

**Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo.** (ed.). *The Family Tree Resource Book for Genealogists.* Cincinnati, OH: Family Tree Books, 2004. A genealogy reference book with data, timelines, and research summaries for tracing American roots.

**Carmack, Sharon.** *Organizing Your Family History Search: Efficient and Effective Ways to Gather and Protect Your Genealogical Research.* Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, 1999. Explores different organizational methods for genealogical research.

**Carson, Dina.** (ed.). *Directory of Genealogical and Historical Libraries, Archives, and Collections in the U.S. and Canada: 2005.* Niwot, CO: Iron

**Gate Pub., 2005.** A comprehensive directory of archives and museum collections for genealogical research.

**Croom, Emily.** *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook.* Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, 2003. A detailed reference book on genealogical research.

**Crume, Rick.** *Plugging into Your Past: How to Find Real Family History Records Online.* Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, 2004. An instructional book about researching genealogy on the Internet.

**Drake, Paul.** *You Ought to Write All That Down: a Guide to Organizing and Writing Genealogical Narrative.* Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 2004. A comprehensive guide to writing a genealogical narrative.

**Eale, Anne Bruner.** (ed.). *United States. National Archives and Records Administration. Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives.* Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2000. Details how to use the national archives for genealogical research.

**Hatcher, Patricia Law.** *Producing a Quality Family History.* Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestor, 1997. Step by step guide on how to create a functional family record.

**Huberman, Rob and Laura.** *How to Create a Video Family History: the Complete Guide to Interviewing and Taping Your Family's Stories and Memories.* Margate, NJ: ComteQ Communications, LLC, 2003. A guide to creating a video family history.

**Kemphorne, Charley.** *For All Time: A Complete Guide to Writing Your Family History.* Portsmouth, NH: Boynton/Cook, 1996. Offers unique methods for writing a family history.

**Melnik, Marcia Yannizze.** *Family History 101: a Beginner's Guide to Finding Your Ancestors.* Cincinnati, OH: Family Tree

**Books, 2005.** A beginners guide to genealogy.

**Pfeiffer, Laura Szucs.** *Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places.* Orem, UT: Ancestry, 2000. A unique source book for genealogical research.

**Roberts, Ralph.** *Genealogy Via the Internet: Tracing Your Family Roots Quickly and Easily: Computerized Genealogy in Plain English.* Alexander, NC: Alexander Books, 2003. A guide to using the computer for genealogical research.

**Rose, Christine.** *Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures.* San Jose, CA: CR Publications, 2004. A comprehensive guide to courthouse records for genealogical research.

**Slawson, Mary H.** *Getting It Right: the Definitive Guide to Recording Family History Accurately.* Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book Company, 2002. A style guide for genealogical research.

**Sturdevant, Katherine Scott and Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.** *Bringing Your Family History to Life Through Social History.* Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, 2000. A resource book for genealogy.

**Szucs, Loretta Dennis.** *Family History Made Easy: a Step-By-Step Guide to Discovering Your Heritage.* Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, 1998. Details the basics of genealogical research.

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## ADULT FICTION

**Beard, Richard.** *X20.* New York: Arcade Pub., 1997. A story about Gregory Simpson's life when he attempts to quit smoking.

**Buckley, Christopher.** *Thank You for Smoking.* New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1995. A narrative about a smoking advocate in a society of non-smokers.

**Caldwell, Erskine.** *Tobacco Road.* Athens, GA: University of

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Georgia Press, 1995. Published in 1932, the story is about the hard lives of a poor family in the south during the depression.

**Champion, David. *Nobody Roots for Goliath*. Santa Barbara, CA: Allen A. Knoll Publishers, 1996.**

This book follows Todd Hansen as he investigates a tobacco case for his famous father, lawyer Bomber Hansen.

**Grisham, John. *The Runaway Jury*. New York: Doubleday, 1996.** A thriller novel that follows a huge tobacco lawsuit and a mysterious young man who has the power to sway the jury.

**Katkov, Norman. *Millionaires Row*. New York: Dutton, 1996.** Set in the south in the 1930s, the story of a vast tobacco empire is interwoven with murder and greed, loosely based on the real-life death of a R.J. Reynolds tobacco heir.

**Martin, Eric. *Luck: a Novel*. New York: W. W. Norton, 2000.** Chronicles the summer in a small North Carolina tobacco farming community.

**Mills, Kyle. *Smoke Screen*. New York: Putnam, 2003.** After several unexpected promotions, Trevor Barnett is made the main spokesman for a tobacco industry about to collapse. When the industry stops manufacturing and recalls existing products, he bears the brunt of the backlash from enraged smokers and a government that has lost one of its main sources of revenue.

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## NONFICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS

**Beller, Susan Provost. *Roots for Kids: a Genealogy Guide for Young People*. White Hall, VA: Betterway Publications, 1989.** Introduces young readers to genealogy and research methods.

**Bernards, Neal. *Advertising: Distinguishing Between Fact and Opinions*. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 1991.** Analyzes and debates the effect of advertising.

**Cooper, Kay. *Where Did You Get Those Eyes? : A Guide to Discovering Your Family History*. New York: Walker, 1988.** A basic guide for researching the family tree.

**DeAngelis, Gina. *Nicotine & Cigarettes*. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House, 1999.** Covers basic information about nicotine and cigarettes.

**Douglas, Ann. *The Family Tree Detective: Cracking the Case of Your Family's Story*. Toronto: Owl Books, 1999.** This book describes a simple and fun method for genealogical research.

**Gale, Stewart. *Smoking*. San Diego, CA: Kidhaven Press, 2003.** An informational book on all aspects of smoking.

**Hirschfelder, Arlene B. *Kick Butts: a Kid's Action Guide to a Tobacco-Free America*. Parsippany, NJ: Julian Messner, 1998.** This guide suggests multiple ways to create a smoke-free society through research and campaigns.

**Hudson, David L. *Smoking Bans*. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House, 2004.** Debates both sides of the controversial smoking issue.

**Kranz, Rachel. *Straight Talk About Smoking*. New York: Facts on File, 1999.** Presents the facts about smoking and prevention tips.

**Landau, Elaine. *Cigarettes*. New York: F. Watts, 2003.** Covers all aspects of smoking, including, health issues, prevention tips, and quitting methods.

**Moe, Barbara. *Teen Smoking and Tobacco Use: a Hot Issue*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2000.** Details the facts of smoking and debates the issue.

**Powell, Jillian. *Why Do People Smoke?* Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 2001.** Examines the social pressures of smoking.

**Royston, Angela. *Learn to Say No! Tobacco*. Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2000.** Discusses the health effects of tobacco and gives advice on how to keep from smoking.

**Taylor, Maureen Alice. *Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999.** This guide is an easy resource for family history research.

**Traynor, Pete. *Cigarettes, Cigarettes: the Dirty Rotten Truth About Tobacco*. Mt. Airy, MD: Sights Productions, 1992.** Children's book about the dangers of tobacco.

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## FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS

**Brenneman, Tim. *Jimmie Boogie Learns About Smoking*. Orville, OH: Grand Unification Press, 2001.** A story about Jimmie and the health risks of smoking.

**Cameron, Ann. *More Stories Huey Tells*. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1997.** A story about Huey and his family including his father who smokes.

**Dutton, Cheryl. *Not in Here, Dad!* New York: Barron's, 1989.** Dad decides to quit smoking after his family expresses concern.

**Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry and the Green Slime*. New York: Puffin Books, 1989.** This book tells the story of best friends Harry and Doug as they entertain their classmates with practical jokes.

**Koss, Amy. *Smoke Screen*. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co. Publications, 2000.** Instead of telling her classmates that her mother is trying to quit smoking, Mitzi tells a lie that has more of an effect on her class than she expected.

**Older, Jules. *Don't Start: a Book About Smoking*. New York: Golden Book, 1986.** A group of concerned children try to convince their parents to stop smoking.

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## VIDEOS/DOCUMENTARIES

**"The Dangers of Smoking."** Schlessinger Media. 1999. (23 min.) An educational film about the health problems associated with smoking.

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**"Family Roots Organizer." The Studio. 2000. (115 min.)** Mary E. Vassel, an accredited genealogist, explains organizational methods for tracing family history.

**"Finding Your Family History in the Attic." 123 Genealogy. 2003. (73 min.)** A video guide to tracing and recording family history.

**"I Identifying and Dating Your Family Photographs." 123 Genealogy. 2003. (75 min.)** This film teaches you how to examine family photographs and discover family histories.

**"Do Your Family Tree." Produced and directed by Richard Boddington. Horizon HomeVideo. 1991. (100 min.)** This educational video set presents a variety of genealogical research techniques.

**"The Insider." Directed by Michael Mann. Touchstone Home Video. 1999. (158 min.)** Based on a true story, the film follows a CBS *60 minutes* producer as he struggles to air an episode about malpractices in the tobacco industry.

**"Kickin' Butts: How to Put Out Your Last Cigarette." Crime Prevention Resources. 2000. (24 min.)** Follows a woman as she attempts to quit smoking.

**"Learning Genealogy. Com." A film by Rhonda McClure. 123 Genealogy. 2003. (63 min.)** An instructional film about the genealogical website, genealogy.com.

**"Looking at Home." KBYU Brigham Young University. (30 min.)** Shows how to find sources of information at home.

**"Preserving Your Family History with Multimedia." 123 Genealogy. 2003. (55 min.)** Focuses on digital image devices for preserving family history.

**"Why Kids Smoke." Schlessinger Media. 1999. (23 min.)** An educational film about kids and smoking.

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## JUVENILE VIDEO

**"Tobacco: What About It?" MarshMedia. 2001. (13 min.)** In this educational film, Janet must decide whether she wants to start smoking.

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## WEB SITES

[www.pbs.org/pov/pov2005/brightleaves](http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2005/brightleaves)  
The P.O.V website for *Bright Leaves*.

## TOBACCO AND SMOKING

[www.ash.org](http://www.ash.org)  
Covers aspects of smoking that relate to cancer, allergies, heart attack, stroke and nonsmokers' rights.

[www.infact.org](http://www.infact.org)  
National grassroots organization founded in 1977 (Nestle and GE boycotts) that highlights information about tobacco.

[www.library.ucsf.edu/tobacco](http://www.library.ucsf.edu/tobacco)  
UCSF's archive of important and former secret documents concerning the tobacco industry.

[www.quit tobacco.com](http://www.quit tobacco.com)  
Assists dentists in helping their patients to quit smoking and chewing tobacco.

[www.rjrt.com](http://www.rjrt.com)  
The web page for R.J. Reynolds, the second largest tobacco company in the United States.

[www.tobaccodocuments.org](http://www.tobaccodocuments.org)  
Contains over 4 million tobacco industry documents.

[www.tobaccofreekids.org/](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/)  
Attempts to educate children on the dangers of smoking through an awareness campaign.

[www.tobacco.neu.edu/](http://www.tobacco.neu.edu/)  
Information from Northeastern University School of Law (Boston) about tobacco trials.

## GENEALOGY

[www.archives.gov/research\\_room/genealogy](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy)

Genealogy resources available at the National Archives and Records Administration.

[www.EllisIsland.org](http://www.EllisIsland.org)  
Search passenger lists by name.

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
Family history and genealogy records.

[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)  
Discover and preserve family history.

[www.gengateway.com](http://www.gengateway.com)  
Family history and ancestry.

[www.genealogytoday.com](http://www.genealogytoday.com)  
Family tree history, ancestry databases, and search tools.

[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)  
Oldest and largest genealogy website.

[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)  
Volunteers provide Internet access to genealogy information on the county level through the United States.