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- 1979—Elizabeth L. Eisenstein, *The Printing Press as an Agent of Change, Volumes I & II*
Cambridge University Press
- 1980—Frank E. Manuel and Fritzie P. Manuel
Utopian Thought in the Western World
Belknap—Harvard University Press
- 1981—George M. Fredrickson, *White Supremacy: A Comparative Study in American and South African History*
Oxford University Press
- 1982—Robert Nozick, *Philosophical Explanations*
Belknap—Harvard University Press
- 1983—Daniel Joseph Singal, *The War Within: From Victorian to Modernist Thought in the South, 1919–1945*
University of North Carolina Press