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- BRADLEY, *No Place to Hide*
CAMUS, *The Plague*
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CONANT, *Education in a Divided World*
CRANKSHAW, *Russia and the Russians*
EISENHOWER, *Crusade in Europe*
EVATT, *The United Nations*
FAIRBANK, *The United States and China*
FAULKNER, *Intruder in the Dust*
FREEMAN, *George Washington* (Vols. 1-2)
GANDHI, *Gandhi's Autobiography*
GIEDION, *Mechanization Takes Command*
GREENE, *The Heart of the Matter*
HAMILTON, *Witness to the Truth*
HULL, *The Memoirs of Cordell Hull*
JOY AND ARNOLD, *The Africa of Albert Schweitzer*
KINSEY AND OTHERS, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*
KRUTCH, *Henry David Thoreau*
LA GUARDIA, *The Making of an Insurgent*
LASKI, *The American Democracy*
LECOMTE DU NOÛY, *The Road to Reason*
LOCKRIDGE, *Raintree County*
LOMAX, *Folk Song U.S.A.*
MCWILLIAMS, *A Mask for Privilege*
MAILER, *The Naked and the Dead*
MALONE, *Jefferson and His Time* (Vol. 1)
MANN, *Dr. Faustus*
MEARNS, *The Lincoln Papers*
MERTON, *The Seven Storey Mountain*
PATON, *Cry, the Beloved Country*
PLIVIER, *Stalingrad*
RUSSELL, *Human Knowledge*
SANDBURG, *Remembrance Rock*
SHAW, *The Young Lions*
SHERWOOD, *Roosevelt and Hopkins*
SITWELL, *Laughter in the Next Room*
SPILLER AND OTHERS, *Literary History of the United States*
STEWART, *Fire*
STILWELL, *The Stilwell Papers*
STIMSON, *On Active Service in Peace and War*
TAYLOR, *The Taste of Angels*
TOYNBEE, *Civilization on Trial*
VAN DOREN, *The Great Rehearsal*
VOGT, *Road to Survival*
WARD, *The West at Bay*
WECTER, *The Age of the Great Depression, 1929-1941*
WELLES, *We Need Not Fail*
WHITE, *Man Called White*
WILDER, *The Ides of March*

AS A BASIS for the selection of the "Fifty Notable Books of 1948" list, over four hundred titles were suggested by staff committees of twenty-eight selected libraries, including the St. Louis Public Library, and a few individual book authorities. After careful study of the submitted titles, a committee of the St. Louis Public Library staff made a tentative selection of fifty notable books plus a list of thirty-one marginal titles which might be considered as possible substitutions. These two lists were sent to the original list of contributors. As a result of second scrutiny and criticisms, the local committee withdrew eight titles from the tentative list and added eight titles from the list of possible substitutions.

The final list is composed of American publications for adult readers published in the United States during 1948. Titles were chosen which the committee considered outstanding because of their usefulness, timeliness, or their contribution to permanent literature.

This year the list is released as the A.L.A. Division of Public Libraries list of "Fifty Notable Books of 1948."

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