NOTABLE BOOKS of 1957

Agar, Herbert
The Price of Power
An appraisal of America's new role in world politics since World War II.
University of Chicago

Agee, James
Death in the Family
The effect of the sudden, meaningless death of a young father on the lives of his wife and their two small children, told with compassion and understanding.
McCullough, Obolensky

Allen, Robert P.
On the Trail of Vanishing Birds
The efforts during the last twenty-five years on the part of the research director of National Audubon Society to save from extinction three beautiful species of North American birds: the American flamingo, the roseate spoonbill and the whooping crane.
McGraw

Bedford, Sybille
A Legacy
The interrelationships of the members of two influential families in pre-World War I Germany.
Simon & Schuster

Bone, Edith
7 Years' Solitary
The efforts of a human being — in this case a woman of over seventy — to keep her integrity, sanity and dignity against seven years' subjection to the horrors and indignity of a Communist prison cell.
Harcourt

Bowen, Catherine D.
The Lion and the Throne: the Life and times of Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634)
One of the most dramatic eras of British history is recaptured with clarity and accuracy. This is the third biography in a triad including Holmes and Adams.
Little

Brooks, Van Wyck
Days of the Phoenix: the Nineteen-Twenties I Remember
Similar in tone and content to the first volume of Mr. Brooks' autobiographical ruminations, Scenes and Portraits, this describes the people he knew, the places he visited and his emerging philosophy of life.
Dutton

Burlingame, Roger
The American Conscience
The influence of the early Pilgrims and their dealings with the Indians, the treatment of minority groups, and early economic practices all left an indelible stamp on the national conscience.
Knopf

Chase, Mary E.
The Edge of Darkness
A Maine fishing hamlet comes to life with compassionate understanding as Miss Chase recounts the events which centered around the funeral of one of the oldest inhabitants.
Norton

Church, Richard
The Golden Sovereign
The author's poetic writing comes through this self-revelation with charm and subtlety as Mr. Church continues his reminiscences begun in Over the Bridge.
Dutton

Churchill, Winston L. S.
The Age of Revolution
The third volume in the monumental A history of the English-speaking peoples this covers the years 1688-1815 and includes a vivid account of three major revolutions — the English Revolution of 1648, the American Revolution and the French Revolution.
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Coit, Margaret L.  
Mr. Baruch  
The biography of a great American depicted with clarity against the background of his country’s development.  
Houghton

Connell, Brian  
A Watcher on the Rhine; an Appraisal of Germany Today  
A report on the social, economic and political forces at work in Germany during the post-war era.  
Morrow

Coon, Carleton S.  
The Seven Caves  
A personal adventure in anthropological archaeology which centers interest on explorations in the Middle East.  
Knopf

Cozzens, James G.  
By Love Possessed  
From the focal point of forty-nine hours in the life of Arthur Winner, a lawyer in a small East-coast town, the author explores — pro and con — many kinds of love and the effect on those who love and are loved.  
Harcourt

Djilas, Milovan  
The New Class: An Analysis of the Communist System  
An objective yet incisive analysis by an ex-Communist who is not afraid to state facts as he sees them.  
Praeger

Durant, William J.  
The Reformation  
A history of European civilization from Wyclif to Calvin, the sixth volume in the author’s The Story of Civilization.  
Simon & Schuster

Djilas, Milovan  
Seal Morning  
Life with the strange members of the animal family which the author and her aunt collected on their croft in a remote section of northern Scotland.  
Rinehart

Flanner, Janet  
Men and Monuments  
Five essays which portray the contributions to art made by Matisse, Picasso and Braque; the works of André Malraux and the acquisition of masterpieces by the arch “collector,” Hermann Goering.  
Harpur

Hamilton, Edith  
The Echo of Greece  
An interpretative essay on the Greek way of life during the fourth century B.C. which carries within its thesis a warning for our times.  
Norton

Hamilton, Edith  
Poets in a Landscape  
The personal lives and literary careers of seven Latin poets, Catullus, Virgil, Properlius, Horace, Tibullus, Ovid and Juvenal.  
Knopf

Janson, H. W. and Dora J.  
The Picture History of Painting — from Cave Painting to Modern Times  
 Abrams

Johnson, Gerald W.  
The Lunatic Fringe  
Sketches of thirteen Americans who were considered nonconformists by their contemporaries.  
Lippincott

Kissinger, Henry A.  
Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy  
A clear warning that America must be constantly on the alert if freedom is not to be lost through a succession of little wars, unsuccessfully concluded.  
Harper

Lea, Tom  
The King Ranch  
A definitive work on the King Ranch in Texas and the Kings and Klebergs who have operated it during its long history.  
Little

Lerner, Max  
America as a Civilization; Life and Thought in the United States Today  
A comprehensive synthesis of America at mid-century.  
Simon & Schuster

Low, David  
Autobiography  
This personal story of a noted British political cartoonist has the added value of bringing to life the many great men and those not so great who have made headlines and been featured in Low’s cartoons during the last half-century.  
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Simon & Schuster

Mehta, Ved P.  
Face to Face  
A young Indian records with humility his efforts to seek an American education and overcome blindness. This account of his courageous plan, crowned with success, is especially revealing in its picture of a blind person’s ability to succeed in the world of sight.  
Little

Michener, James A.  
The Bridge at Andau  
A vivid recapturing of the events of the Hungarian Revolution, 1956, and the people who took part in those events.  
Random House

Mowat, Farley  
The Dog Who Wouldn’t Be Warm  
Worm humor and appreciative understanding pervade this story of a boy, his family and his dog.  
Little

Packard, Vance O.  
The Hidden Persuaders  
An exploration into the operations of MR (Motivation Research) with explanations of how it affects mass communication in advertising and public relations.  
McKay

Stewart, Sidney  
Give Us This Day  
What happened to the survivors of the Bataan Death March by one of them.  
Norton
Thiel, Rudolf  
*And There Was Light: The Discovery of the Universe*  
Tr. from German by Richard and Clara Winston  
From the early stargazers of Babylon to the astrophysicists of today.  
Knopf

Vandiver, Frank E.  
*Mighty Stonewall*  
A definitive biography of a great military genius, the Confederate general, Thomas Jonathan Jackson.  
McGraw

Walters, Raymond  
*Albert Gallatin: Jeffersonian Financier and Diplomat*  
A biography which interprets the man and his times.  
Macmillan

Ward, Barbara  
*Interplay of East and West*  
A sparkling evaluation of the way the parts of the globe have reacted upon each other in the past and how they may be expected to act in any future crisis.  
Norton

White, William S.  
*Citadel: the Story of the U. S. Senate*  
An analysis and critical appraisal of the men who make up the U. S. Senate and their methods of accomplishing — or not accomplishing — their objectives.  
Harper

Woodring, Paul  
*A Fourth of a Nation*  
A seasoned, calm evaluation of the American educational scene which includes suggestions for a constructive realignment of educational programs.  
McGraw

Wright, Frank L.  
*A Testament*  
Detailed account of the author’s creative life, his ideas and personal beliefs.  
Horizon

Wylie, Laurence W.  
*Village in the Vaucluse*  
An interpretative picture of life in a small French village, Peyrane, as experienced by the author, his wife and their two small sons.  
Harvard University

The Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, has issued its annual list of "Notable Books" which includes 41 titles. The 1957 list was compiled by the Notable Books Council with the aid of thirty-seven participating libraries, chosen to give complete geographical and numerical representation throughout continental United States.

Arthur H. Parsons, Jr., Director, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, who is President of the Division, said of the list: "In presenting the list of Notable Books each year, the ALA Public Library Association demonstrates one of the principal services of individual librarians everywhere — recommending those books which possess to a high degree qualities which make them stand out among all the books published during the year. In designating these as 'Notable' books the division is not saying that these are necessarily the 'best' books of the year, but merely that they are books especially 'worthy of note.' With nationwide attention presently focussed on reading by the vigorous program that culminates in National Library Week, this year's selection of Notable Books is particularly significant."