

A selected list

**NOTABLE
BOOKS**
of **1959**

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The Great Decision

AMRINE, MICHAEL. A history of the atomic bomb and the decision to use it. Putnam.

Nautilus 90 North

ANDERSON, WILLIAM R., AND BLAIR, CLAY. Informal but authoritative account of the submarine's epoch-making achievement. World.

Spinster: A Novel

ASHTON-WARNER, SYLVIA. An unusual character study of a Russian schoolteacher in New Zealand and her Maori pupils. Simon & Schuster.

The House of Intellect

BARZUN, JACQUES M. A wise and witty critique of American culture and values. Harper.

The Joy of Music

BERNSTEIN, LEONARD. The well-known conductor transmits his enthusiasm to the listening reader. Simon & Schuster.

Adventures of a Biographer

BOWEN, CATHERINE D. Scholarship, humor, and a joy of living make research an adventure for this author. Little, Brown.

The Way Things Are

BRIDGMAN, PERCY W. The summing-up of a lifetime of unorthodox delving into the whole field of knowledge. Harvard University.

A History of Western Morals

BRINTON, CRANE. A discerning consideration of the moral problems of our society. Harcourt.

Image of America

BRUCKBERGER, RAYMOND L. A French priest's readable and sympathetic viewpoint. Viking.

Mainstreams of Modern Art: David to Picasso

CANADAY, JOHN. Written by an unusually able art historian. Simon & Schuster (Holt-textbook edition).

The Angry Scar

CARTER, HODDING. The social, political, and economic aspects of the Reconstruction era in the South. Doubleday.

This list for adult readers seeking an informal guide to books published in 1959 has been chosen by the Notable Books Council after careful reading and consideration. It is a selection of those titles published during the year which, in the judgment of the Council, made a contribution to literature and general knowledge. Thirty-five libraries from all sections of the United States assisted in the compilation of the list.

The Child, the Parent, and the State

CONANT, JAMES B. An interpretation of the findings stated in *The American High School Today* (published by McGraw). Harvard University.

The Rape of the Fair Country

CORDELL, ALEXANDER. Eloquent story of Welsh miners of the 1830's and their struggles for better working conditions. Doubleday.

To Appomattox

DAVIS, BURKE. Vivid and authentic reconstruction of the last nine days of the Confederacy. Rinehart.

Advise and Consent

DRURY, ALLEN. A fascinating and realistic novel of the members of the U.S. Senate, their friends, associates, and enemies. Doubleday.

Sight and Insight

ELIOT, ALEXANDER. Unusual and enriching discussion of the philosophy of art. McDowell.

Siege at Peking

FLEMING, PETER. Dramatic description of the Boxer Rebellion. Harper.

The Warriors

GRAY, JESSE G. Revealing findings on the mass behavior of men at war. Harcourt.

The Waist-High Culture

GRIFFITH, THOMAS. An evaluation of modern American life with its emphasis on conformity and mediocrity. Harper.

France: A Modern History

GUERARD, ALBERT L. A smoothly written, comprehensive history from prehistoric times to the present. University of Michigan.

A Life in the Theatre

GUTHRIE, TYRONE. The dedicated career of an influential producer. McGraw.

Act One: An Autobiography

HART, MOSS. Warm and penetrating story of the author's youth and beginnings in the theater. Random House.

Mankind in the Making: The Story of Human Evolution

HOWELLS, WILLIAM W. Evolution presented as a conquering of environment rather than an adjustment to it. Doubleday.

Elizabeth the Great

JENKINS, ELIZABETH. An intimate and revealing portrait of Elizabeth I of England. Coward-McCann.

Portraits of Greatness

KARSH, YOUSUF. Outstanding photographs with perceptive comments on the subjects. Nelson.

Natural History of New York City

KIERAN, JOHN. Based on fifty years of study and enjoyment of urban wildlife. Houghton.

Human Nature and the Human Condition

KRUTCH, JOSEPH W. An examination of modern man and the causes of his discontent. Random House.

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

LANSING, ALFRED. The 1914-1917 Antarctic expedition as described in diaries and personal interviews. McGraw.

Men and Atoms

LAURENCE, WILLIAM L. The discovery, uses, and the future of atomic energy. Simon & Schuster.

In the Days of McKinley

LEECH, MARGARET. Narrates an era of the American past which has implications for the present. Harper.

The Stones of Florence

MCCARTHY, MARY. The greatness of Florence in text and pictures. Harcourt.

The Watch That Ends the Night

MACLENNAN, HUGH. The maturing of three adults in Montreal of the 1930's is told by one of Canada's leading novelists. Scribner.

Last Essays

MANN, THOMAS. Interpretive studies of Schiller, Goethe, Chekhov, and Nietzsche. Knopf.

Wildlife in America

MATTHIESSEN, PETER. Beautifully illustrated history of birds and animals that are vanishing, with emphasis on the importance of conserving our native fauna. Viking.

The Armada

MATTINGLY, GARRETT. Events that led to the defeat of the supposedly invincible fleet. Houghton.

The Little World of Laos

MEEKER, ODEN. A provocative, informal report on the political, economic, cultural, and social life of a little-known people. Scribner.

Hawaii

MICHENER, JAMES. A many-faceted tale of the Islands from their geological birth to the eve of statehood. Random House.

John Paul Jones: A Sailor's Biography

MORISON, SAMUEL E. His story and his times by a scholar of naval history. Little, Brown.

The Marauders

OGBURN, CHARLTON. A moving tribute to the men of the 1944 Burma campaign. Harper.

My Russian Journey

RAMA RAU, SANTHA. Everyday life in Russia as seen by the author, her husband, and young son. Harper.

A Concise History of Modern Painting

READ, HERBERT. The art of a complex period discussed with authority. Praeger.

The Wisdom of the West

RUSSELL, BERTRAND. Concise, well-illustrated summary of Western philosophy. Doubleday.

The Coming of the New Deal

SCHLESINGER, ARTHUR M., JR. Skillful analysis of Roosevelt's first two years as President. Houghton.

Adventurous Alliance

THARP, LOUISE H. The Agassiz family of Boston presented with skill and insight. Little, Brown.

The Harmless People

THOMAS, ELIZABETH M. The bushmen of the Kalahari Desert brought vividly to life. Knopf.

The Years with Ross

THURBER, JAMES. The creator-editor of the *New Yorker* portrayed nostalgically by an associate and friend. Little, Brown.

Add a Dash of Pity

USTINOV, PETER. Short stories with a distinctive flair. Little, Brown.

Five Ideas That Change the World

WARD, BARBARA. A lively discussion of nationalism, industrialism, colonialism, internationalism, and communism. Norton.

The Devil's Advocate

WEST, MORRIS L. One man's growth in humanity plotted with great credibility. Morrow.

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