A selected list

NOTABLE BOOKS

of 1960

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Adult Services Division
American Library Association
This Is the American Earth
Adams, Ansel E., and Newhall, Nancy. The rhythmic prose and peerless photographs are an outstanding contribution to the cause of conserving our national scenic resources. Sierra Club (distr. by Knopf).

Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds
Adamson, Joy. Elsa, orphaned lion cub, was raised as a pet, then re-educated to return to the African jungle. Pantheon.

Picture History of the Civil War
American Heritage (periodical). Lucid prose plus fine pictures and maps make this outstanding. Doubleday.

The Intelligent Man’s Guide to Science

The Public Years
Baruch, Bernard M. Further memories of the financier, philanthropist, and adviser to presidents, covering almost fifty years in public affairs. Holt.

The Forest and the Sea
Bates, Marston. Of the interdependence of man and nature, by a scientist who is also a wise philosopher. Random.

Sculpture of This Century
Berckelaers, Ferdinand L. An illustrated survey from Rodin to the present. Braziller.

The Passionate Sightseer
Berenson, Bernard. Sensitive and informed observations from diaries of the noted art critic on a postwar trip through Italy. Simon & Schuster.

The Master Builders
Blake, Peter. The story of modern architecture told through the lives and works of Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe, and Frank Lloyd Wright. Knopf.

A Time in Rome
Bowen, Elizabeth. An observant writer’s reactions to the city and its history. Knopf.
This list for adult readers seeking an informal guide to books published in 1960 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-six libraries from all sections of the United States assisted in the compilation of the list.

An American Dialogue

Grant Moves South
Catton, Bruce. Emergence of Grant as a great military leader. Little.

Copland on Music
Copland, Aaron. Occasional pieces covering thirty years. Doubleday.

Dr. Schweitzer of Lambaréné
Cousins, Norman. An intimate view into the work and spirit of the renowned humanitarian, including his attitude toward atomic war. Harper.

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The Firmament of Time
Eiseley, Loren C. How man can comprehend himself as a part of nature and a product of evolution. Atheneum.

Felix Frankfurter Reminiscences
Frankfurter, Felix. Candidly expressed opinions on a wide variety of topics. Reynal.
Art and Illusion

Goodbye to a River

History of Western Music

The Future as History
Heilbroner, Robert L. Provocative discussion of the forces which are shaping our future. Harper.

The Child Buyer
Hersey, John. An attempt to purchase a 10-year-old boy genius for exploitation, cast in the form of Senate hearings. Knopf.

On Thermonuclear War
Kahn, Herman. Important discussion of the prospect of a nuclear war and the methods of escaping total destruction. Princeton Univ. Pr.

A Separate Peace

The Reluctant Surgeon: A Biography of John Hunter

The Leopard

To Kill a Mockingbird
The Four Loves

Times Three
McGINLEY, PHYLLIS. A delightful collection of deft, light verse on an infinite variety of subjects. Viking.

The Son of Man
MAURIAC, FRANÇOIS. A moving meditation on Christ's identification with the suffering of modern man. World.

Turmoil and Tradition: A Study of the Life and Times of Henry L. Stimson
MORISON, ELTING ELMORE. An excellent appraisal of an outstanding statesman. Houghton.

Thomas Wolfe
NOWELL, ELIZABETH. This penetrating biography by Wolfe's literary agent is an outstanding contribution to literary history. Doubleday.

Queen Mary: 1867-1953
POPE-HENNESSY, JAMES. A fitting portrait of a regal lady, well documented and very readable. Knopf.

Literature and Western Man
PRIESTLEY, JOHN B. A panorama of authors and their works during 500 years. Harper.

Lord Burghley and Queen Elizabeth
READ, CONYERS. The second and concluding volume of the political biography of William Cecil; careful and exacting, based on manuscript sources. Knopf.

Stages of Economic Growth
ROSTOW, WALT W. Controversial theory, stated with conviction. Cambridge Univ. Pr.

The Politics of Upheaval
SCHLESINGER, ARTHUR M., JR. Completes the analysis of Roosevelt's first term. Houghton.

The Last of the Just
SCHWARZ-BART, ANDRÉ. An eloquent, enduring testament to Jewish persecution through the ages. Atheneum.
Robert Frost: The Trial by Existence
Sergeant, Elizabeth S. An affectionate, sensitive biography, enriched by numerous quotations and parts of poems. Holt.

In Defense of Ignorance
Shapiro, Karl J. A plea for the average reader to give poetry a hearing. Random.

The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich

The Affair
Snow, Sir Charles P. Supposition of a scientific fraud has an explosive effect on an English university. Scribner.

The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution
Snow, Sir Charles P. A discussion of how the lack of communication between literary and scientific leaders endangers society. Cambridge Univ. Pr.

Journey into Summer

Education and the Human Quest
Theilen, Herbert A. A bold program of action to raise education above mere problem-solving. Harper.

Walk Egypt
Williams, Vinnie. Vital story of a strong-willed woman, told in the distinctive rich speech of her Georgia hills. Viking.