

A selected list

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BOOKS
of 1961

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The Adams Papers: Diary and Autobiography of John Adams

BUTTERFIELD, L. H., ed. Adams revealed as a complex man of action. 4 vols. Belknap Pr. of Harvard.

American Heritage Book of Indians

AMERICAN HERITAGE (periodical). History of all Indian tribes of the Americas. Simon & Schuster.

Nobody Knows My Name

BALDWIN, JAMES. Discerning essays on the status of the Negro in a white society. Dial.

Fables in Ivory: Japanese Netsuke and Their Legends

BARBANSON, ADRIENNE. Japanese fables with illustrations of carved ivory figures. Tuttle.

The Will of Zeus

BARR, STRINGFELLOW. Colorful interpretation of Greek civilization. Lippincott.

Arms Control, Disarmament, and National Security

BRENNAN, D. G., ed. Searches for measures to reduce the risk of nuclear war. Braziller.

The Architecture of America

BURCHARD, JOHN AND BUSH-BROWN, ALBERT. Concepts of architecture reflect cultural history. Little.

Resistance, Rebellion, and Death

CAMUS, ALBERT. Conveys deep respect for human dignity. Opposes tyranny emphatically. Knopf.

Slums and Suburbs: A Commentary on Schools in Metropolitan Areas

CONANT, JAMES B. Spotlight on vital educational issues. McGraw-Hill.

Indian Art in America

DOCKSTADER, FREDERICK. The North American Indian as artist and craftsman. New York Graphic.

The Demons

DODERER, HEIMITO VON. Recreates the troubled world of Vienna in the 1920's. 2 vols. Knopf.

This list for adult readers seeking an informal guide to books published in 1961 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-eight libraries from all sections of the United States assisted in the compilation of the list.

Antislavery: The Crusade for Freedom in America

DUMOND, D. L. Abolitionists' drive to establish universal individual liberty. Univ. of Michigan-Pr.

The Age of Reason Begins

DURANT, WILL AND ARIEL. European civilization from Elizabeth I to Descartes. *Story of Civilization*, Vol. 7. Simon & Schuster.

Education for Public Responsibility

FLETCHER, C. SCOTT, ed. Crucial issues discussed by leading public figures and educators. Norton.

Fate Is the Hunter

GANN, E. K. A memoir of fate and fellow aviators. Simon & Schuster.

Excellence: Can We Be Equal and Excellent Too?

GARDNER, JOHN W. Discusses current dilemma in education. Harper.

Promise at Dawn

GARY, ROMAIN. Gary's youth and wartime experiences influenced by his remarkable mother. Harper.

A Burnt-out Case

GREENE, GRAHAM. A famous architect seeks spiritual identity in an African leprosarium. Viking.

House without a Roof

HINDUS, MAURICE. The minds and hearts of the people who constitute Russian society. Doubleday.

Mathematics in the Making

HOGBEN, LANCELOT. Graphically presents history and practical applications. Doubleday.

The Horizon Book of the Renaissance

HORIZON (periodical), KETCHUM, R. M., ed. Emphasizes Italian culture. American Heritage—Doubleday.

The Death and Life of Great American Cities

JACOBS, JANE. Provocative criticism of city planning and urban renewal. Random.

The Future of Mankind

JASPERS, KARL. Nuclear war versus man's capacity for responsible conduct. Univ. of Chicago Pr.

The Man Who Feels Left Behind

JOHNSON, GERALD W. How to meet the atomic age honestly. Morrow.

The Faith of a Heretic

KAUFMANN, WALTER. A philosopher analyzes his position as a religious dissenter. Doubleday.

Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin

KENNAN, GEORGE F. Soviet Russian relations with the outside world. Little.

Ishi in Two Worlds

KROEBER, THEODORA. Last survivor of Stone Age Indians faces American society. Univ. of California Pr.

The Ship

LANDSTRÖM, BJÖRN. Illustrated history from floating log to nuclear submarine. Doubleday.

The Children of Sanchez

LEWIS, OSCAR. A documentary of a Mexican way of life. Random.

Poetry and Experience

MACLEISH, ARCHIBALD. Language and poetic technique convey poets' relation to world. Houghton.

A New Life

MALAMUD, BERNARD. A provincial academic community examined by a young urban intellectual. Farrar.

Ring of Bright Water

MAXWELL, GAVIN. A man's life in a lonely cottage brightened by the animals that shared it. Dutton.

The Chateau

MAXWELL, WILLIAM. Impact of post-World War II France on a perceptive American couple. Knopf.

The Coil of Life: The Story of the Great Discoveries in the Life Sciences

MOORE, RUTH ELLEN. Major developments in biology and biochemistry since 1775. Knopf.

The White Nile

MOOREHEAD, ALAN. Nineteenth-century British exploration and conquest in Central Africa. Harper.

The City in History

MUMFORD, LEWIS. Panorama of urban development and its effect upon mankind. Harcourt.

Music of the Spheres

MURCHIE, GUY. The universe from atoms to galaxies explained in lucid prose and diagrams. Houghton.

The Edge of Sadness

O'CONNOR, EDWIN. A priest, reformed alcoholic, observes the life of the Carmody family. Little.

An Only Child

O'CONNOR, FRANK. A sometimes wry, always honest account of the author's youth in Ireland. Knopf.

Tales from a Troubled Land

PATON, ALAN. Vividly shows both the beauty and the sadness of South African life. Scribner.

The Dawn of Civilization

PIGGOTT, STUART, ed. An exciting, well-illustrated archaeological survey. McGraw-Hill.

Franny and Zooey

SALINGER, J. D. Two unique modern fables of the inimitable Glass family. Little.

The Continent We Live On

SANDERSON, IVAN T. Account of the natural wonders of North America. Random.

Sinclair Lewis: An American Life

SCHORER, MARK. Detailed biography of Lewis' place in American letters. McGraw-Hill.

Japanese Inn

STATLER, OLIVER. An eighteenth-generation innkeeper tells 400 years of Japan's story. Random.

Citizen Hearst

SWANBERG, WILLIAM A. Portrayal of controversial figure in American journalism. Scribner.

The Spanish Civil War

THOMAS, HUGH. A well-documented study of one of this century's most tragic conflicts. Harper.

Reconsiderations

TOYNBEE, ARNOLD J. The author's current thinking on the comparative study of civilizations. *A Study of History*, Vol. 12. Oxford Univ. Pr.

Curtains

TYNAN, KENNETH. Surveys European and American plays, actors, and theater of the 1950's. Atheneum.

The Making of the President, 1960

WHITE, THEODORE H. Swiftly moving account of the Kennedy-Nixon campaign. Atheneum.

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