A selected list

NOTABLE BOOKS of 1961

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Adult Services Division
American Library Association
The Adams Papers: Diary and Autobiography of John Adams

American Heritage Book of Indians

Nobody Knows My Name

Fables in Ivory: Japanese Netsuke and Their Legends

The Will of Zeus

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

Resistance, Rebellion, and Death

Slums and Suburbs: A Commentary on Schools in Metropolitan Areas
Conant, James B. Spotlight on vital educational issues. McGraw-Hill.

Indian Art in America

The Demons
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

Education for Public Responsibility

Fate Is the Hunter

Excellence: Can We Be Equal and Excellent Too?

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*

*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*
LANDSTROM, 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  

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  

Franny and Zooey  
SALINGER, J. D. Two unique modern fables of the inimitable Glass family. Little.
The Continent We Live On

Sinclair Lewis: An American Life

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

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.