A selected list

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BOOKS

of 1963

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An informal guide to those adult books published in 1963 which, in the judgment of the Notable Books Council, made a contribution to literature and general knowledge through their informational value, literary excellence, perception, and sincerity of presentation. Thirty-nine libraries from all sections of the United States assisted in the compilation of the list.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
Albee, Edward. A play about the resounding clash between a husband and wife. Atheneum.

Eichmann in Jerusalem
Arendt, Hannah. Taut, timely account of the trial of a high-ranking Nazi. Viking.

Teacher
Ashton-Warner, Sylvia. A teacher's love for her Maori pupils pervades this account of a New Zealand classroom. Simon & Schuster.

The Fire Next Time

Evangelical Theology
Barth, Karl. A good introduction for American laymen to Barth's original views. Holt.

The Paper Economy
Bazelon, David T. Provocative analysis of the American property system. Random.

Francis Bacon: The Temper of a Man
Bowen, Catherine Drinker. Bacon’s complex personality in relation to his times. Little.

Voices in the Snow: Encounters with Russian Writers

Night Comes to the Cumberlands
Caudill, Harry M. Vivid biography of a depressed area today. Little.
The Education of American Teachers
CONANT, JAMES BRYANT. Findings and recommendations of concern to all. McGraw-Hill.

The Living Sea
COUSTEAU, JACQUES YVES. Authoritative account of oceanographic research. Harper.

The Book of the Dance
DE MILLE, AGNES. Handsome survey incorporating rich professional knowledge. Golden.

Tutankhamen: Life and Death of a Pharaoh
DESROCHES-NOBLECOURT, CHRISTIANE. Lavishly illustrated history. New York Graphic.

The Prophet Outcast: Trotsky, 1929-1940
DEUTSCHER, ISAAC. Third and last volume of an exciting political biography. Oxford.

A Private Correspondence
DURRELL, LAWRENCE, AND MILLER, HENRY. Witty, stimulating exchange between two outstanding literary figures. Dutton.

Face of North America

The Mansions and the Shanties
FREYRE, GILBERTO. Significant social history of modern Brazil. Knopf.

The Tin Drum
GRASS, GÜNTER. An impressive German novel mirrors the isolation of modern man. Pantheon.

The Americans
HANDLIN, OSCAR. An epic history for the general reader stresses the impact of successive migrations. Little.

The Great Ascent
HEILBRONER, ROBERT LOUIS. The struggle for economic development in our time. Harper.

Here To Stay
HERSEY, JOHN. True stories of man's will to live and capacity to endure. Knopf.

The Ordeal of Change
HOFER, ERIC. Pungent essays on the individual's adjustments to social change. Harper.

Anti-Intellectualism in American Life
HOFSTADTER, RICHARD. Effectively traces the history of attitudes prevailing in the 1950's. Knopf.

The Beginning & The End, and Other Poems
JEFFERS, ROBINSON. The summation of a long poetic career. Random.

Memories, Dreams, Reflections
JUNG, CARL GUSTAV. Rich autobiographical revelations of the intellectual and spiritual development of a Swiss psychologist. Pantheon.

Strength To Love
KING, MARTIN LUTHER. Seventeen sermons by a noted Negro minister. Harper.

The South and the Southerner
MCGILL, RALPH. The moderate viewpoint expressed by a Southern editor. Little.

Idiots First
MALAMUD, BERNARD. Stories that evoke empathy for the humble characters. Farrar.

Fly and the Fly-Bottle: Encounters with British Intellectuals
MEHTA, VED PARKASH. Subtle interpretations of English philosophy and history. Little.

The American Way of Death
MITFORD, JESSICA. Sharp analysis of commercial exploitation of death. Simon & Schuster.

The Two-Ocean War
The Road to Huddersfield: A Journey to Five Continents

Freedom in the Western World, from the Dark Ages to the Rise of Democracy
MULLER, HERBERT JOSEPH. Second of three volumes that trace Western culture. Harper.

The Gift
NABOKOV, VLADIMIR. Complex fictional portrait of a Russian poet in the Berlin intellectual milieu of the 1920's. Putnam.

The Censors and the Schools
NELSON, JACK, AND ROBERT, GENE, JR. Left- and right-wing attempts to censor U.S. textbooks. Little.

Rascal: A Memoir of a Better Era
NORTH, STERLING. A pet raccoon dominates recollections of boyhood in Wisconsin. Dutton.

The Lonely Voice: A Study of the Short Story
O’DONOVAN, MICHAEL (FRANK O’CONNOR, pseud.). A modern craftsman evaluates masters of the short story. World.

Writers at Work: Second Series
THE PARIS REVIEW. Stimulating interviews with leading authors. Viking.

The Time Has Come
ROCK, JOHN CHARLES. A Catholic doctor’s proposals to end the battle over birth control. Knopf.

Imagination
RUGG, HAROLD. A distinguished educator’s inquiry into the sources and expression of creativity. Harper.

Letters from Vatican City: Vatican Council II, First Session, Background and Debates

Saint Genet, Actor and Martyr
SARTRE, JEAN PAUL. Exhaustive examination of France’s most provocative writer-dramatist by her leading existentialist. Braziller.

A Life in Photography
STEICHEN, EDWARD. Distinguished text and distinguished pictures. Doubleday.

To Mix with Time
SWENSON, MAY. Melodic and cerebral poems. Scribner.

Man-made America: Chaos or Control? An Inquiry into Selected Problems of Design in the Urbanized Landscape
TUNNARD, CHRISTOPHER, and others. Authoritative study of America’s blighted landscape. Yale.

The Quiet Crisis

The Centaur
UPDIKE, JOHN. Realism and mythology blend in a perceptive novel of a father-son relationship. Knopf.

What Is Poetry?
WHEELOCK, JOHN HALL. Poetry’s essence and significance defined with beauty, brevity, and insight. Scribner.

The Great Hunger: Ireland 1845-1849

The Edge of the Storm
YÁNEZ, AGUSTÍN. Compelling, tragic novel in which fear destroys love in revolutionary Mexico. Univ. of Texas.

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