

A selected list

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BOOKS

of 1964

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An informal guide to those adult books published in 1964 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-four libraries from all sections of the United States assisted in the compilation of the list.

Downstream: A Natural History of the River

BARDACH, JOHN E. Geology and biology, combined with description of natural beauty. Harper.

What Is Existentialism?

BARRETT, WILLIAM. A philosopher's authoritative interpretation for the layman. Grove.

The Italians

BARZINI, LUIGI. Masterful group portrait by a perceptive journalist. Atheneum.

Science: The Glorious Entertainment

BARZUN, JACQUES. A humanist's plea for a sane approach to science. Harper.

Herzog

BELLOW, SAUL. Powerful novel of an intellectual's search for life's meaning. Viking.

Human Behavior

BERELSON, BERNARD, AND STEINER, GARY A. A comprehensive survey of scientific findings. Harcourt.

The Theatre of Revolt

BRUSTEIN, ROBERT S. Trenchant study of nine shapers of modern drama. Little.

Images of War

CAPA, ROBERT. A photographer-journalist's striking record of people in wartime. Grossman.

The Great Ages of Architecture

CICHY, BODO. Traces man's ideas as they have been translated into architecture. Putnam.

The Oysters of Locmariaquer

CLARK, ELEANOR. Literary digression on Brittany's oyster industry. Pantheon.

Shaping Educational Policy

CONANT, JAMES B. Advocates that states help develop sound educational policies. McGraw-Hill.

Censorship: The Search for the Obscene

ERNST, MORRIS L., AND SCHWARTZ, ALAN U. A liberal view of the legal aspects of censorship. Macmillan.

Thy Tears Might Cease

FARRELL, MICHAEL. Civil War Ireland is the background for the reflective tale of a rebel. Knopf.

The Life of Lenin

FISCHER, LOUIS. Masterful analysis of the development and impact of a revolutionary. Harper.

Selected Letters

FROST, ROBERT. Revealing self-portrait of a many-sided poet. Holt.

The Scotch

GALBRAITH, JOHN KENNETH. Re-creates the way of life of the author's Canadian ancestors. Houghton.

Self-renewal

GARDNER, JOHN W. Clarion call for creative individualism and social commitment. Harper.

The Beginnings of Architecture

GIEDION, SIGFRIED. Elucidates the significance of Egyptian and Sumerian architecture. Pantheon.

Life with Picasso

GILOT, FRANÇOISE, AND LAKE, CARLTON. Intimate glimpses of the man and the artist. McGraw-Hill.

Collected Poems

GREGORY, HORACE. Modern vistas lyrically conveyed with quiet, classical competence. Holt.

The Heart of Our Cities

GRUEN, VICTOR. Spirited discussion of city-planning problems and principles. Simon & Schuster.

The Ever-Present Past

HAMILTON, EDITH. Refreshing approach to various literary topics. Norton.

Markings

HAMMARSKJÖLD, DAG. Diary of a world statesman revealing the inner poet and philosopher. Knopf.

Fire-bell in the Night

HANDLIN, OSCAR. Challenging reminder of real objectives in the search for civil rights. Little.

The Hospital

HARTOG, JAN DE. The account of an impassioned crusade to improve a charity hospital. Atheneum.

A Moveable Feast

HEMINGWAY, ERNEST. Paris and Hemingway of the Twenties. Scribner.

The Deputy

HOCHHUTH, ROLF. A controversial drama of universal moral implications. Grove.

Episode: Report on the Accident inside My Skull

HODGINS, ERIC. Realistically encouraging revelations of a stroke victim. Atheneum.

Abyss

IDYLL, CLARENCE P. Fascinating exposition on the mysteries of the ocean depths. Crowell.

O Strange New World

JONES, HOWARD MUMFORD. Sparkling assessment of Old World influences and New World responses. Viking.

The Act of Creation

KOESTLER, ARTHUR. Monumental exploration of the creative processes in art and science. Macmillan.

The Stone Angel

LAURENCE, MARGARET. Convincing fictional portrayal of an aged woman and her memories. Knopf.

A Man in the Wheatfield

LAXALT, ROBERT. Allegorical overtones enrich a tale of a desert community. Harper.

Gideon's Trumpet

LEWIS, ANTHONY. Evolution of law through Supreme Court action dramatized in a pauper's case. Random.

For the Union Dead

LOWELL, ROBERT. Personal poems conveying universal themes. Farrar.

The Savage Cell

MCGRADY, PAT. A timely report on cancer and cancer research. Basic Books.

Marc Chagall

MEYER, FRANZ. Definitive biography of an artist gifted in several media. Abrams.

The Kennedy Years

NEW YORK TIMES. Presidential biography in outstanding photographs and *Times* extracts. Viking.

The Strange Tactics of Extremism

OVERSTREET, HARRY, AND OVERSTREET, BONARO. Clear-sighted analysis of the extreme right. Norton.

The Far Field

ROETHKE, THEODORE. Lyrics exploring the meaning of life and presaging death. Doubleday.

The Words

SARTRE, JEAN PAUL. An existentialist's sensitive analysis of his precocious childhood. Braziller.

The Year of the Gorilla

SCHALLER, GEORGE B. Absorbing report of two years in the Congo. Univ. of Chicago Press.

Art Nouveau

SCHMUTZLER, ROBERT. A thorough study of an early-twentieth-century style. Abrams.

The Corrida at San Feliu

SCOTT, PAUL. Subtle fictional interpretation of a novelist's disillusioned marriage. Morrow.

From Dream to Discovery

SELYE, HANS. Cultivated memoirs of life in research by a humanistic scientist. McGraw-Hill.

The Bourgeois Poet

SHAPIRO, KARL. Iconoclastic response to life, Whitmanesque in form. Random.

Crisis in Black and White

SILBERMAN, CHARLES E. Illuminating suggestions for meeting the racial crisis. Random.

Mississippi

SILVER, JAMES W. Historic reasons for the closed society and its dire consequences. Harcourt.

The Historian and History

SMITH, PAGE. Urbane study of historical concepts and the interpretive value of history. Knopf.

Bad Characters

STAFFORD, JEAN. Ironic humor characterizes ten stories of waywardness and tyranny. Farrar.

The Future of Man

TEILHARD DE CHARDIN, PIERRE. Mystical speculations on the ultimate spirituality of evolution. Harper.

A View of All the Russias

VAN DER POST, LAURENS. A personal account of contemporary Russia. Morrow.

Russia at War, 1941-1945

WERTH, ALEXANDER. Pays tribute to the valor of the Russian people in war. Dutton.

Art and Anarchy

WIND, EDGAR. Stimulating query on the place of art in the world today. Knopf.

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