A selected list

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Downstream: A Natural History of the River

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

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

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

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

The Life of Lenin

Selected Letters

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

Self-renewal

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

Life with Picasso

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
IDYL, 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

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

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

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. Urban 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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