A Selected List

NOTABLE BOOKS

of 1965

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American Library Association
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The Conditions of Philosophy: Its Checkered Past, Its Present Disorder, and Its Future Promise  
**ADLER, MORTIMER J.** The case for philosophy in the twentieth century. Atheneum.

Corsons Inlet: A Book of Poems  
**AMMONS, A. R.** Quiet, terse poems of nature imagery. Cornell.

The Garden of the Finzi-Continis  
**BASSANI, GIORGIO.** Fictional portrait of an Italian-Jewish family during the early days of World War II. Atheneum.

Edith Wharton and Henry James: The Story of Their Friendship  

Questions of Travel  
**BISHOP, ELIZABETH.** Gravely tender poems of people and travel. Farrar.

The Clown  
**BÜLL, HEINRICH.** Highly effective symbolic novel of modern man's difficult search for understanding. McGraw-Hill.

The Hungry Planet: The Modern World at the Edge of Famine  
**BORGSTRÖM, GEORG.** Vigorous appeal for action against food shortages. Macmillan.
Manchild in the Promised Land
BROWN, CLAUDE. Compelling autobiographical account of life in Harlem in the 1940's and 1950's. Macmillan.

The Final Beast
BUECHNER, FREDERICK. Well-told tale of the problem of redemption in a contemporary setting. Atheneum.

Dark Ghetto

Frontier: American Literature and the American West
FUSSELL, EDWIN. Reinterpretation of mid-nineteenth-century writers. Princeton.

Dog Years
GRASS, GÜNTER. Brilliant imagery in a forceful novel of Germany in our time. Harcourt.

The Days of Henry Thoreau
HARDING, WALTER. A scholarly biography elucidates Thoreau's personality. Knopf.

The Accidental Century
HARRINGTON, MICHAEL. World need for purposeful planning in lieu of haphazard change. Macmillan.

Stonehenge Decoded

The Lost World
JARRELL, RANDALL. Poems evoking childhood with bittersweet clarity. Macmillan.

Journal of a Soul
JOHN XXIII, POPE. Diary of a humble man. McGraw-Hill.

The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest
JOSEPHY, ALVIN M. Carefully documented recital of a somber chapter in American history. Yale.

I Lost It at the Movies
KAEL, PAULINE. Movie criticism rich in wit and social commentary. Little.

Report to Greco
KAZANTZAKÉS, NIKOS. Self-revelations of a unique pilgrimage through life. Simon & Schuster.

Starting Out in the Thirties
KAZIN, ALFRED. Family and fellow writers in a second autobiographical volume. Little.

Day of Trinity
LAMONT, LANSING. Effective human-interest reporting of the production and explosion of the first atom bomb. Atheneum.

Landowska on Music
LANDOWSKA, WANDA. A distillation of personal warmth and artistic wisdom. Stein & Day.

The New Priesthood: The Scientific Elite and the Uses of Power

Soul of Wood and Other Stories
LIND, JAKOW. Sardonically symbolic tales out of Germany. Grove.

At Play in the Fields of the Lord
MATTHIESSEN, PETER. The Amazon jungle is the awe-inspiring setting for a convincing, realistic story of a deadly conflict of interests. Random.

The Emperor of Ice-Cream
MOORE, BRIAN. Moving novel of a young Irish lad at the edge of a life of failure. Viking.

The Washing of the Spears
MORRIS, DONALD R. Detailed review of the rise and fall of the Zulu nation and its wars with the British. Simon & Schuster.

The Peacemakers
MORRIS, RICHARD BRANDON. Highly readable account of the diplomatic beginnings of the United States. Harper.
Thomas
MYDANS, SHELLEY. Vivid fictional characterization of Thomas à Becket. Doubleday.

Report from a Chinese Village
MYRDAL, JAN. China today in a microcosm. Pantheon.

Everything That Rises Must Converge
O’CONNOR, FLANNERY. Superb posthumous short stories. Farrar.

South African Tragedy: The Life and Times of Jan Hofmeyr

On the Poet and His Craft
ROETHKE, THEODORE. Essays on the writer’s life and poetic creed. Univ. of Washington.

The Battle of Dienbienphu

The Kimono Mind
RUDOFSKY, BERNARD. Modern Japan, in which tradition blends with innovation. Doubleday.

A Thousand Days
SCHLESINGER, ARTHUR M. A historian’s memoir of the Kennedy administration. Houghton.

The Lost Revolution

A Green Tree in Gedde

Selected Poems
SIMPSON, LOUIS. American values assessed poetically. Harcourt.

Kennedy

Stitch
STERN, RICHARD. American expatriates in Italy ironically fictionalized. Harper.

Letters from Mississippi

Dreiser
SWANBERG, W.A. Able study of the unconventional life of a visionary novelist. Scribner.

Wandering through Winter
TEALE, EDWIN WAY. Rounds out a naturalist’s appreciation of America’s seasons. Dodd.

Harlem Gallery, Book I, The Curator
TOLSON, M.B. Inventive tragicomic poem. Twayne.

The Bride and the Bachelors
TOMKINS, CALVIN. Experimental art explained to the layman. Viking.

Who Speaks for the Negro?
WARREN, ROBERT PENN. Negro opinion sympathetically recorded. Random.

Yesterday’s People
WELLER, JACK. Sensitive study of life in Appalachia today. Univ. of Kentucky.

The Lost Universe
WELTFISH, GENE. Fresh conception of Pawnee Indian history. Basic Books.

Where Science and Politics Meet
WIESNER, JEROME B. Sanguine view of the modern scientist’s contribution to government and society. McGraw-Hill.