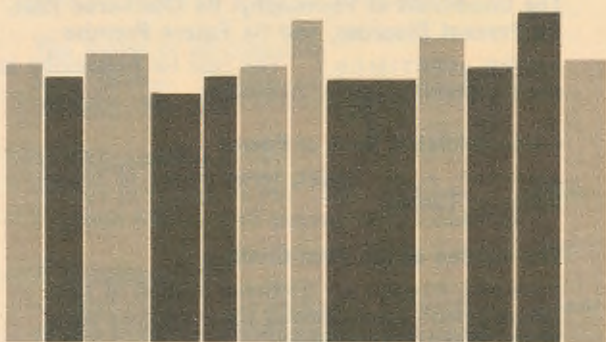


A Selected List

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The Conditions of Philosophy: Its Checkered Past, Its Present Disorder, and Its Future Promise

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The Clown

BÖLL, HEINRICH. Highly effective symbolic novel of modern man's difficult search for understanding. McGraw-Hill.

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CLARK, KENNETH. An eloquent analysis of a segregated community with suggestions for remedies. Harper.

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

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HAWKINS, GERALD S., and WHITE, JOHN B. Intriguing scientific theories on the origin of Stonehenge. Doubleday.

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JARRELL, RANDALL. Poems evoking childhood with bittersweet clarity. Macmillan.

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MORRIS, RICHARD BRANDON. Highly readable account of the diplomatic beginnings of the United States. Harper.

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MYDANS, SHELLEY. Vivid fictional characterization of Thomas à Becket. Doubleday.

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ROETHKE, THEODORE. Essays on the writer's life and poetic creed. Univ. of Washington.

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