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A SELECTED LIST

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The Icon and the Axe: An Interpretive History of Russian Culture. Billington, James H. Highly readable analysis of Russian thought and culture over the past 600 years. Knopf.

The Invisible Scar. Bird, Caroline. The impact of the depression of the 1930’s on the individual and subsequent economic thinking. McKay.

Death of the Sweet Waters. Carr, Donald Eton. The mounting fresh-water crisis, its background, course, and cure. Norton.


Earthly Paradise; an autobiography drawn from her lifetime writings by Robert Phelps. Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle. Unified account of Colette's life assembled from her many writings. Farrar.


Gauguin in the South Seas. Danielsson, Bengt. [Tr. by Reginald Spink.] Scholarly appraisal of the artist's last years. Doubleday.


Damned Ugly Children. Glaze, Andrew. Honesty, bite, and humor shape the ungentle poems Glaze terms his progeny. Trident.


The Hours of Catherine of Cleves. Introd. and commentaries by John Plummer. Beautiful reproduction in color of an outstanding fifteenth-century illuminated manuscript. Braziller.

Mr. Clemens and Mark Twain; a biography. Kaplan, Justin. Twain's complexities and self-contradictions penetratingly examined. Simon & Schuster.


La Vida: A Puerto Rican Family in the Culture of Poverty—San Juan and New York. Lewis, Oscar. The plight of the Puerto Rican disadvantaged portrayed in their own words. Random.

J. M. W. Turner: His Life and Work; a critical biography. Lindsay, Jack. Fresh analysis in depth of the man and his art. New York Graphic Society.


Sleep. Luce, Gay Gaer, and Segal, Julius. Scintillating survey of sleep-science findings. Coward-McCann.


Tell Me, Tell Me: Granite, Steel, and Other Topics. Moore, Marianne. Precise paens, in verse, to life's versatility and vigor. Viking.


Against Interpretation, and Other Essays. Sontag, Susan. Fresh criticism of avant-garde culture. Farrar.


The Last 100 Days. Toland, John. Eyewitness views of World War II's closing tragedy, stupidity, and grim humor. Random.


The Birds Fall Down. West, Rebecca, pseud. Humor, tension, and tragedy with convincing characterization in a novel set in a 1900 milieu. Viking.

Masada: Herod's Fortress and the Zealots' Last Stand. Yadin, Yigael. [Tr. from the Hebrew by Moshe Pearlman.] Archaeology and history skillfully blended by an Israeli scholar. Random.