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# Fifty Outstanding Books of 1945

50 Outstanding Books of 1945 selected from a preliminary list compiled by a subcommittee of the Lending Section of the American Library Association with Mr. Magnus K. Kristoffersen, Hartford (Connecticut) Public Library, Chairman, and by votes of the A.L.A. membership. Other committee members were Rice Estes, Pratt Institute Library School, Brooklyn; Edna Giesler, Public Library, Davenport, Iowa; Helen E. Haines, Pasadena, California; Marion Horton, City Board of Education, Los Angeles; Bessie Kelsey, Public Library, Cleveland; Mrs. Beatrice Bergen Libaire, The New York Public Library. No technical books were included in this year's list. A separate religious booklist appears annually as a compilation by the Religious Book Committee of the American Library Association.

## FICTION

- THE BLACK ROSE** — Costain, Thomas Doubleday  
Romantic adventure — tale of England and the Orient in the 13th century.
- PEACOCK SHEDS HIS TAIL** — Hobart, Alice Tisdale Bobbs  
The vibrant story of a feudal Mexican family disintegrating under the force of revolution and new ideas.
- A LION IS IN THE STREETS** — Langley, Adria McGraw  
Colorful story of the rise to power of an American politician reminiscent of Huey Long.
- CASS TIMBERLANE** — Lewis, Sinclair Random House  
This novel dealing mainly with a heterogeneous group of husbands and wives is a cynical commentary on society today.
- THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND FATHER SMITH** — Marshall, Bruce Houghton  
Sketches of a Scottish Catholic priest and his parishioners make heart-warming and humorous reading.
- THREE O'CLOCK DINNER** — Pinckney, Josephine Viking  
Peopled with real and vital characters, this is basically a story of conflict between two Charleston families.
- RICKSHAW BOY** — Shaw, Lau, pseud. Reynal  
A modern Chinese novelist tells of the desperate struggle of an uneducated Chinese boy for independence.
- CAPTAIN FROM CASTILE** — Shellabarger, Samuel Little, Brown  
Romantic and action-packed this picturesque novel describes the conquest of Mexico by Cortez.

- DAYS AND NIGHTS** — Simonov, Konstantin *Simon & Schuster*  
First printed in Russia where it is considered the best of all the war novels this is the story of the siege of Stalingrad.
- CANNERY ROW** — Steinbeck, John *Viking*  
Brief story about a group of outcasts living on the California coast.
- THE WHITE TOWER** — Ullman, James *Lippincott*  
A thrilling attempt by five men and one woman to scale a mountain which symbolized the world.
- APARTMENT IN ATHENS** — Westcott, Glenway *Harper*  
In the story of a Greek family forced to house a German officer, the author portrays the Nazi occupation of Greece.

## THE AMERICAN SCENE

- A NATION OF NATIONS** — Adamic, Louis *Harper*  
This is the story of the nations within our nation — who they are, whence they came and what they contribute to American civilization.
- THE TEACHER IN AMERICA** — Barzun, Jacques *Little, Brown*  
An outspoken commentary on the attitude, position and methods of the teacher.
- PLEASANT VALLEY** — Bromfield, Louis *Harper*  
With many asides the author tells of his return to his native Ohio and the way of life he built up on his farm.
- GENERAL EDUCATION IN A FREE SOCIETY** — Harvard University *Harvard Univ.*  
A two-year study of our American educational system with suggestions for its improvement.
- THE EGG AND I** — MacDonald, Betty *Lippincott*  
If you want a laugh you'll enjoy this light-hearted account of life on a chicken farm.
- ONE NATION** — Stegner, Wallace, and the Editors of *Look* *Houghton*  
An effective presentation in words and pictures of eight American minority groups.
- NAMES ON THE LAND** — Stewart, George *Random House*  
A collection of all kinds of oddities and facts about American place names.
- SIXTY MILLION JOBS** — Wallace, Henry A. *Reynal*  
An economic blueprint for full use of our resources by 1950.
- SPRINGFIELD PLAN** — Wise, James W. *Viking*  
Photographs with text explain the workings of a plan for democratic living as developed in the Springfield schools.

## TRAVEL

- A TEXAN IN ENGLAND** — Dobie, James F. *Little, Brown*  
A professor from Texas who taught at Cambridge University gives us a refreshing account of England and its people.
- THESE ARE THE RUSSIANS** — Lauterbach, Richard *Harper*  
This reporter's journal contributes much to better understanding of the U.S.S.R.
- HOME TO INDIA** — Rama Rau, Santha *Harper*  
Rediscovery of India after several years' absence by a high-born, British-educated Indian girl.
- AFRICAN JOURNEY** — Robeson, Eslanda *John Day*  
Mrs. Paul Robeson's enlightening diary of a trip which she took with her nine-year-old son.

## POETRY

- COLLECTED POETRY** — Auden, W. H. *Random House*  
One of the outstanding contemporary poets selects from his writings the poems he wishes to preserve.
- BOLTS OF MELODY** — Dickinson, Emily *Harper*  
A volume of over 600 poems now published for the first time.

## BIOGRAPHY

- A. WOOLLCOTT** — Adams, Samuel H. *Reynal*  
The life of America's famous author-actor is here portrayed with competence and affection.
- THE YOUNG JEFFERSON** — Bowers, Claude G. *Houghton*  
This third volume in the author's trilogy is a detailed study of Jefferson's formative years.
- ENRICO CARUSO, HIS LIFE AND DEATH** — Caruso, Dorothy *Simon & Schuster*  
The widow of the famous tenor tells an intimate, personal story of their brief but happy marriage.
- MY CHINESE WIFE** — Eskelund, Karl *Doubleday*  
The life story of a young Danish newspaperman who spent several adventure-packed years in the East where he married a delightful Chinese girl.
- THE CHEROKEE STRIP** — James, Marquis *Viking*  
A boy's-eye view of frontier Oklahoma between 1895 and 1911, typical of childhood experiences in any small western town during those years.
- FIGHTING LIBERAL** — Norris, George William *Macmillan*  
Senator Norris in telling of his own career gives us a political history of the U. S. during the past half century.
- ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN** — Papashvily, George *Harper*  
A Russian immigrant gives us a gay account of his efforts to understand and become a part of America.
- MIDDLE SPAN** — Santayana, George *Scribner*  
This is the second volume of the life of the famous scholar, philosopher and poet. "Persons and Places" was the first volume.
- TOM PAINE: AMERICA'S GODFATHER, 1737-1809** — Woodward, William E. *Dutton*  
Well-documented biography of a controversial figure in American history.
- BLACK BOY** — Wright, Richard *Harper*  
The author's account of his boyhood is a grim record of frustration, race tension and suffering.

## HISTORY

- IMMORTAL VILLAGE** — Peattie, Donald Culross *Univ. of Chicago*  
The famous naturalist turns back the pages of history to reveal the struggle for survival of a beautiful little cathedral town in Provence.
- THE AGE OF JACKSON** — Schlesinger, Arthur M. *Little, Brown*  
A study of U. S. political history from 1829 through the Civil War.



- THE PATTERN OF SOVIET POWER** — Snow, Edgar *Random House*  
 The author argues well for his theory that Russia's aims and foreign policy are toward living at peace with the rest of the world.
- SAINTS AND STRANGERS** — Willison, George *Reynal*  
 The author retells the story of the Pilgrims with colorful realism, portraying them as ordinary farmers and working men.

## WORLD WAR II AND THE PEACE TO FOLLOW

- COLOR AND DEMOCRACY** — DuBois, William *Harcourt*  
 The situation of colored and colonial peoples in relation to world peace is discussed by an eminent American negro scholar.
- SOLUTION IN ASIA** — Lattimore, Owen *Little, Brown*  
 A review of the problems in the Far East and an examination of broad international policies for the future.
- UP FRONT** — Mauldin, Bill *Holt*  
 Notable both for the cartoons and the writing, this book pictures with warmth the foxhole existence of the infantry.
- ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES** — Smyth, Henry D. *Princeton University*  
 Modified edition of the official report of the development of the atomic bomb.
- GENERAL MARSHALL'S REPORT** — U. S. War Department *Simon & Schuster*  
 Simple, dramatic account of World War II from the Italian campaign to June 30, 1945.
- AN INTELLIGENT AMERICAN'S GUIDE TO THE PEACE** — Welles, Sumner *Dryden*  
 Summary of the main facts about every independent nation and every major dependent people of the world.
- THE BEST FROM YANK** — Yank *Dutton*  
 Selection of the best stories and cartoons produced by G.I.'s for their own newspaper.

## PHILOSOPHY AND LANGUAGE

- A HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY** — Russell, Bertrand *Simon & Schuster*  
 Addressed principally to the layman this is a vital study which links philosophy with social, political and religious life.
- AMERICAN LANGUAGE: SUPPLEMENT ONE** — Mencken, Henry *Knopf*  
 An added volume which brings up to date the author's major work on the American use of the English language.

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