

A selected list

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BOOKS

of 1963

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An informal guide to those adult books published in 1963 which, in the judgment of the Notable Books Council, made a contribution to literature and general knowledge through their informational value, literary excellence, perception, and sincerity of presentation. Thirty-nine libraries from all sections of the United States assisted in the compilation of the list.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

ALBEE, EDWARD. A play about the resounding clash between a husband and wife. Atheneum.

Eichmann in Jerusalem

ARENDT, HANNAH. Taut, timely account of the trial of a high-ranking Nazi. Viking.

Teacher

ASHTON-WARNER, SYLVIA. A teacher's love for her Maori pupils pervades this account of a New Zealand classroom. Simon & Schuster.

The Fire Next Time

BALDWIN, JAMES. Brilliant exploration of the moral issue in American race relations. Dial.

Evangelical Theology

BARTH, KARL. A good introduction for American laymen to Barth's original views. Holt.

The Paper Economy

BAZELON, DAVID T. Provocative analysis of the American property system. Random.

Francis Bacon: The Temper of a Man

BOWEN, CATHERINE DRINKER. Bacon's complex personality in relation to his times. Little.

Voices in the Snow: Encounters with Russian Writers

CARLISLE, OLGA ANDREYEV. Essays revealing Russian culture and ideals. Random.

Night Comes to the Cumberlandds

CAUDILL, HARRY M. Vivid biography of a depressed area today. Little.

The Education of American Teachers

CONANT, JAMES BRYANT. Findings and recommendations of concern to all. McGraw-Hill.

The Living Sea

COUSTEAU, JACQUES YVES. Authoritative account of oceanographic research. Harper.

The Book of the Dance

DE MILLE, AGNES. Handsome survey incorporating rich professional knowledge. Golden.

Tutankhamen: Life and Death of a Pharaoh

DESROCHES-NOBLECOURT, CHRISTIANE. Lavishly illustrated history. New York Graphic.

The Prophet Outcast: Trotsky, 1929-1940

DEUTSCHER, ISAAC. Third and last volume of an exciting political biography. Oxford.

A Private Correspondence

DURRELL, LAWRENCE, AND MILLER, HENRY. Witty, stimulating exchange between two outstanding literary figures. Dutton.

Face of North America

FARB, PETER. Beautifully illustrated natural history of a continent. Harper.

The Mansions and the Shanties

FREYRE, GILBERTO. Significant social history of modern Brazil. Knopf.

The Tin Drum

GRASS, GÜNTER. An impressive German novel mirrors the isolation of modern man. Pantheon.

The Americans

HANDLIN, OSCAR. An epic history for the general reader stresses the impact of successive migrations. Little.

The Great Ascent

HEILBRONER, ROBERT LOUIS. The struggle for economic development in our time. Harper.

Here To Stay

HERSEY, JOHN. True stories of man's will to live and capacity to endure. Knopf.

The Ordeal of Change

HOFFER, ERIC. Pungent essays on the individual's adjustments to social change. Harper.

Anti-Intellectualism in American Life

HOFSTADTER, RICHARD. Effectively traces the history of attitudes prevailing in the 1950's. Knopf.

The Beginning & The End, and Other Poems

JEFFERS, ROBINSON. The summation of a long poetic career. Random.

Memories, Dreams, Reflections

JUNG, CARL GUSTAV. Rich autobiographical revelations of the intellectual and spiritual development of a Swiss psychologist. Pantheon.

Strength To Love

KING, MARTIN LUTHER. Seventeen sermons by a noted Negro minister. Harper.

The South and the Southerner

MCGILL, RALPH. The moderate viewpoint expressed by a Southern editor. Little.

Idiots First

MALAMUD, BERNARD. Stories that evoke empathy for the humble characters. Farrar.

Fly and the Fly-Bottle: Encounters with British Intellectuals

MEHTA, VED PARKASH. Subtle interpretations of English philosophy and history. Little.

The American Way of Death

MITFORD, JESSICA. Sharp analysis of commercial exploitation of death. Simon & Schuster.

The Two-Ocean War

MORISON, SAMUEL ELIOT. A condensed version of the author's 15-volume history of U.S. naval operations in World War II. Little.

The Road to Huddersfield: A Journey to Five Continents

MORRIS, JAMES. Work and organization of the World Bank colorfully described. Pantheon.

Freedom in the Western World, from the Dark Ages to the Rise of Democracy

MULLER, HERBERT JOSEPH. Second of three volumes that trace Western culture. Harper.

The Gift

NABOKOV, VLADIMIR. Complex fictional portrait of a Russian poet in the Berlin intellectual milieu of the 1920's. Putnam.

The Censors and the Schools

NELSON, JACK, AND ROBERTS, GENE, JR. Left- and right-wing attempts to censor U.S. textbooks. Little.

Rascal: A Memoir of a Better Era

NORTH, STERLING. A pet raccoon dominates recollections of boyhood in Wisconsin. Dutton.

The Lonely Voice: A Study of the Short Story

O'DONOVAN, MICHAEL (FRANK O'CONNOR, *pseud.*). A modern craftsman evaluates masters of the short story. World.

Writers at Work: Second Series

THE PARIS REVIEW. Stimulating interviews with leading authors. Viking.

The Time Has Come

ROCK, JOHN CHARLES. A Catholic doctor's proposals to end the battle over birth control. Knopf.

Imagination

RUGG, HAROLD. A distinguished educator's inquiry into the sources and expression of creativity. Harper.

Letters from Vatican City: Vatican Council II, First Session, Background and Debates

RYNNE, XAVIER, *pseud.* Well-written, witty report. Farrar.

Saint Genet, Actor and Martyr

SARTRE, JEAN PAUL. Exhaustive examination of France's most provocative writer-dramatist by her leading existentialist. Braziller.

A Life in Photography

STEICHEN, EDWARD. Distinguished text and distinguished pictures. Doubleday.

To Mix with Time

SWENSON, MAY. Melodic and cerebral poems. Scribner.

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TUNNARD, CHRISTOPHER, and others. Authoritative study of America's blighted landscape. Yale.

The Quiet Crisis

UDALL, STEWART L. An eloquent plea for conservation. Holt.

The Centaur

UPDIKE, JOHN. Realism and mythology blend in a perceptive novel of a father-son relationship. Knopf.

What Is Poetry?

WHEELOCK, JOHN HALL. Poetry's essence and significance defined with beauty, brevity, and insight. Scribner.

The Great Hunger: Ireland 1845-1849

WOODHAM SMITH, CECIL. Scholarly, sensitive history of the Irish famines. Harper.

The Edge of the Storm

YÁÑEZ, AGUSTÍN. Compelling, tragic novel in which fear destroys love in revolutionary Mexico. Univ. of Texas.

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