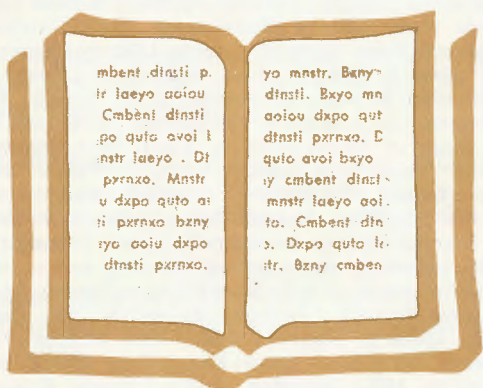


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The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest J. Gaines. Dial. A novel of a hundred-year-old black woman's life, told with dignity and pride.

Betrayed by Rita Hayworth by Manuel Puig. Dutton. A comic novel of Argentine family life complicated by the Hollywood idiom.

Beyond Freedom and Dignity by B. F. Skinner. Knopf. Controversial approach to the place of individual freedom in society.

Black Fiddler by Richard Piro. Morrow. A black school's production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF encourages racial understanding.

The Book of Daniel: A Novel by E. L. Doctorow. Random. Recreates the atmosphere of hysteria of the Rosenberg era.

Bound to Violence by Yambo Ouologuem. Harcourt. Imaginative history of Black Africa in poetic prose.

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West by Dee Brown. Holt. Guilt-stained chronicle of plunder, aggression, and hate.

Cancerqueen and Other Stories by Tommaso Landolfi. Dial. Tales of the unusual and fantastic by a unique talent.

Collected Poems by James Wright. Wesleyan. Superb translations and compassionate original verse.

The Compleat Naturalist: A Life of Linnaeus by Wilfrid Blunt. Studio-Viking. Lavishly illustrated biography of the great eighteenth-century Swedish botanist.

Crossing the Water: Transitional Poems by Sylvia Plath. Harper. Dark visions of the human condition in sharp, incisive poems.

Crow: From the Life and Songs of the Crow by Ted Hughes. Harper. Evocations of fear and suffering expressed in elemental rhythms.

Cuba: The Pursuit of Freedom by Hugh Thomas. Harper. An assessment of Cuban history culminating with Castro and the revolution.

Death of the Fox by George Garrett. Doubleday. A fictional life of Walter Raleigh, abundant in historical detail and speculation.

Deschooling Society by Ivan D. Illich. Harper. A revolutionary thesis proposed the education of youth outside formal schooling.

Diary of a Century by Jacques-Henri Lartigue. Studio-Viking. A hilarious look at life through the diary and lens of a French photographer.

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds by Paul Zindel. Harper. A funny, tough-minded play about a young girl's struggle for identity.

Einstein: The Life and Times, by Ronald W. Clark. World. A warm and human portrait of the man and his contemporaries.

Eleanor and Franklin by Joseph P. Lash. Norton. The childhood, marriage, and growth of a remarkable woman.

Encounters with the Archdruid by John A. McPhee. Farrar. One man's battle to save the country's remaining natural areas.

The European Discovery of America: The Northern Voyages, A. D. 500-1600 by Samuel Eliot Morison. Oxford. Accounts of the early adventurer-explorers recorded with zest, humor, and scholarship.

Farragan's Retreat by Tom McHale. Viking. A jarringly funny novel of Irish Catholics in Philadelphia.

The Female Eunuch by Germaine Greer. McGraw-Hill. A witty, well-balanced view of Women's Liberation.

Fire Sermon by Wright Morris. Harper. Story of the transfer and conflict of generations told with simplicity and artistry.

The Forgotten Soldier by Guy Sajer. Harper. Acid-etched prose on the hell of carnage, noise, and insanity of war.

Grendel by John Gardner. Knopf. A taut, gripping novel retells the Beowulf legend from the monster's viewpoint.

History of the Second World War by Sir Basil Henry Liddell Hart. Putnam. Succinct history of a war the author thought was "unnecessary."

Ibsen: A Biography by Michael Meyer. Doubleday. Definitive examination of the towering dramatist and his plays.

In the Shadow of Man by Jane van Lawick-Goodall. Houghton. Study of the startlingly man-like social relationships among wild chimpanzees.

India's China War by Neville Maxwell. Pantheon. A timely interpretation of the much-misunderstood border war of 1962.

The Israelis: Founders and Sons by Amos Elon. Holt. Contrasts the founders of Israel and their far less idealistic offspring.

Kennedy Justice by Victor S. Navasky. Atheneum. The inner workings of Robert Kennedy's Justice Department in its setting of personalities and politics.

London War Notes, 1939-1945 by Mollie Panter-Downes. Farrar. Acute observations of the English homefront.

Love in the Ruins by Walker Percy. Farrar. A disturbing, satirical novel of America in the 1980s.

Paris Journal, 1965-1971 by Janet Flanner. Atheneum. An expatriate's elegant recording of culture and politics in de Gaulle's Paris.

The Pentagon Papers. Bantam. Previously secret documents on our involvement in Vietnam with far-reaching political and social effects.

Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare by Frances Fox Piven and Richard A. Cloward. Pantheon. A harrowing account of public assistance as a tool for political gain.

Stilwell and the American Experience in China 1911-1945 by Barbara Tuchman. Macmillan. Perceptive analysis of the times and the man.

Tent of Miracles by Jorge Amado. Knopf. An exuberant, vital novel of Brazilian life.

365 Days by Ronald J. Glasser. Braziller. A unique and compassionate view of medics in Vietnam.

The 12-Year Reich by Richard Grunberger. Holt. A devastating picture of Hitler worship in all aspects of German social life.

Upstate: Records and Recollections of Northern New York by Edmund Wilson. Farrar. An old family house evokes bittersweet memories of a literary life.

Vendetta of Silence by Ann Cornelisen. Atlantic-Little. A novel of an American woman's life within the subtle stratifications of a southern Italian town.

The White Dawn: An Eskimo Saga by James A. Houston. Harcourt. A stark novel of the white man's corrosive effects on the Eskimo's primitive life.

William Cullen Bryant by Charles H. Brown. Scribner. Authoritative biography of the poet-politician and his America.

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