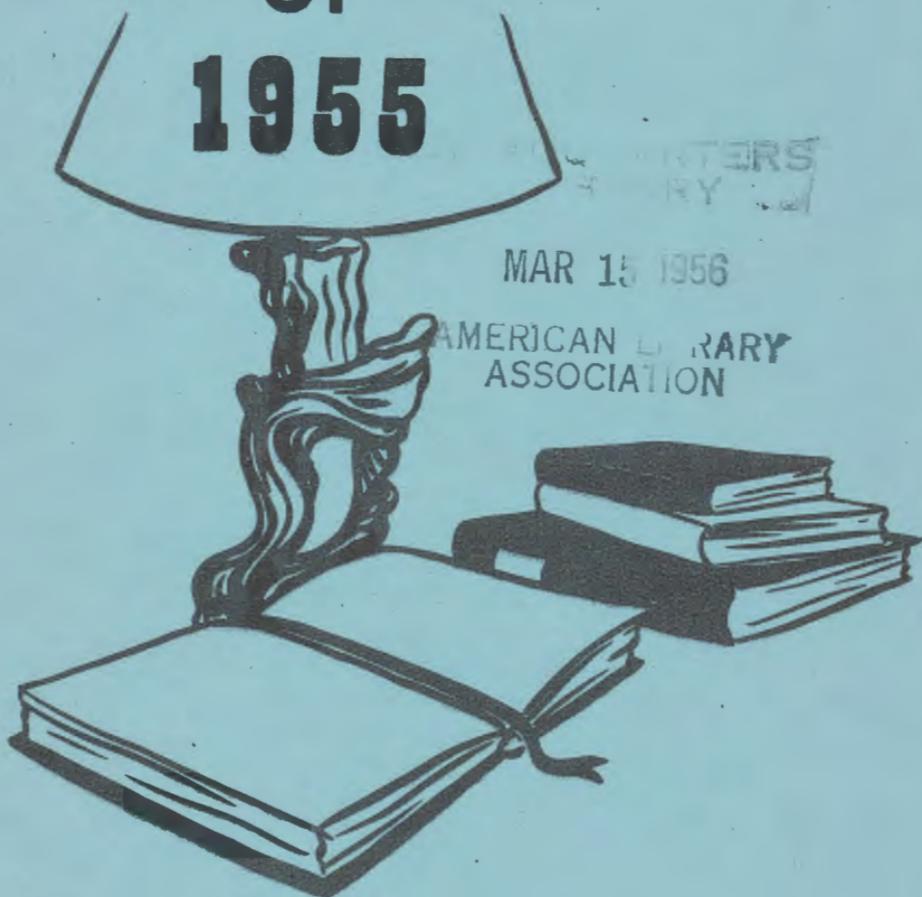


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Allen, G. W. **Solitary Singer**

A well-balanced interpretation of Whitman, poet, scholar and human being.

Anderson, Erica **World of Albert Schweitzer**

A vivid picture record of a great man and the worlds in which he lives.

Barth, Alan **Government by Investigation**

The importance to good government of legislative investigation and some dangers in abuse of this power, evaluated with fairness.

Bates, Marston **Prevalence of People**

World population from the broad point of view of the various sciences.

Bishop, J. A. **The Day Lincoln Was Shot**

An effective "You Are There" account of what happened on the day and night of April 14, 1865.

Bourlière, Francois **Mammals of the World, Their Life and Habits**

Outstanding presentation in text and photographs of animals in their natural habitat.

Bowles, Chester **New Dimensions of Peace**

A review of the international scene in Europe and Asia by a competent, practical observer who has vital ideas about United States foreign policies.

Bridgeman, William **The Lonely Sky**

An enthralling account of supersonic flight at fifteen miles above the earth.

Burrows, Millar **Dead Sea Scrolls**

A scholarly analysis of what many theologians and scientists believe to be one of the great discoveries of our time.

Carson, Rachel **The Edge of the Sea**

A beautifully written and scientifically correct study of the strange and abundant life between high and low tides.

Chase, Gilbert **America's Music from the Pilgrims to the Present**

Provocative panorama of our democratic musical heritage.

Chase, M. E. **Life and Language in the Old Testament**

An invaluable consideration of the Old Testament as a work of literary art and a keen analysis of the mind of an ancient Oriental people.

Clifford, J. L. **Young Sam Johnson**

What made young Johnson the boy he was and the famous man he became.

Davenport, R. W. **The Dignity of Man**

About the central conflicts of our time which may be neither economic nor political but philosophic.

De Santillana, George **The Crime of Galileo**

About Galileo and his inquisitors, who felt that the best way to defend the faith was to become policemen of the mind.

De Voto, Bernard **The Easy-Chair**

Thoughtful comments by the late editor of The Easy-Chair (Harper's Magazine) on important issues in American life.

Fine, Benjamin **1,000,000 Delinquents**

Personal interviews and case studies on juvenile delinquency. The author documents causes in home, school and community and suggests preventive measures.

Fromm, Erich **The Sane Society**

A challenge to all who assume that social and economic processes must be sane because they exist.

Goodenough, E. R. **Toward a Mature Faith**

An original solution for the lost faith and security men are seeking.

Gunther, John **Inside Africa**

Despite some errors and some superficiality, an important compendium of knowledge about a vital area.

Hachiya, Michihiko **Hiroshima Diary**

A participant's account of the atom bombing of Hiroshima which is objective and scientific.

Hanson, Lawrence **Noble Savage**

A richly detailed biography of Gouguin, a successful French stockbroker who became one of the world's most colorful artists.

Herberg, Will **Protestant, Catholic, Jew**

A critical, sensitive and impartial study of the religious situation in America.

Hoyle, Fred **Frontiers of Astronomy**

Controversial implications of the new ideas in astronomy.

Irvine, William **Apes, Angels and Victorians**

A skillful blending of information and humor about Charles Darwin, Thomas Henry Huxley and the impact of Darwin's theory of evolution on the 19th century world.

Jackson, R. H. **The Supreme Court in the American System of Government**

Acute commentary on the Supreme Court and its unique function in our democracy.

Life Magazine **The World We Live In**

Superbly illustrated articles about the earth and its natural wonders by the editorial staff of Life and Lincoln Barnett.

Lindbergh, A. M. **Gift from the Sea**

In poetic prose the author describes her search for inner peace while living in "a world that is too much with us."

Luethy, Herbert **France against Herself**

A Swiss journalist's well-informed study of France's appalling problems.

MacGowan, Kenneth **The Living Stage**

A well-written, well-illustrated history of the theatre from its origins with primitive man through its dark and golden ages.

Markandaya, Kamala **Nectar in a Sieve**

Realistic novel of Indian peasant life which is sad and tender and contains emotional universals the world can understand.

Millar, G. R. **Crossbowman's Story of the First Exploration of the Amazon**

Fictionized biography of explorer Orellana and his trip from Peru down the Amazon to the Atlantic.

New York (City) Museum of Modern Art **The Family of Man**

Excellent reproduction of photographs from an exhibit prepared by Edward Steichen at New York's Museum of Modern Art showing "the universal elements and emotions in the 'everydayness' of life."

Niebuhr, Reinhold

The Self and the Dramas of History

An analysis of the impact upon western civilization of the tensions between the Hebraic and Hellenic elements of culture.

Oldenbourg, Zoe

The Cornerstone

The cornerstone is Christianity on which real and believable characters are able to build in different ways.

Peterson, R. T.

Wild America

Wild America as seen through the highly perceptive observations of American naturalist Peterson and British naturalist James Fisher.

Phillips, Wendell

Qataban and Sheba

Fascinating account of archeological treasure hunting in the ancient kingdoms on the Biblical spice routes of Arabia.

Reischauer, E. O.

Wanted: an Asian Policy

A readable diagnosis of our problems in Asia.

Tenzing Norgay

Tiger of the Snows

In collaboration with James Ramsey Ullman, Tenzing Norgay, the Sherpa, tells his very original version of the successful ascent of Mount Everest in 1953.

Trilling, Lionel

The Opposing Self

Distinguished literary essays with an interconnecting theme, "the idea of the self."

Tunnard, Christopher

American Skyline

An unusually fine presentation of city planning, architectural tradition and industrial progress of the American city.

Van der Post, Laurens

The Dark Eye in Africa

An Afrikaner's stirring discussion of his country's spiritual problems.

Walker, R. L.

China Under Communism

Well-based in research, this analysis of communism's impact upon China is a serious attempt to sift and interpret actual publications of the Peking regime.

Weeks, Edward

The Open Heart

Out of the life and thought of the long-time editor of the Atlantic Monthly comes a philosophy of life beautifully written.

West, Rebecca

A Train of Powder

Six essays on guilt and punishment by a master writer-reporter.

White, Walter

How Far the Promised Land?

America's progress in race relations and a measure of the man who devoted his life to bringing the Negro toward full equality in our society.

This annual compilation is the responsibility of the Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association. The Notable Books Council (of the Division), composed of twelve members, cooperates with a number of participating libraries in the selection of the titles on the list.

Mrs. Florence S. Craig, director of adult education, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of the Council, says:

"The books were chosen for these factors: sincerity and honesty of presentation, factual correctness, literary excellence, contribution to man's understanding of himself and the times in which he lives.

Omitted were new editions, condensations, compilations and titles that were parts of older and larger works.

Fifty-five libraries participated in the project during 1955."