

A selected list

**NOTABLE
BOOKS**
of **1960**

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This Is the American Earth

ADAMS, ANSEL E., AND NEWHALL, NANCY. The rhythmic prose and peerless photographs are an outstanding contribution to the cause of conserving our national scenic resources. Sierra Club (distr. by Knopf).

Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds

ADAMSON, JOY. Elsa, orphaned lion cub, was raised as a pet, then re-educated to return to the African jungle. Pantheon.

Picture History of the Civil War

AMERICAN HERITAGE (periodical). Lucid prose plus fine pictures and maps make this outstanding. Doubleday.

The Intelligent Man's Guide to Science

ASIMOV, ISAAC. Well-proportioned two-volume survey, which moves from history to the newest discoveries. Basic Books.

The Public Years

BARUCH, BERNARD M. Further memories of the financier, philanthropist, and adviser to presidents, covering almost fifty years in public affairs. Holt.

The Forest and the Sea

BATES, MARSTON. Of the interdependence of man and nature, by a scientist who is also a wise philosopher. Random.

Sculpture of This Century

BERCKELAERS, FERDINAND L. An illustrated survey from Rodin to the present. Braziller.

The Passionate Sightseer

BERENSON, BERNARD. Sensitive and informed observations from diaries of the noted art critic on a postwar trip through Italy. Simon & Schuster.

The Master Builders

BLAKE, PETER. The story of modern architecture told through the lives and works of Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe, and Frank Lloyd Wright. Knopf.

A Time in Rome

BOWEN, ELIZABETH. An observant writer's reactions to the city and its history. Knopf.

This list for adult readers seeking an informal guide to books published in 1960 has been chosen by the Notable Books Council after careful reading and consideration. It is a selection of those titles published during the year which, in the judgment of the Council, made a contribution to literature and general knowledge. Thirty-six libraries from all sections of the United States assisted in the compilation of the list.

An American Dialogue

BROWN, ROBERT M., AND WEIGEL, GUSTAVE. "A Protestant looks at Catholicism and a Catholic looks at Protestantism"—a salutary exchange. Doubleday.

Grant Moves South

CATTON, BRUCE. Emergence of Grant as a great military leader. Little.

Copland on Music

COPLAND, AARON. Occasional pieces covering thirty years. Doubleday.

Dr. Schweitzer of Lambaréné

COUSINS, NORMAN. An intimate view into the work and spirit of the renowned humanitarian, including his attitude toward atomic war. Harper.

Clea

DURRELL, LAWRENCE. Final volume of the "Alexandria Quartet," exploring with discerning insight man's quest for life's meaning. Dutton.

The Firmament of Time

EISELEY, LOREN C. How man can comprehend himself as a part of nature and a product of evolution. Atheneum.

Felix Frankfurter Reminisces

FRANKFURTER, FELIX. Candidly expressed opinions on a wide variety of topics. Reynal.

Art and Illusion

GOMBRICH, E. H. J. The relation between art and the viewer, presented with wit and richly illustrated. Pantheon.

Goodbye to a River

GRAVES, JOHN. Contemplative journey down the Brazos River. Knopf.

History of Western Music

GROUT, DONALD J. A well-written, comprehensive account. Norton.

The Future as History

HEILBRONER, ROBERT L. Provocative discussion of the forces which are shaping our future. Harper.

The Child Buyer

HERSEY, JOHN. An attempt to purchase a 10-year-old boy genius for exploitation, cast in the form of Senate hearings. Knopf.

On Thermonuclear War

KAHN, HERMAN. Important discussion of the prospect of a nuclear war and the methods of escaping total destruction. Princeton Univ. Pr.

A Separate Peace

KNOWLES, JOHN. Quiet, perceptive study of the fatal relationship between two adolescents. Macmillan.

The Reluctant Surgeon: A Biography of John Hunter

KOBLER, JOHN. An illuminating portrait of the Scottish farm boy and founder of scientific surgery, against a background of 18th-century London. Doubleday.

The Leopard

LAMPEDUSA, GIUSEPPE DI. Urbane portrayal of the dissolution of a 19th-century aristocratic Sicilian family. Pantheon.

To Kill a Mockingbird

LEE, HARPER. A young girl's growth in tolerance and understanding in an Alabama town of the 1930's. Lippincott.

The Four Loves

LEWIS, C. S. Philosophical discussion of the varieties of human love. Harcourt.

Times Three

MCGINLEY, PHYLLIS. A delightful collection of deft, light verse on an infinite variety of subjects. Viking.

The Son of Man

MAURIAC, FRANÇOIS. A moving meditation on Christ's identification with the suffering of modern man. World.

Turmoil and Tradition: A Study of the Life and Times of Henry L. Stimson

MORISON, ELTING ELMORE. An excellent appraisal of an outstanding statesman. Houghton.

Thomas Wolfe

NOWELL, ELIZABETH. This penetrating biography by Wolfe's literary agent is an outstanding contribution to literary history. Doubleday.

Queen Mary: 1867-1953

POPE-HENNESSY, JAMES. A fitting portrait of a regal lady, well documented and very readable. Knopf.

Literature and Western Man

PRIESTLEY, JOHN B. A panorama of authors and their works during 500 years. Harper.

Lord Burghley and Queen Elizabeth

READ, CONYERS. The second and concluding volume of the political biography of William Cecil; careful and exacting, based on manuscript sources. Knopf.

Stages of Economic Growth

ROSTOW, WALT W. Controversial theory, stated with conviction. Cambridge Univ. Pr.

The Politics of Upheaval

SCHLESINGER, ARTHUR M., JR. Completes the analysis of Roosevelt's first term. Houghton.

The Last of the Just

SCHWARZ-BART, ANDRÉ. An eloquent, enduring testament to Jewish persecution through the ages. Atheneum.

Robert Frost: The Trial by Existence

SERGEANT, ELIZABETH S. An affectionate, sensitive biography, enriched by numerous quotations and parts of poems. Holt.

In Defense of Ignorance

SHAPIRO, KARL J. A plea for the average reader to give poetry a hearing. Random.

The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich

SHIRER, WILLIAM L. Revealing "inside" picture of a dark period of history. Simon & Schuster.

The Affair

SNOW, SIR CHARLES P. Supposition of a scientific fraud has an explosive effect on an English university. Scribner.

The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution

SNOW, SIR CHARLES P. A discussion of how the lack of communication between literary and scientific leaders endangers society. Cambridge Univ. Pr.

Journey into Summer

TEALE, EDWIN W. Exploration from New Hampshire to the Rockies. Dodd.

Education and the Human Quest

THELEN, HERBERT A. A bold program of action to raise education above mere problem-solving. Harper.

Walk Egypt

WILLIAMS, VINNIE. Vital story of a strong-willed woman, told in the distinctive rich speech of her Georgia hills. Viking.

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