A selected list

NOTABLE

BOOKS

of 1962

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Adult Services Division

American Library Association
An informal guide to those adult books published in 1962 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.

Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon
AMADO, JORGE. Comedy of manners in a small Brazilian town. Knopf.

Life and Energy
ASIMOV, ISAAC. Explains the mysteries of biochemistry. Doubleday.

A Man for All Seasons
BOLT, ROBERT. A play effectively portraying Sir Thomas More as Henry VIII’s conscience. Random.

Tale for the Mirror
CALISHER, HORTENSE. Short stories about loneliness, nostalgia, and self-deception. Little.

Embattled Critic
CANADAY, JOHN EDWIN. Dissenting views on modern art. Farrar.

Silent Spring
CARSON, RACHEL LOUISE. The disturbing effects of pesticides on man and his environment. Houghton.

King Rat
CLAVELL, JAMES. Fictional study of the will to survive in a Japanese prison camp. Little.

Letters from the Earth
CLEMENS, SAMUEL LANGHORNE. Mark Twain’s sardonic views on Christian doctrine and morality. Harper.

Seven Plays of the Modern Theatre

The Origin of Races
COON, CARLETON STEVENS. New approach to the origin and evolution of man. Knopf.
The Nature of Communism  
DANIELS, ROBERT VINCENT. Distinguishes clearly between realities and myths. Random.

Of Time, Work, and Leisure  
DE GRAZIA, SEBASTIAN. Explores changing patterns throughout history. Twentieth Century Fund.

The World of Ice  
DYSON, JAMES LINDSAY. Little understood or appreciated features of physical geography. Knopf.

Henry James  

The Reivers: A Reminiscence  
FAULKNER, WILLIAM. Comic automobile odyssey of three innocents. Random.

In the Clearing  
FROST, ROBERT. Poems in both light and serious vein. Holt.

The Other America  

About Prints  
HAYTER, STANLEY WILLIAM. Discussion of techniques, print makers, and collecting. Oxford.

Being and Time  
HEIDEGGER, MARTIN. A German philosophical work of great influence on European thought. Harper.

The Fox in the Attic  
HUGHES, RICHARD. Conflict is foreshadowed in a novel of England and Germany in the 1920’s. Harper.

The Tangled Bank  
HYMAN, STANLEY EDGAR. Darwin, Marx, Frazer, and Freud as imaginative writers. Atheneum.

Contemporaries  
KAZIN, ALFRED. Stimulating literary, social, and cultural commentaries. Little.

The Artist’s Voice  

The Council, Reform, and Reunion  
KÜNG, HANS. Areas for reform in the Catholic Church. Sheed & Ward.

Arms and Arms Control  
LEFEVER, ERNEST W., ed. A symposium giving traditional and dissident beliefs. Praeger.

Let My People Go  

Against the American Grain  
MACDONALD, DWIGHT. Essays on mass culture and “high culture.” Random.

Latin America between the Eagle and the Bear  
MADARIAGA, SALVADOR DE. An objective observer’s analysis. Praeger.

The Senses of Animals and Men  

Pale Fire  
NABOKOV, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH. Ironic novel-poem-puzzle with many levels of meaning. Putnam.

Ship of Fools  
PORTER, KATHERINE ANNE. Modern allegory aboard a ship bound from Mexico to Germany. Little.

Morte d’Urban  
POWERS, JAMES FARL. Gently satirical novel about a worldly priest. Doubleday.

A Long and Happy Life  
PRICE, REYNOLDS. Sensitive story of a young girl’s compromised dream. Atheneum.

London Perceived  
PRITCHETT, VICTOR SAWDON. Text and photographs harmoniously pay tribute to a great city. Harcourt.
New Frontiers of Christianity
RAUGHLEY, RALPH c., ed. The challenges from science and other areas. Association.

Renoir, My Father
RENOIR, JEAN. Warmly affectionate memoir of Auguste Renoir. Little.

The Culturally Deprived Child
RIESSMAN, FRANK. Helping underprivileged children through positive aspects of their culture. Harper.

Eero Saarinen on His Work
SAARINEN, EERO. Selection of buildings, 1947–1964, with statements by the architect. Yale.

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