Reference Books

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A list of last year's outstanding reference books, prepared specially for Lj and recommended by a committee of the Reference Services Division of the American Library Association

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The aim of this list is to select publications suitable for small and medium-sized libraries, with emphasis on the public library but with possible usefulness to smaller college libraries. This necessarily eliminates a large number of valuable reference books prepared for use in other types of libraries. Fortunately, many of those left out are covered in other special issues of periodicals, such as the one in which this list appears, and in bibliographies in monograph form keyed to type of library or special subject field.

In addition to many hours spent in selecting and examining works in their home libraries, the Committee met in four full-day sessions during the year to make the preliminary and final selections. The members of the Committee and their fields of specialization are:

Mrs. Julia Bartling, Head, Reference Services, University of Iowa Library, General Works; Penelope Bullock, Assistant Reference Librarian, Eastern Michigan University Library, Language, Literature; James E. Dickson, Head, Fine Arts Department, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Fine Arts, Recreation; Jay K. Lucker, Assistant Librarian for Science and Technology, Princeton University Library, Pure Science; Helen F. Northup, Head, General Reference Department, University of Wisconsin Library, Social Sciences except Education; Doris M. Savage, Head, History and Travel Division, Rochester (N.Y.) Public Library, History, Geography; Margaret Smart, Documents Librarian, Colorado School of Mines Library, Technology; Anne F. Sturtevant, Head, Education, Philosophy, Religion Department, Free Library of Philadelphia, Philosophy, Religion, Education; Thomas S. Shaw, Visiting Professor, Library School, Louisiana State University, Chairman.

The members of the Committee, or other professionals on the staffs of the libraries with which they are connected, examined 874 reference books, from which 91 have been selected. Among these are several with 1961 and 1962 imprints that were missed in the last two annual lists.

Those publishers with two or more titles included are: Harper, with seven; Bowker, Gale, Hawthorn, Scarecrow, Scribner, three each; and Cambridge University Press, Crowell, Field Enterprises, Institute of Government Studies-University of California (Berkeley), McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Rand McNally, St. Martin's, Stackpole and Viking, two each. Another 55 pub-
lishers have titles included (more than the number of titles, since some titles are listed with two publishers).

This year was again notable for the large number of reprints and revisions of standard reference works. Those with changes requiring annotations have been placed in the main list; others worthy of mention are:


COOK, Margaret Gerry. The New Library Key. 2d ed. N.Y: Wilson, 184pp. pup. $1.60.


HOW-To-Do-It Books: a Selected Guide. 3d ed. rev. N.Y: Bowker, 265pp. $7.50.


NEW Technical Books: a Selective List with Descriptive Annotations. N.Y: New York Public Library, 1963-... m. $3 per year. (Now arranged by Decimal Classification, with author and title indexes).


The works included in this list will again be displayed in the Reference Services Division’s booth at the St. Louis convention of the American Library Association, June 28-July 4. After that they will be available for loan to interested groups for display at regional and local meetings. The only cost involved will be the payment of transportation charges. For further information write to: Donald E. Wright, Executive Secretary, Reference Services Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Through the kindness of the LIBRARY JOURNAL and the R. R. Bowker Company, reprints of the list will again be available, both for those who view the books in St. Louis and for those who later see the traveling exhibit.

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Behavior Sciences

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION. Biographical Directory of Fellows and Members. N. Y.: Bowker, 645p. $25

Lists 13,000 members as compared with 10,000 in 1958 edition. Alphabetically arranged, with geographic index, "Who's Who" type of information, given as of May 8, 1962.


Subject classification list of over 3,000 references of interest to sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists and anthropologists as well as health professionals.

TOMPKINS, Dorothy Louise (Campbell) Culver. The Offenders: a Bibliography. Berkeley, Calif.: Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, 268p. $7.50

Three major divisions (the offender, the factors involved in the making of the offender, studies of the offender) comprise basic arrangement. Numerous subdivisions further classify material. Brief annotations provided for many pamphlets, books, dissertations, and periodical articles. Covers years since 1937.

Biography

(Special biography listed under subject, e.g. Behavior Sciences)


Biographies of 6,700 college and university teachers or individuals who are outstanding editors, authors or leaders in educational subject fields. "History" is interpreted in broad sense to include historians in economics, education, religion, fine arts. Cross references to earlier volumes and to American Men of Science (1960-1962) attempt to solve problem of referral to scholars having interdisciplinary interests. Published in cooperation with American Council of Learned Societies. Volume 2 will cover English, Speech, Drama; Vol. 3, Foreign Languages, Linguistics, Philosophy; Vol. 4, Philosophy.


Profiles of 2,800 newsworthy people (with home addresses) in every form of endeavor. Photographs, anecdotes, quotations from friends and critics enliven text. Criteria for selection was that each person be widely recognized beyond his own field.


Extensive data for 4,000 leading personalities in government, party, armed forces, diplomacy, science, arts. Index lists key personnel of each republic under such headings as Communist Party, government, academies, cultural organizations, mass organizations, etc.


Biographies of 13,300 individuals, both of the United States and other countries, who have contributed to, or whose activity was related to, history of the United States. Biographies are then carried on from 1896 by other three volumes in series: Who Was Who In America, 1897-1942; 1943-1950; 1951-1960.

Business & Economics

BABB, Janice B. & DORDICK, Beverley Frank. Real Estate Information Sources. Detroit: Gale, 317p. $8.75

Books, pamphlets, reports, government publications, dissertations. Periodical articles excluded, although one of appendices lists those of interest. Annotations of varying length follow many references. Items grouped according to broad subjects. Author and subject indexes.

MITCHELL, Brian R. Abstract of British Historical Statistics. With the collaboration of Phyllis Deane. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 513p. $10

Valuable compendium of economic data for United Kingdom covering 18th and 19th centuries (stronger in the latter) and up to 1938. Entries are under such headings as population, vital statistics, labour force, various industries, trade, wages, prices, etc., each with a textual introduction and good bibliography. General bibliography. Index.


Statistical data and tables for nearly 100 countries or territories on mining, manufacturing, construction, electricity and gas industries in relation to other aspects of economy. In English and French.

Education


Due for revision in 1964, but phenomenal growth (nearly 70 more listed than in 1960 edition) has brought about earlier release.


Considerable rearrangement of contents, with changes in format. Records more than 400 colleges and universites which did not appear in the 10th edition (1957).


Timely and useful compilation which notes materials in various types of publications including
book reviews. Many entries have annotations including comments on periodical articles. Arranged by subject, with index referring to authors, editors, compilers, book titles and state material (including material on legal cases in that area).


GAGE, Nathaniel Lees, ed. Handbook of Research on Teaching; a Project of the American Educational Research Association. Chicago: Rand McNally, 1218p. $15 Twenty-three chapters prepared by authorities summarize, analyze, and integrate studies made over last half-century. Detailed name and subject index. Though different in scope and organization, this is valuable companion to Encyclopedia of Educational Research (see 1960 list).


Fine Arts


CLIFFORD, Derek. A History of Garden Design. N. Y.: Praeger, 232p. $13.75. London: Faber. 70s Scholarly and of historical as well as gardening interest. Traces development of gardens from earliest times to present, and shows how they were product of economic and cultural traditions of their times. Contributions of famous gardeners are discussed and reappraised. Emphasis on European gardens. Well-illustrated with photographs and drawings from original plans and contemporary prints. Selected bibliography. Index.

Classic in its field reprinted and brought up-to-date by third volume containing essays on national developments, 1929-1962, with composer index, 7-page bibliography, and list of corrections and additions to volumes 1 and 2.


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One hundred and sixty-four songs in German, French, Italian, Spanish, Latin, Scandinavian and Slavic tongues with English translations, piano and guitar accompaniments, annotations, and title index.

GAMMOND, Peter. Music on Record; a Critical Guide. London: Hutchinson, 2 vols. 42s Assessment of 122 composers and discussion of selected records of their works. Present volumes cover orchestral music only, but more on other forms of composition will follow.

HAGGAR, Reginald G. A Dictionary of Art Terms, Paintings, Sculpture, Architecture, Engraving and Etching, Lithography and Other Art Processes, Heraldry. N. Y: Hawthorn, 416p. $5.95 British in origin, definitions are brief, pictures few. Foreign terms included.


HUYGHE, René, ed. Larousse Encyclopedia of Byzantine and Medieval Art. N. Y: Prometheus, 416p. $17.95 Following form of first volume (Larousse Encyclopedia of Prehistoric and Ancient Art, 1962), this second volume offers readable essays on periods (including the Oriental) plus tabular "historical summaries." At least one picture per page.

MILLER, Philip L. The Ring of Words. N. Y: Doubleday, 200p. $4.95 Anthology of 224 songs with parallel English translations based on standard art-song repertoire (thirteenth German). Provides, with notes, aid to understanding for both performers and listeners.

SIMON, Bernard, ed. Simon's Directory of Theatrical Materials, Services and Information Covering the Entire United States & Canada; a Classified Guide Listing Where to Buy, to Rent, to Lease, to Find Out Everything Needed for the Production of Stage Attractions and the Management of Theatres. 2d ed. N. Y: Package Publicity Service, 160p. pap. $3.60 Festivals, recent books, professional and amateur groups, schools, play-writing contests, etc. also included.


WILCOX, Ruth Turner. Five Centuries of American Costume. N. Y: Scribner, 207p. $6.50 Like earlier works of author, consists of chapters (10) summarizing epochs of fashion and about 400 figures drawn in line accompanied by notes on materials and colors. Men, women, children, armed forces and pre-Columbian natives included. Bibliography.


General Reference

The COLUMBIA Encyclopedia. Ed. by William Bridgewater and Seymour Kurtz. N. Y: Columbia University Press, 2388p. $49.50 Third edition with many revisions and improvements. Maps are now included, and full-page groups of illustrations devoted to single subjects (migration of animals, optics and sound, musical instruments, etc.) in which pictures contribute to better understanding than words alone can provide.


GENERAL Encyclopedias in Print. 2d ed. Akron: Reference Books Research Service, 44p. $1.50 Identifies and provides information about major encyclopedias printed in the United States, plus a few published in Great Britain. Comparisons of size, price, methods of arrangement, etc. Lists sources of further information for most titles. Publisher announces that annual editions will appear in the future.

GOLDSTEIN, Milton. Dictionary of Modern Acronyms & Abbreviations. Indianapolis: Sams, 158p. $4.95 Includes many of the newest alphabetic designations, e.g. ZIP code (zoning improvement plan).

KRUZAS, Anthony T., ed. Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centers. Detroit: Gale, 767p. $25 Comprehensive guide listing more than 10,000 libraries of all types and sizes, noting their special subject emphases. Entries arranged alphabetically by name of library, and include name, address, telephone number, name of director, date when founded, services available to outside inquirers, publications, indication of availability of material listed, etc.
Classified list of fairly recent books dealing with the environment, ideas, science, religion, etc. of modern civilization. Useful feature is designation of titles appropriate for younger readers. Brief annotations given for some entries. Author-title index.

History & Geography

Complete key to six-volume set. Main articles cited in bold-faced type and precede significant analytical entries from original index. Completely revised entry is phrased to show its relationship to main entry under which subject matter will be found.


Majority of maps are up-dated versions of those distributed to members in past, but some are wholly new. Corner insets on some give useful information (airline distances, political subdivisions of countries, etc.). Each continental section begins with a discussion of geography and brief information about area, population, climate, and national flag (in color). Special maps for United States parks, national monuments, Civil War battlefields. Population figures for major world cities and metropolitan areas in United States. Temperature and rainfall chart for about 200 cities around world. Index includes over 127,000 items.

Signed articles by experts range from brief, specific entries on smaller subjects to essays on such topics as hieroglyphics and mummiification. Many cross references. Index to names. General index. Originally published in France (1959).

Brief articles on political, constitutional, legal, ecclesiastical, economic aspects of British history. Range is wide, including all countries which are, or at sometime were, part of England, her overseas possessions, the Empire, or the Commonwealth. Cultural history and biographies have not been included. Plentiful cross references.

The WORLD Book Atlas. Chicago: Field Enterprises, 392p. $19.95
Designed for students, teachers, parents, businessmen, etc. Gives information about places, population, travel, climate, politics and economics. Elevens major sections: space, world, Europe, Asia, Africa, Polar Regions, Latin America, Australia-New Zealand-Pacific Islands, Canada, United States, world travel guide. Introductory pages devoted to well-illustrated instructions for using atlases and reading maps. Five hundred reference maps; United States and Canadian latest census of populations for 27,000 places; 80,000 index references to important places and geographic features.

Literature & Language

Key to information in outstanding periodical in field. Divided into two sections: author-subject index and book review index. Latter has entries for subject as well as author of books reviewed.

CLAPP, Jane. International Dictionary of Literary Awards. N. Y: Scarecrow, 545p. $15
Calling attention to authors who are well-known in their own countries but are not always recognized elsewhere, this publication is a selective listing of important literary prizes awarded in countries other than the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. While emphasis is on authors honored in last five years, winners of more important awards are given from date awards were first made.


Companion volumes, the first covers a longer span of time, includes larger number of authors, and is not as uneven in selection as second. In addition to entries on individual poets it contains several articles on related topics (metaphor, satire, classic and romantic, symbolism), and portraits. The second is a collection of essays on a small selection of 20th Century writers in English or who have been translated into that language. Minimum of biographical and data and quotations; 176 portraits, 16 in color.

CROWELL'S Spanish-English & English-Spanish Dictionary, by Gerd A. Gillhoff. N. Y: Crowell, 1261p. $4.95; thumb indexed $5.95
Designed as basic guide for student, businessman, and tourist. Eighty thousand entries include words and expressions in daily use in Latin America; some colloquial and slang. Vocabulary is supplemented by outlines of Spanish and English grammar; lists of abbreviations and numerals; and series of bilingual tables depicting everyday life. Illustrations.

Some 150,000 entries including abbreviations, and biographical and geographical names in main alphabet. Restrictive labels indicate regional, slang, informal, archaic and special subject words. Sup-
implemented with brief essays on history and other aspects of English language and on vocabulary building.


"The significance of the dictionary to those in the English-speaking world lies in its presenting detailed information for those who employ Italian in intellectual pursuits while, at the same time, meeting the needs of those who use Italian in everyday life." - Foreword. Italian edition was published by Garzanti in 1961.

MAGILL, Frank Northen, ed. Cyclopedia of Literary Characters. N.Y: Salem Press, 2 vols. $8.95

Arranged by title, under which principal characters are noted with brief identifying sketches. Pronunciation given for difficult names. Author index and alphabetical character index.

PLUMMER, Gall. Dramatists' Guide to Selection of Plays and Musicals. Dubuque: W.C. Brown, 144p. $3.50

Provides assistance to groups (college students, secondary and elementary school pupils, community theater participants, etc.) in selection of plays appropriate for production. Separately noted are one-act plays, musical comedies, light opera, non-royalty plays. Publishers and royalty fees indicated.


Selection of 20,000 books, dissertations, articles, etc. that have appeared in standard bibliographies, mostly annually. Detailed subject arrangement. Based on and continues Ebisch-Schücking Shakespeare bibliographies of 1931 and 1937.

WEBSTER'S Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary. Springfield, Mass: Merriam, 1221p. $5.75-$15

Contains 130,000 entries, with definitions and pronunciations based on Webster's Third New International Dictionary (1961). Various supplementary features found in the well-known 6th ed. have been retained and revised.


Completely new Thordike-Barnhart dictionary omitting biographical, geographical and other encyclopedic information as work is intended as supplement to World Book Encyclopedia. Concentrates on meaning, history, and use of 180,000 words including 20,000 of recent vintage. Definitions include illustrative quotations, usage notes, and restrictive labels (slang, obsolete, informal, etc.). Preceding vocabulary are extensive sections on how to write, vocabulary building at all grade levels, and handbook of usage. Two thousand illustrations.

Military


Covers United States and overseas countries. Many pictures and maps. Bibliography. Index.

BUEHR, Walter. Warriors' Weapons. Illustrated by the author. N.Y: Crowell, 186p. $4.95

Small work, well illustrated with black and white drawings. Includes "Dictionary of Ancient Weapons." Index.

CAIDIN, Martin. The Man in Space Dictionary; a Modern Glossary. N.Y: Dutton, 224p. $6.95

Brief nontechnical definitions of terms important to manned space flight including rockets, missiles, medicine, travel, and astronomy. Black and white illustrations include drawings and photographs.


Attractive informal encyclopedia with over 300 photographs and drawings. Arranged by major topics with sub-topics. Bibliography.
Political Science


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Planned for teaching and group programs, resources for programs and activities stressed. Price, publisher, grade level, source for each entry. Author-title index.


Scholars of 24 countries have contributed individual chapters to this country-by-country survey. Influential factors, historical summaries, traditional goals, methods and institutions for formulating and administering foreign policy, and present-day problems are some of the topics included. Outline maps. Chapter bibliographies. Index.


Authoritative handbook arranged by topics with bibliographical footnotes and index. Includes such subjects as elections, social legislation, nationalization, royalty, trade unions, pressure groups, etc.


Ninety-four of most important available contemporary statements, proclamations, and letters, without comment. Detailed list of events, 1868-January 1963, and pertinent background materials such as treaties and official statements provide continuity.

MULLER, Steven. Documents on European Government. N. Y: Macmillan. 266p. pap. $2.25

Source book of documents planned primarily for use in comparative study of governments of France, Germany, Russia, Great Britain. Includes programs and statutes of major political parties and rules for elections.


General introduction on our national elections by Louis Fuller is followed by tables for all elections through 1960 for all states and political parties. Percentages are included as well as interesting sidelight material.

PRESS, Charles & WILLIAMS, Oliver P. State Manuals, Blue Books, and Election Results. Berkeley, Calif: Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, 1962, 101p. $2

Arranged by states, provides information concerning available publications. Data for each title includes address of publisher (some are privately printed), indication of number of pages in last issue examined, price, and somewhat detailed analyses of contents.

WEST Africa Annual, 1962-. London: J. Clarke, 352p. 63s

Great variety of information on 15 countries in West Africa with a map of each. No index but topics under each entry are well marked. Edited by L. K. Jacande.


Volume titles are: United Nations, Africa, Americas, Asia and Australasia, Europe. Except for format, similar arrangement to 1960 edition. Introductory paragraphs to each article summarize information concerning flag, national anthem, monetary unit, system of weights and measures. Concluding sections give brief bibliographies. United Nations volume includes glossary of intergovernmental organizations, index of material in that volume, and analytical index for other four volumes.

Recreation

JOY, Barbara Ellen. Annotated Bibliography on Camping. Minneapolis: Burgess, 126p. $2.50

Classified according to topics of interest to camping enthusiasts. Lists 1,640 titles, many of which are still in print.


Provides history of sport: college, conference, and professional records; All-American selections; names of those selected for Hall of Fame.

SCHAAP, Richard. An Illustrated History of the Olympics. N. Y: Knopf, 319p. $15

Antiquity is reported in first chapter, and each of games from 1896 to present has chapter. Pictures on every page and separate groups of plates on particular sports. Index and list of champions.

YOUNG, A. S. Negro Firsts in Sports. Chicago: Johnson, 301p. $4.95

Narrative history of Negro participation in American athletic events with appendix of records and index.

Religion

BETTENSON, Henry Scowcroft, ed. Documents of the Christian Church. 2d ed. London; N. Y: Oxford University Press, 489p. 16s, $3.50; text ed., $2.50

GREENSLADE, Stanley Lawrence, ed. The Cambridge History of the Bible: the West, from the Reformation to the Present Day. N. Y.; Cambridge: Eng: Cambridge University Press, 589p. $8.50, 45s. Thorough, carefully documented account, with chapters written by competent scholars. Illustrated by 48 plates showing sample pages from notable Bibles. Appendixes list Bible study aids. General index, also index to Bible references. A volume covering time up to Reformation, and possibly others treating different aspects of the subject will follow.


HUMPHREYS, Christmas. A Popular Dictionary of Buddhism. N. Y: Citadel, 223p. $4; pap. $1.75 Short, clearly defined definitions of about 1,000 terms. Author is English Buddhist.


The TORAH, the Five Books of Moses. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 395p. $5; leather $10 New translation of the Pentateuch based directly upon Masoretic (traditional Hebrew) text. Prepared by editorial committee headed by Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky. First part of project to publish entire Old Testament.


Science & Technology

BONI, Albert. Photographic Literature; an International Bibliographic Guide to General and Specialized Literature on Photographic Processes, Techniques, Theory, Chemistry, Physics, Apparatus, Materials and Applications, Industry, History, Biography, Aesthetics. N. Y: Morgan (Distributed by Bowker), 1962, 335p. $22.50 Comprehensive bibliography, covering all aspects of subject in all types and forms of literature. Material classified under more than 1,700 subject headings, with 53-page index providing author approach. Hubbard Ballou and others were associate editors.


