Reference Books of 1965

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 publication of reference books in the US continued at a lively rate the past year. They appeared, averaging about 100 a month, from the presses of publishers of all kinds — well-known, not so well-known, and not known at all. Volumes ranged in size from big and ponderous to small and handy; in quality from those one can use with confidence to those whose information must always be checked in another source; in subject matter from birds' eggs to ships and aircraft, from demonology to bioastronautics. It was a typical year.

From this abundance, the Committee has attempted to compile a list of good, current, relatively inexpensive reference books for the small and medium-sized public library, with some consideration for the small college library. The general character of these libraries (and frequently their limited budgets) made it necessary to pass over many excellent books that treat highly specialized subjects or that are somewhat expensive, although several of these are included because of their obvious value in almost any library except, perhaps, the very smallest.

Unless an imprint date is given, books were published in 1965. Some titles have a 1964 imprint; most of these were materials published too late in 1964 to be incorporated into the list covering that year.

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The works included in this list will again be displayed in the Reference Services Division's booth at the New York convention of the American Library Association, July 10-16. After that they will be available for loan to interested groups for display at regional and local meetings. The only cost will be the payment of transportation charges. For further information write to: Edward G. Strable, Executive Secretary, Reference Services Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Through the kindness of Library Journal and the R. R. Bowker Company, reprints of the list will again be available at the RSD exhibit in New York and with the traveling exhibit. Any inquiries concerning reprints should also be addressed to Mr. Strable.

**Behavioral Sciences**

BUROS, Oscar K. *The Sixth Mental Measurements Yearbook*, Highland Park, N.J.: Gryphon Press, 1974. $32.50

A major addition to the series of *Mental Measurements Yearbooks* (the fifth was published in 1969), enabling test users to locate and evaluate tests through book and magazine references and original reviews. With 32.6 percent more pages than the previous volume, it includes for the first time, the status of all tests formerly listed in *Tests in Print*, indexes of titles, index of terms, classified index of tests.


First published in 1952. This revision corrects some errors, is up to date, and is notable for its brief and succinct definitions.

FREEMAN, Ruth (St. John), & FREEMAN, Harrop A. *Counseling, a Bibliography*, N.Y.: Scarecrow, 1964. 98p. $22.50

Emphasis is on "the professional structure, the content and the method or practice of counseling." — *Introduction*. Grouped under the professions which provide counseling service, each book, thesis, or periodical article is coded to permit ready cross searching for relevant references in any section. Lack of author approach. Recency (1952 through 1963) is stressed in the approximately 8000 selected items.

**Biography**


To be completed in 1967, the six volumes will have about 150,000 biographies — 34,000 more than the tenth edition, although the basis for addition is unchanged. Generous use of cross references to earlier editions, and to double and hyphenated names. Semi-annual supplements are to be issued by the R. R. Bowker Company beginning in 1966. The Social and Behavioral Sciences volume will follow Volume 6.

**Business & Economics**

CUTLIP, Scott M. *A Public Relations Bibliography*, 2d ed. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 305p. $6

While some of the references listed in this bibliography are likely to be found only in large libraries, many are likely to be available in almost any general library. Perhaps one of the more useful sections is one entitled "Fields of Public Relations Practice," treating such areas as agriculture, business and industry, labor unions, churches, and hospitals. An author-subject index refers to numbered entries in the list.


Special features of the 1300 well-stated definitions of contemporary economic terms are references to sources for fuller explications and for economic data, useful charts, statistical tables and diagrams, and, in a separate section, descriptions of some 200 private and governmental agencies, associations, and research bodies. Prepared over a period of three years by eight staff members of the McGraw-Hill Department of Economics.

**Education**


Addressed to the undergraduate and his advisor, the *Guide* is indispensable to any person needing up-to-date facts about U.S. graduate schools and their programs. Second edition was published in 1966.


Additions of new universities in Canada, British Guiana, India, and Sierra Leone; expanded information on admission requirements and other revisions bring this well-organized directory up to date. Listings for Irish and South African universities are continued in appendices.
Updates information on approximately 2050 facilities concerned with special needs of children who cannot benefit from a regular school, excluding those for the gifted and talented. Also lists associations, foundations, and federal and state agencies dealing with various handicaps. Fourth edition was published in 1962.

Descriptions in English of some 140 universities in 100 countries outside the United States and the British Commonwealth are given in this expanded and revised directory. Brief entries for technical colleges and other professional schools bring the total descriptions to 5600.

SCIENCE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES. Directory of Sources for Higher Education Planning. Chicago: Author, 400p. $9.95; pap. $5.32
"...including descriptions of 2462 universities, colleges, technical institutes, junior colleges, community colleges, and other institutions of higher education." — Subtitle. Specializing in vocational guidance materials, Science Research Associates has produced a handbook designed especially to assist students without high school counseling services. It joins the increasing number of directories concerned with selection and admission to college.

With a changed title from The Yearbook of Education, this "source book of materials on comparative and international education" deals in this edition with the explosion of numbers demanding admission to schools throughout the world. Presents contributions by some 30 educators on educational demands and ways of meeting them from a theoretical point of view, followed by reports from individual countries.

Fine Arts

CUNNINGTON, Phillis Emily, & BUCK, Anne. Children's Costume in England, from the Fourteenth to the End of the Nineteenth Century. N.Y.: Barnes & Noble, 235p. $8.50
Attractive and authoritative account of the dress of boys and girls from infancy until about the age of 16, based on contemporary writings, illustrations, and surviving examples. Generously illustrated with plates and line drawings. Bibliography and index.

HUYGHE, René, ed. Larousse Encyclopedia of Modern Art, from 1800 to the Present Day. N.Y.: Prometheus (dist. N.Y.: Putnam), 444p. $20
The Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries in the West and the past 700 years in the Orient are covered in this final volume of an excellent series translated from French authorities. Notable for its summaries for each stylistic division and for its placement of the arts in social context through introductory essays.

OTTO, Celia Jackson. American Furniture of the Nineteenth Century. N.Y.: Viking, 229p. $12
Two pictorial collections which supplement standard sets (e.g., Nutting's Furniture Treasury) for the identification of more recent "antiques."

The music publishing and phonograph record businesses are well explained with extended appendices of laws (especially copyright), forms, a bibliography, and list of organizations.

ZIGROSSER, Carl, & GAELDE, Christa M. A Guide to the Collecting and Care of Original Prints. N.Y.: Crown, 120p. $3
The Print Council of America sponsors this concise handbook, which has a 45-page glossary.

General Reference

BOOK Review Index. Vol. 1- January 1965- Detroit: Gale, $24 per year
Monthly publication, with quarterly cumulations. Notes book reviews which have appeared in a large number (over 200) of periodicals, most of them of general interest or with emphases in the social sciences or humanities. Entries, arranged by authors' names, are brief, but provide all the information necessary to find reviews. Has no approach by subject.

GALE RESEARCH COMPANY. Acronyms and Initialisms Dictionary. 2d ed. Detroit: Author, 767p. $15
This edition lists all terms which "might be thought to be an acronymic term when encountered in reading or conversation." — Preface. Coverage has also been expanded by the inclusion of foreign terms and additional subject areas, such as medicine, education, and the stock market. First edition was published in 1960 under the title Acronyms Dictionary.

GROLIER Universal Encyclopedia. N.Y.: Grolier, 10 vols., $99.50; $74.62 to schools and libraries.
A general encyclopedia, based on Grolier's Encyclopedia International, which was completed in 1964. With concise, accurate articles (many signed), this set has good illustrations, is up to date, well-bound, and reasonably priced; lacks bibliographies and an index.
KANE, Joseph Nathan, & ALEXANDER, Gerard L. Nicknames of Cities and States of the United States. N.Y.: Scarecrow, 341p. $7.50

A record of all known city nicknames arranged first by state and then by city, with brief explanatory information. An alphabetical index is followed by a list of the "All American Cities" (1949-1963). A final section on state nicknames has its own separate index by nickname.


While containing much identical information, these books differ in many respects. The main portion of the Katz title has a topical arrangement, by type of museum, with a running text giving a brief, but often colorful and interesting, account of the nature and history of a particular museum. This section is followed by a directory of the institutions, with brief data concerning opening hours, nature of the collection, etc. An index refers to names, institutions, and subjects. The Museums Directory, on the other hand, is basically a tabular presentation of museums, which is arranged alphabetically by state, then by city, giving specific bits of information, such as date founded, address, name of director, telephone number, etc. Indexes to the Museums Directory offer approaches to the material by names of museums, by categories, and by subjects (several are difficult to use because some headings are very general and may refer to as many as several hundred numbered entries). There are over 4900 entries in Museums Directory, whereas the Katz book claims that its appendix contains references to more than 2500 institutions.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING. A National Directory on Housing for Older People, Including a Guide for Selection. N.Y.: Author (49 West 45th Street, N.Y. 10036). 223p. pap. $5

Arranged by states, then by cities within states. Among the units of information given for each facility are: location with reference to shopping areas, restaurants, etc.; monthly rent or cooperative purchase price; eligibility in terms of age; special features, such as elevators, laundry facilities, ramps. Similar, in many respects, to Heusinkveld and Musson's 1001 Best Places to Live When You Retire, which is noted in "Reference Books of 1964" (see Li, Apr. 15, 65, p. 1813), but each title reports some facilities and gives information not found in the other.

RAYMOND, Louise. Good Housekeeping's Book of Today's Etiquette. N.Y.: Harper and Row, 470p. $5.95

A practical, sensible guide, arranged topically, with a fairly detailed index. Informal, easy to read, and adequate to meet the needs of most users.

RESEARCH Centers Directory. 2d ed. Detroit: Gale, 666p. $35

"A guide to university-sponsored and other non-profit research organizations established on a permanent basis and carrying on continuing research programs in agriculture, business, conservation, education, engineering and technology, government, law, life sciences, mathematics, area studies and humanities." — Sabittie. Greatly expanded, with the number of entries more than doubled since the first edition, published in 1960 under the title Directory of University Research Bureaus and Institutes. Well indexed.

SOCIAL Sciences & Humanities Index. N.Y.: Wilson. Sold on service basis.

A change of title for the former International Index, beginning with the June 1965 issue; and a somewhat altered roster of periodicals indexed. While some journals have been dropped there has been a net increase of approximately 40 periodicals in the total number indexed. Added emphasis on history, literary criticism, drama, regional scholarship in the US, and foreign area study (notably Africa).


The first edition of a new annual, which is to be, according to its preface, updated by semi-annual supplements. Consists of an extensive listing by subjects of more than 20,000 US and Canadian magazines, journals, government publications, house organs, advisory services, directories, serials, transactions and proceedings of professional societies, yearbooks, etc. Omit newspapers. Entries include name and address of publisher, frequency of issue, circulation, subscription rate, and other pertinent bits of information. Title index. Not a substitute for Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory and not without some errors and omissions, but a useful purchase.


Volume I of the new, greatly expanded edition of this important directory covers scientific, technical, and medical periodicals. Volume II, which is to appear in 1966, will list periodicals in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and business.

The cartoons throughout this list are part of a series issued in connection with National Library Week, April 17-23, 1966
McFADDEN, Dorothy Loa (Mausolf). Touring the Gardens of Europe. N.Y.: McKay, 306p. $5.95
An unusual guidebook which gives travel suggestions, useful addresses, a reading list, and, for 18 countries, geographically arranged descriptions of noteworthy gardens, their specialties, and regulations of viewing. Maps and an index.

McPHERSON, James M. The Negro's Civil War. N.Y.: Pantheon, 358p. $6.95
"How American Negroes felt and acted during the war for the Union" (Subtitle) as described in excerpts from letters, journals, speeches, and documents by and about Negroes. The selections, arranged with editorial interpretation into a connected narrative, should be of interest to the layman as well as to the scholar in search of source material. Sources are given in chapter notes. Index.

Brief articles arranged alphabetically by subject. A 54-page chronology and a "Quick Reference" section are useful reference features. An appendix gives current statistics. No index, but the list of maps, plates, and drawings, a separate table of contents for the "Quick Reference" section, and plentiful cross-references should be helpful in locating information. Brief biographies conclude the important articles. An attractive, readable volume for libraries not owning the 10-volume Australian Encyclopedia (1938).

TAAFFE, Robert N., & KINGSbury, Robert C. An Atlas of Soviet Affairs. N.Y.: Praeger, 143p. $4; pap. $1.75
The most recent additions to an inexpensive series of concise economic geography. In each volume, about 60 clear, easily read maps, with accompanying pages of explanatory text, examine the historical background, the political structure, the social problems, population, natural resources, transport and trade, power, industry, and agriculture of each country. Both atlases are indexed, and The Atlas of Soviet Affairs has a list of major bibliographical sources.

TREFOUSSE, Hans Louis, ed. The Cold War: a Book of Documents. N.Y.: Putnam, 296p. $5.95
These 86 documents of the years 1942-1964 — letters, reports, speeches, and treaties — include such matters as the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, NATO, Suez, the Test Ban, and the Alliance for Progress. Interpretative introductions precede each of the seven subject sections into which the documents are grouped. Bibliography. No index.

The Continuation is designed for use in conjunc-
Hobbies, Recreation, Sports

Hunting and fishing opportunities in each state plus the local regulations and the public lands maintained. Much subsidiary information compactly arranged, with data on national parks, game, fish, birds, and animals.

The NEW YORK TIMES Sports Almanac, 1965. N.Y.: F. Watts, 256p. $2.95; N.Y.: J. L. Pratt, pap. $1.95
Covering 1964, this is the first issue of an annual which is concerned primarily with providing official statistics, records, and rankings in more than 60 sports activities.

For 33 sports this gives history, rules, famous participants (pro and amateur), records, names and addresses of associations, and reading lists.

This fourth annual compilation by the Automobile Club of Italy contains photos and specifications of almost 600 current models. No histories are given. The arrangement is alphabetical by make. Reference value is increased with indexes by country, engine capacity, maximum speed, and price.

Literature & Language

BENET, William Rose, ed. The Reader's Encyclopedia. 2d ed. N.Y.: Crowell, 1118p. $8.95; thumb-indexed, $10
With emphasis on contemporary interests and developments in literature, this edition has omitted some entries which appeared in the first edition (1948). New material gives greater coverage to the Orient, the Soviet Union, Latin America, and the Near East.

A comprehensive volume, covering the history, theory, technique, and criticism of poetry under 1000 individual entries in one alphabetical sequence. Special emphasis on poetic theory, schools of criticism, and critical terms. No entries for specific authors, poems, or allusions, but does have articles treating national and cultural groups. Over 200 persons contributed to this reference work, and the author of each entry is identified.

GUINAGH, Kevin, comp. Dictionary of Foreign Phrases and Abbreviations. N.Y.: Wilson, 303p. $6
A culling of frequently used foreign phrases, proverbs, quotations, mottoes, and abbreviations. Most of the entries are from Latin, some from French, and a few from Italian, German, and Spanish. Legal and business terms are included. Sources are given for literary quotations. A list of the phrases arranged by language follows the main section.

The format and scope of this standard reference have been retained, but with substantial additions and revisions in the contents. There has been some deletion of material found in the third edition (1956). This work continues to be a reliable source of information on the literary and social history of the United States, treating not only writers and their works, but also "major nonliterary aspects of the American mind and the American scene as these are reflected in and influenced by American literature." — Preface.

Continues retrospectively the current INDEX to Little Magazines, which has been compiled since 1948. This is the first of a projected series of ten volumes to cover the period 1900 through 1947. Indexes 43 titles published in the United States. Combined author-subject index, with subject headings kept to a minimum. Editorials, graphic art, and reviews are omitted.

Presents the background and surrounding passage for more than 2000 proverbial sayings, aphorisms, lines of verse, and prose from all periods of Western literature, with emphasis upon English and American writers. Will not displace other guides to quotations, since coverage is limited, but will supplement them and provide additional information.

EDGAR, William. The Summer of the Monkeys. N.Y.: Harper and Row, 230p. $3.95
Finally, Edgar (The House of Traps) moves to what could be called elegance, a minor masterpiece of the American genre, a richly textured drama, beautifully observed, and, through its author, beautifully written. — Library Journal
WALSH, S. Padraig. English Language Dictionaries in Print; a Comparative Analysis. N.Y.: Bowker, 56p. pap. $3
A factual and critical survey of 37 titles (including children's dictionaries), compiled as a practical guide to the selection of dictionaries for home, office, and school use. Information given for each title: publisher and publishing history, prices, general purpose and age suitability, number of entries and illustrations, arrangement of contents, supplementary features, physical make-up, listing of critical reviews and articles, and an evaluative summary. Fifty-two additional titles are listed with brief annotations in an appendix. A comparative numerical rating is given for the dictionaries in the main section, but the method by which this rating has been determined is not fully explained.

Political Science

Libraries without the annual Congressional Quarterly Almanacs will find in this review a summary of the first 20 annuals, giving voting records on six key issues of each Congress, a chronology of major events, and a detailed subject index to the 47 topics into which the material is divided.

Organized into sections treating Soviet foreign relations by chronological periods, Soviet foreign relations and world communism by regions and countries, and special topics which do not fit into either of the other two categories. Annotations in this excellent bibliography frequently evaluate as well as describe. Detailed index.

RASKIN, Marcus G., & FALL, Bernard B., eds. The Viet-Nam Reader. N.Y.: Random, 415p. $5.95; pap. $2.95
"Articles and documents on American foreign policy and the Viet-Nam crisis."—Subtitle. The selections represent the many facets of the problem and a broad spectrum of viewpoints. Annotated bibliography, Chronology and index.

Religion & Mythology

A comprehensive and critical survey of the available literature on the history and beliefs of the world's great religions. The bibliographic essays are by competent authorities. Index of authors, editors, translators, and compilers, and index of subjects.

Information on mythology and its use in literature, drama, and art. Iconography is a valuable addition to factual entries on gods, goddesses, heroes, religious festivals, place names, and geographical features. Profuse cross-references. Translated from the Dutch.

Quick reference to lives and legends of saints and others in the Church most likely to be encountered by the general reader, written by an authority in the fields of church history and hagiography.

The school curriculum has determined subjects included and space allowed. Signed articles by Catholic authorities consider curriculum content, then go beyond classroom presentations in information and study material. Every aspect of the Church is covered from beginnings to Vatican Council II. Covered, also, are the subjects: the world's art, literature, science, philosophical ideas, and political institutions, "that the student may understand the world around him against the background of his faith." Not limited to school use, however, as material will be of interest to users of all ages. Reading list under subjects, 6800 illustrations in black and white, extensive index in volume 12.

CROW, Paul A. The Ecumenical Movement in Bibliographical Outline. N.Y.: Department of Faith and Order, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (475 Riverside Drive, N.Y. 10027), 80p. $2
A comprehensive, but not exhaustive bibliography on an increasingly important subject covers books published to 1964. Supplements are scheduled to appear at intervals.

A monumental and authoritative volume on the mythology of every region in the world. Twenty-three scholars contributed to this comprehensive panorama of myths which have been important in the life and literature of man from prehistoric times to the present. Beautiful illustrations. Well indexed. Translated from the French.

MCKENZIE, John L. Dictionary of the Bible. Milwaukee, Wis.: Bruce, 954p. $17.95
Written for the general public in a readable style and with up-to-date scholarship, this work treats, in almost 2000 articles, subjects relevant to Biblical study. Illustrations. Maps in full color.

Essay-review synopses of 300 great Catholic writings, chronologically arranged from The Dalice (ca 60-90) to Pascue inтвер by Pope John XXIII. There is an alphabetical list of titles and an author index.

Although a study guide, the book offers much of reference value: brief history and detailed description of each scroll, bibliographies, glossary of terms and proper names, chronological table of major events in the intertestamental period, index of subjects.


A popular work for Catholic and non-Catholic giving, in alphabetical order, accurate explanations of all aspects of the Church, reflecting developments through Vatican Council II. Appendices include such information as abbreviations, patron saints of occupations, countries and places, international Catholic organizations, some popular saints' names, and an American martyrology.


Last published in 1961, this is a completely revised edition. Basic and up-to-date information concerning the history, doctrines, organizations, and present status of more than 250 religious bodies. Bibliographies. Index.


Charmingly illustrated with line drawings, the book covers every known creature mentioned in the Bible, giving scientific and popular names, habitat in Bible times and now, explanation of Bible references, and complete indexes of both creatures and scriptural allusions to them. Translated from the Danish.

Science & Technology


Completely revised and enlarged from the two-volume edition which appeared in 1960.


The subject of patents and patenting is very well presented in clearly and carefully written articles by more than 100 recognized authorities; the material on foreign patents is especially welcome. Forty-nine index pages are devoted to case and author, as well as subject. Many cross references.


Common health problems and diseases are presented pictures and pictures. The articles are written and signed by reputable medical men. Not for self-diagnosis of treatment. Twelve-page index.


This edition of a standard work which has gone through many editions is noted because of extensive revision. Coverage has increased, many definitions (especially those for anatomical terms) have been rewritten, phonetic spelling is used to give pronunciation, and format is improved.


This paper-covered glossary is comprehensive in its field, inclusion of hundreds of the latest American Standards Association definitions assures current value. Tables, drawings, and illustrations are shown.


This richly illustrated volume consists of 81 articles reprinted from *International Science and Technology.* Each reports new developments in a particular field. According to the preface, "these articles were written for professional scientists and engineers to read when they want to inform themselves about technical progress outside their own particular field of specialization." Each article suggests further reading. A very useful encyclopedia. Has index.


Substantially revised version of a standard reference book. Despite revision, has not increased in size, but still essential for academic and public libraries. Third edition was published in 1958.

NEWTON, Clarke. *Astronomy Age Dictionary.* N.Y.: F. Watts, 282p. $5.95

This compilation presents a list of terms drawn from many sources, among which are "conversations and explanations of the technicians who brought the words and phrases to life." — Preface. Sources for specific definitions are not given, however. When necessary, pronunciation is indicated. Definitions are concise, easily understood, and up to date.

RINE, Josephine Z. *The World of Dogs.* Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 331p. $6.50

A former editor of *Popular Dogs* relays the story of the dog from prehistoric times. Good treatment is given the vivisection controversy. There are sections on kennel clubs, dog shows, and work dogs. An alphabetical list of breeds with short histories and descriptions makes up almost half the book; many lesser known breeds are included. Bibliography.


Probably the most outstanding reference book on birds to come out in the last 50 years. Readable, highly accurate, well illustrated, good bibliographies. Designed for both British and North American users.