REFERENCE BOOKS OF 1967

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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 ALA

BOOKS REVIEWED for this list covered a vast range of subjects. Popular types of books with reference value were considered as were some specialized, very scholarly publications. The committee attempted to stay within the area of books which will be useful in the small and medium-sized public and college libraries. There has been no effort to produce a balanced list. This past year seemed to be the time, among other things, for heraldry and documentation of religious agencies' activities; and reference works on African and Asian countries were plentiful.

Consideration is given to cost, but some expensive items are mentioned because of the need they can fill. Many of the valuable tools automatically eliminated by the limitations of this list are reviewed, listed, or mentioned in other issues of Library Journal as well as in special publications for subject libraries.

Many of the items appearing on this list will be useful in circulating collections. They were included here because their content or arrangement allows them to fulfill a reference function.

Each committee member has priority responsibility for identifying potential candidates in certain subject areas and for making recommendations to include or omit titles. These views are studied by the other committee members before a final decision is made. Much correspondence was exchanged during the year. Some titles that were seen to rate for last year's list, as well as those published early this year, were discussed during the ALA convention in San Francisco. The Midwinter meeting of ALA gave an opportunity for two full days of work to make final selections.

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Committee members wish to thank the personnel of their own libraries as well as the staff members of neighboring libraries visited in order to see the materials. Without their help, compilation of such a list would be impossible. At least one member has examined each listed publication besides studying reviews and descriptions. The final list represents less than ten percent of those considered.

The works included in this list will again be displayed in the Reference Services Division's booth at the American Library Association convention in Kansas City, June 23-29. 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: Miss Ruth M. White, Executive Secretary, Reference Services Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Library Journal provides reprints of this list for distribution at the ALA convention and with the traveling exhibit. Inquiries concerning reprints should also be directed to Miss White.

Art & Music

CROSS, Lowell M. A Bibliography of Electronic Music. 126p. Univ. of Toronto Pr. $5.00

A stout accumulation of sources, on both mechanics and aesthetics, in several languages. A rather brief subject index.

ELLIS, Jessie Croft. Index to Illustrations. 682p. Faxon. $12.50

Symbols, paintings, people, and places are located in books (most still in print) and eight periodical titles by this index which is bigger and more legible than others available. Nature illustrations are not included.


Authoritative articles, admirable plates, plans, maps, and bibliographies distinguish this essential tool. The last volume of text (Vol. 14) has appeared; an index is to be published as the 15th and final volume.


Less anecdotal prose and more information about music in this concert companion than in many of the type. It is drawn from the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra's programs of 1939-1966 and has a profusion of thematic quotations.
GRANT, Parks. Handbook of Music Terms. 476p. Scarecrow. $16.50
A nontechnical dictionary for the music appreciator. Pronunciations, synonyms and antonyms, many foreign and semi-popular words. No bibliography, titles, or personal names.

A handsome, color-plate volume presenting 35 painters, sculptors, and print makers with a portrait, or two or three creations, a personal statement, and bibliography for each.

The first appearance of an annual which records essential facts about all companies performing during the preceding American season. A biographical appendix, index, and many photographs.

Biography

BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY of Republican China, ed. by Howard L. Boyer, Jr. and Richard C. Howard. 483p. Columbia Univ. Pr. $20
To be completed in five volumes. Extensive, introductory essays on eminent persons of 1911-1949, including the post-1949 careers of those remaining prominent. A three-page bibliography shows general biographical references and a detailed bibliography, with publications of each biographee, planned for the final volume.

KUNITZ, Stanley Jappson & Vineta Colby, eds. European Authors, 1000-1900: A Biographical Dictionary of European Literature. 1016p. Wilson. $18
An important addition to the Wilson "Author Series." Contains 967 biographies of continental European authors born after 1000 and dead before 1925. Writers of 31 different literatures are included. Portraits.

Biographical accounts of leading political and cultural figures in each country of Black Africa, written by 50 correspondents of Reuters News Agency. Sketches are fuller than who's who type; many include photographs, map and brief historical-political description of a country accompanied by each group of biographies. Index.

Brief sketches assess the place in history of persons no longer living who made significant contributions to the development of Southern Africa—from Malawi southward—since the 15th Century. All races and fields of endeavor. Index by occupation.

SIMMONDS, George W., ed. Soviet Leaders. 405p. Crowell. $10
Biographies of 42 leading Soviet citizens in all fields. Sketches by recognized authorities are eight to ten pages long. Bibliographies of English and Russian data, secondary material, and writings and speeches of the individual. Contains introductory chapter of Soviet history since 1933. Glossary of political terms and a detailed index. SUPPLEMENTARY WHO'S WHO IN USSR provides material difficult to locate in other places.

Margaret Smart, chairman of the RSD/IJ reference list committee, is documents librarian at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden.

Classified bibliography of biographical reference works, large collective biographies, genealogical works, dictionaries of synonyms and pseudonyms, government manuals, and portrait catalogs. Arrangement by area and vocation. Author, title, and subject indexes. Full bibliographic information; occasional brief annotations.

Some 12,500 of today's active political figures and public servants of U. S. President to local level. A biannial publication is planned.

Education

The rapid growth of junior colleges is shown in this edition (over 100 new institutions since the 1963 ed.).

LIVESEY, Herbert B. & Gene A. Robbins. The Guide to American Schools. 357p. Viking. $8.50; pap. $3.95
Some master's programs are shown in this guide to graduate work leading to the doctoral degree. Describes size and nature of enrollment, tuition and housing fees, admission standards and procedures, degree requirements, existing facilities, and financial aid for nearly 600 accredited institutions and professional schools.

MCKAY, Ernest A. The Macmillan Job Guide to American Corporations for College Graduates, Graduate Students, and Junior Executives. 374p. Macmillan. $7.95 Employment opportunities for college graduates in 260 U. S. corporations; mostly manufacturers, but also describes utilities, banks, transportation, and retailing firms. Kindly jobs available, background needed, and fringe benefits are examples of information. Arrangement is alphabetical by company, with indexes by academic major and location of home office.

UNESCO. Adult Education. 154p. Unesco Publications Center (314 East 34th Street, New York, N. Y. ) pap. $3
Volume four of the Unesco series of International Directories of Education. Information requested from 86 Unesco member states. Over 100 programs are concerned with training courses for adult educators. Vocational training and training for citizenship programs are included. Brief descriptions of the work of 941 official and nongovernmental agencies.

General Reference

The new rules give more guidance to the cataloguer than did the superseded ALA Cataloging Rules. Emphasis is on direct, less complex headings. Index.

BOOKS for College Libraries. 1056p. American Library Assn. $45
Subtitled: "A selected list of approximately 53,400 titles based on the initial selection made for the University of California's New Campuses Program, and selected with the assistance of college teachers, librarians, and other advisers." Arranged by subject classification. Subject index and an extensive author index.

Thousands of program ideas updated from the predecessor, The Program Encyclopedia. Most of the ideas have proven effective. Especially suited to public libraries.

The ENCYCLOPEDIA of Philosophy. Ed. in chief, Paul Edwards. Macmillan & Free Pr. 8 vols. $219.50 Comprehensive and well-edited. The first major work on philosophy written in English since J. M. Baldwin's Dictionary of Psychology and Philosophy was published in 1901. Covers the entire field from Eastern and Western religions, mathematics, and other disciplines when they have influenced philosophy. Over 500 scholars have contributed nearly 1500 signed articles. Excellent biographies and index. This work fills the longfelt need for an authoritative work in this field. For all but the smallest collections.


A valuable new source of current data on available grants and financial aid. Fewer
agencies than in The Foundation Directory which it complements. Governmental and profit-making organizations.

KIRCHER, Clara J., comp. Behavior Patterns in Children's Books: a Bibliography. 132p. Catholic Univ. of America Pr. (Order from Herder), 1966. $3.75; pap. $1.95 Over 500 books which would be helpful to parents, teachers, and librarians are suggested in this annotated list suitable for preschool through grade nine. Titles are arranged by subject.


HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

DEVAMBEZ, Pierre. The Praeger Encyclopedia of Ancient Greek Civilization. 491p. Praeger. $15 Many well-chosen illustrations enhance the value of this work on all phases of life in early Greece.


MARSHALL, George William. The Genealogist's Guide. Reprinted from the last ed. of 1903 (i.e., 4th) with a new intro. by Anthony J. Camp. 880p. Genealogical Publishing Co. $15 Long out-of-print, the basic and definitive guide for general or research interest in genealogy, heraldry, and history. First printed in 1859, it noted all works on genealogy or pedigrees of the past 40 years. It was continued through the 1900's. The reprint is clear and highly readable and has a sturdy binding.

MOORE, Frank, comp. The Diary of the American Revolution, 1775-1781. Abridged, ed., and with an intro. by John Anthony Scott. 605p. Washington Square Pr. $7.95 Published in several editions between 1860 and 1876. New version adds a group of engravings, songs, and broadsides collected by the first compiler. Clear, attractive format to a classic collection of newspaper articles and other contemporary writings of the Revolutionary period. Useful bibliography.

NEVINS, Allan & others. Civil War Books: a Critical Bibliography. 278p. Published for the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission by Louisiana State Univ. Pr. $11.50 Annotated and critical bibliography of nearly 3000 major works on the Civil War. Compiled by 15 noted historians from primary and secondary source materials, books and pamphlets, using only printed Library of Congress title cards as citations. Volume 2 is promised with cross references.

Jacket illustration from "The Prevalence of Nonsense" by Ashley Montagu and Edward Darling (Harper)

Modern sculpture? No, a statue from the 3rd millennium B.C.—in "The Praeger Encyclopedia of Ancient Greek Civilization"

Clear maps show topography, climate, geology, and land use, production of a large number of agricultural, mining and industrial materials, communication, trade, transportation, and economic and social characteristics of the population. Land use plans for 17 major cities. Index.

A very fine collection of detailed maps presenting many aspects of British history, demographics and society, as well as the land and its natural features.

More than 6000 names in this account of the development of English surnames and the gradual appearance of hereditary family names, with explanation of changes in spelling and pronunciation. Excellent index of names and subjects.

STORY, Norah. The Oxford Companion to Canadian History and Literature. 953p. Oxford Univ. Pr. $15
Interesting for bibliographies, people, places, periodicals, and societies of Canada. Articles range from brief identifications to extensive discussions. Cross references. Substantial bibliographic essays.

Chronological lists, by country, of kings, prime ministers, and other leading statesmen, with period of their rule or service and some portraits and birth and death dates.

Hobbies, Recreation, Sports

FOOTBALL Register. 320p. Sporting News (St. Louis, Mo.). 1966. pap. $5
An annual giving vital statistics, including performance each year of pro teams players; also data on the coaches.

Scarcity of sources gives added reference value to this indexed narrative extending from antiquity to the present and around the world. Photographs and color plates. Bibliography.

This notably enlarges a small field by gathering information on material, designs, persons and manufacturers, and general collectors’ advice.

TAXAY, Don. An Illustrated History of U. S. Commemorative Coinage. 256p. Arco. $6.50
A well-documented record of all pieces issued up to 1951.

Language & Literature

A selective index stressing quality. Arranged alphabetically by playwright. Covers a large number of periodicals and monographs. Bibliography.

BOHLE, Bruce, comp. Home Book of American Quotations. 512p. Dodd, Mead. $10
Patterned after Stevenson's Home Book of Quotations, but with its own identity. Some quotations of foreign origin are given if they deal specifically with America. Excellent for contemporary quotations. Alphabetical subject arrangement. Good index.

Excellent excerpts of criticism from books and periodicals of the more important European Romance writers, selected because of their impact on the English-speaking world and the extent of English translation. Short recommended reading lists for each author. Index to critics and list of periodicals used.

GOHDES, Clarence Louis Frank. Literature and Theater of the States and Regions of the U. S. A. 276p. Duke Univ. Pr. $10
An historical bibliography and a valuable checklist relating to the 50 states. Six thousand items include monographs, pamphlets, book chapters, and periodical articles. Arranged alphabetically by state and thereunder in two sections–theater and literature.

Giuseppe Garibaldi—from "Kings, Rulers, and Statesmen" (Sterling)

HATHORN, Richmond Yancey. Crowell's Handbook of Classical Drama. 352p. Crowell. $6.95
Gives brief identification of all aspects of classical drama, biographies of dramatists, summaries of myths and legends, and attempts to explain every proper name in the complete extant plays. Alphabetical arrangement.

This new edition of a work first published in 1948 shows a large increase in scholarly studies in the subject during the past 20 years. Libraries will find the updated version useful.

For eight pages of new text to update the 1960 edition of this excellent dictionary. Over 1000 new terms are included, with quotations illustrating their use. Selective bibliography of sources.

A unique, convenient source, particularly useful for foreign students learning English, and over 2000 homophones—words identical in pronunciation but differing in spelling and meaning; and homographs—words spelled alike but differing in meaning and usually in pronunciation. Illustrative examples.

Military

Accounts of consequential battles from ancient times to our own. Arranged with the names and dates of major battles; and for countries, with their wars and battles listed chronologically. Many cross references to related battles and variant names. About 100 small maps and a substantial bibliography.

GREEN, William, comp. The World Guide to Combat Planes. Doubleday. 2 vols. $4.95 each
Combat aircraft of the world by an acknowledged expert on planes. Each aircraft is pictured in a front, top, and profile view and is described in narrative form, accompanied by a set of general specifications. Separate sections are devoted to airborne armament, aircraft power plants, and a nation-by-nation listing of combat air equipment and capabilities. Index to aircraft type.

HIERONYMUSSEN, Poul. Orders and Decorations of Europe in Color. 256p. Macmillan. $4.95
Photographs of military and civilian decorations of European countries, with purpose, origin, conditions of award, and instructions for wearing.

KERRIGAN, Evans E. American Badges and Insignia. 286p. Viking. $6.95
Diagrams, with notes on history and meaning, of over 1000 military insignia of rank, qualification, and corps. Bibliography and index.

Political & Social Science

Handy, well-documented, single-volume work on the Negro in American life, from the earliest period to the present. A chronology of historical events, significant documents, and landmarks emphasizes Negro history. Other chapters present current information, statistics, and tables on the legal status of the Negro family, income, employment, education, labor, sports, entertainment, and graphics. List of organizations. Bibliography.

Listings in detailed subject classification cover many aspects of poverty in the U.S.
Jacket design of Antonia Fraser’s “A History of Toys” (Delacorte Press)

and Canada. Four “overview essays” discuss the nature of poverty and anti-poverty efforts. Short list of popular articles.

Religion

DAVIDSON, Gustav, A Dictionary of Anglic; Including the Fallen Angels. 387p. Free Pr. $15

This unusual and interesting reference guide uses a variety of sources—the Bible, Talmud, apocryphal, gnostic, and other early writings. Attractively illustrated and well-documented. Many references to angels in literature, art, and mythology.

GODDARD, Burton L., ed. The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Missions. 743p. Nelson. $25

Comprehensive directory of more than 1400 agencies, organizations, societies, and church groups currently engaged in Protestant mission work. A helpful index provides a subject, place, and denomination approach.

MACQUARRIE, John, ed. Dictionary of Christian Ethics. 366p. Westminster. $7.95

More than 80 Jewish and Christian scholars have contributed the signed articles.

Bibliographies.

Science & Technology


The new editions of these two widely known reference works are major contributions to the literature of chemistry. The Condensed Chemical Dictionary describes properties of chemical products which are listed both by generic and trade names. Updated from the 1961 edition, it lists the names and addresses of 571 current manufacturers of chemical products. The product names are keyed to the list of manufacturers in order to indicate the name of one which can serve as a supplier. Useful for anyone who needs to identify and/or acquire chemical compounds or products. Kingzett’s Chemical Encyclopedia, a revision of the outdated 8th edition (1952), is primarily concerned with chemistry in industrial applications. Brief, well-written articles present the material from an Anglo-American orientation.


Substantially revised and enlarged from the 1960 edition. Defines more than 16,000 terms such as project names, trademarks, acronyms, as well as standard technical nomenclature. Illustrated with line drawings and some photographs of equipment and processes defined in the word list.


Examples of the one-volume science encyclopedias published by Reinhold. Both are designed for user groups which include high school students, teachers, and specialists. Short, selective bibliographies follow most articles. The Encyclopedia of Oceanography offers a clear, direct presentation of a field which is becoming increasingly popular and more important. The book is simply illustrated and features diagrams and charts showing the movement of ocean currents, subsurface topographical maps, and other graphic material. The Encyclopedia of Biochemistry also deals with a field which is becoming more widely known. Entries range from introductory material written for the layman to articles requiring substantial background. Although arranged alphabetically, the subject matter is planned to treat broad topical areas such as the chemical constituents of living organisms or the nature of substances required to maintain living cells.


Outgrowth of Encyclopedia of the Biological Sciences. The vocabulary of more than 40,000 words is designed to include taxonomic terms, root terms from Latin and Greek, and vernacular names of organisms. Since it does not include the highly specialized vocabulary of the research biologist, the dictionary should be useful for a broad segment of the public. Should be acquired even if the reputable Henderson and Hendon Dictionary of Biological Terms, which it complements, is available.


Written in a clear, direct style, this sound, basic handbook is well suited for the amateur astronomer. It is abundantly supplied with photographs and diagrams of telescopes and other astronomical instruments. Units of the book describe celestial phenomena such as planets, comets, meteorites, galaxies, and nebulae. Two valuable features are the star atlas and the celestial gazetteer which identifies and locates 239 stars.


Published for the New York Botanical Garden. The first two volumes of a projected five-volume work have been published. Volume 1 is devoted to the northeastern states; Volume 2 covers the southeastern U.S. Complete index in part 2 of each volume. About 1700 species are represented in the first volume and more than 1900 in the second. Each is characterized by a well-written narrative description. Arrangement within broad categories is by genus and species. Special features are sections devoted to picking and transplanting wild flowers and an illustrated glossary of terms. Hundreds of color photographs and line drawings.

STEBBINS, Robert Cyril. A Field Guide to Western Reptiles and Amphibians: Field Marks of All Species in Western North America. 279p. Houghton, 1966. $4.95

This new addition to the well-known Peterson Field Guide Series maintains the same high standard of quality established by its predecessors. Verbal descriptions and illustrations of 207 species of reptiles and amphibians which can be found in the 11 western states, Alaska, and five western Canadian provinces. Maps show the distribution of the various species. Special features include a useful section describing how to capture and care for specimens taken captive.

One of the angels from Gustav Davidson’s “A Dictionary of Angels; Including the Fallen Angels” (Free Press)