Reference Books of 1968

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A list of last year's outstanding reference books, prepared especially for "LJ" and recommended by a committee of the Reference Services Division of ALA

THIS YEAR'S LIST has been selected by seven librarians who had access to the resources available in Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, and Colorado. Several hundred titles have been considered and looked at before deciding on these as useful for small and medium-sized college and public libraries. Many will be wanted in circulating collections, but are included here because their content or arrangement allows them to fulfill a reference function.

Some expensive items are listed because of the need they can fill and because coordinated and cooperative purchasing policies among many types of libraries in a region make them available.

An overview of reference materials published during the past year could result in characterizing 1968 as the year of the reprint. Many excellent sources, long out of print, were made available. A policy decision by the committee excludes most reprints from this list, but librarians should be alert to this category which is becoming increasingly important.

A few 1967 imprints are here because they seem important and were not seen by any of the committee members in time to be on last year's list.

Each committee member has expressed appreciation for the help extended by innumerable staff members of libraries visited in order to see the titles being considered.

Committee members who have contributed to the publication of this list are: Ruth Cawein, head of the Education and Religion Department at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County; Thelma Freides, associate professor, School of Library Service, Atlanta University; Laurel A. Grotzinger, professor, Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan University; Gary R. Purcell, instructor, School of Library Science, Case Western Reserve University; L. Dolores Ryan, undergraduate librarian, Cleveland State University Libraries; Paul H. Spence, associate director for Public Services, University Libraries, University of Georgia; and Margaret Smart, documents librarian, Colorado School of Mines, chairman.

The titles in this list will be displayed in the Reference Services Division's booth at the Atlantic City convention of the American Library Association, June 22-28. After that, they will be available 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.

Behavioral Sciences

BRUSSEL, James A. & George L. Cantzlaar. The Layman's Dictionary of Psychiatry. 269p. Barnes & Noble, 1967. $4.50; pap. $1.95

Useful dictionary of approximately 1500 psychiatric terms and names of well-known psychiatrists and psychoanalysts which are explained in short definitions and nontechnical language for the general reader.


A one-volume compilation of the more important psychoanalytic terms and concepts presented from the orthodox or classical Freudian viewpoint. Over 643 signed articles with bibliographies are included on topics such as adolescence, aggression, anxiety, ego, and more technical terms. Excellent index and comprehensive bibliography.

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“Lemonade Lucy” Webb Hayes, wife of President Rutherford B. Hayes as she appears in Dover’s “Dictionary of American Portraits”

Biography

CIRKER, Hayward & Blanche Cirk.


Well reproduced portraits in alphabetical arrangement with name, dates, and brief identification for each. Limited to persons who made major contributions to American life prior to about 1905 except for Presidents and their wives, Vice-Presidents and Chief Justices, who are continued to the present. Bibliography, index of variants, and index by occupation.

DUCKAT, Walter B. Beggar to King; All the Occupations of Biblical Times. 327p. Doubleday. $5.95

This unusual compilation which brings together in one alphabetical information on over 200 occupations mentioned in the Bible would be a useful addition to the biblical reference shelf. Contains many cross references and several appendices on commerce, trade, finance and labor organizations.

PROMINENT Personalities in the USSR; a Biographical Directory Containing 6,013 Biographies. Comp. by the Institute for the Study of the USSR; ed. by Edward L. Crowley & others. 792p. Scarecrow. $35

One thousand more biographies in this edition than in its predecessor Who’s Who in the USSR, last published in 1966. It is planned to keep current by publishing a quarterly supplement Portraits of Prominent USSR Personalities (Volume One, Number One is dated January 1969, Scarecrow, $10 a year).


Directory of some 5000 full- and part-time consultants. Information obtained by questionnaire. Index to fields and locations.

WORLD Who’s Who in Science: A Biographical Dictionary of Notable Scientists from Antiquity to the Present, ed. by Allen G. Debus & others. 1855p. Marquis. $51

Some 30,000 biographical sketches in the familiar Marquis style. Some “Science” defined as the usual range of physical and biological fields, as well as such subjects as alchemy and astrology to the extent that they are legitimate forerunners of modern science. There is also limited coverage of social science.

Education


This authoritative guide to accredited four-year colleges and universities has been greatly enlarged since the previous edition in 1964. More than 400 additional pages provide more information on each institution. Over 75 new colleges. Indexes.

BURKE, Arvid J. & Mary A. Burke. Documentation in Education. 413p. Teachers College Press, Teachers College, Columbia University. 1967. $7.50

Completely reorganized and revised edition of Carter Alexander’s How to Locate Educational Information (6th ed. rev. 1958). New material on information storage and retrieval, audiovisual aids, as well as up-dated sections on basic reference sources and bibliographic searching.

CASS, James, & Max Birnbaum. Comparative Guide to American Colleges, for Students, Parents and Counselors. 3d ed. 823p. Harper and Row. $10; pap. $4.95

This completely revised edition analyzes every accredited four-year college in the U.S. Well indexed—by state, selectivity in admission practices, and religious affiliation.

DUKER, Sam. Individualized Reading: an Annotated Bibliography. 209p. Scarecrow. $5

Materials for teaching reading according to individual interests and abilities.

KATZ, William L. Teachers’ Guide to American Negro History. 192p. Chicago: Quadrangle. $5.50; pap. $2.25

Arranged by study units, presents history of the American Negro. Particularly valuable are the extensive annotated bibliographies. Author and title index; appendices of free and inexpensive materials; and museums and libraries of Negro history.


Brings together in a single work a wide range of data available from other sources. Useful for local, state and national officials, state departments of education, associations, colleges and universities, gives directory information as well as charts and statistics on enrollment, finance, staff, etc., of public schools and institutions of higher education. Desirable features would be annual revisions with more detailed indexes.

Fine Arts

CHRISTENSEN, Ervin O. A Guide to Art Museums in the United States. 303p. Dodd, Mead. $7.95

The former editor of the Museums Directory of the U.S. and Canada has produced this volume subtitled “Basic Information about 88 major and regional art museums in 59 cities of the U.S.” Illustrations of art works are intended to be representative.


A guide to important collections and art works in 40 museums not usually included in museum directories. Arrangement is by six geographical areas of the U.S. Illustrations of varied quality but generally good. Index.

LUCAS, Edna Louise. Art Books: a Basic Bibliography on the Fine Arts. 245p. New York Graphic Society. $4.50; pap. $2.50

Selective list of books based on the author’s bibliographies previously published as The Harvard List of Books on Art (1952 edition.

A Basonge carving from the Museum of African Art in Washington, D.C. as shown in “Great Art Treasures in America’s Smaller Museums” (Putnam)
was the latest). Useful to all students of art history. Out of print and foreign language material is shown. Covers such major areas as dictionaries and encyclopedias of art, iconography, history and theory, architecture, sculpture, painting, and graphic arts. Author and artist index.

NORMAN, Jane & Theodore Norman. 
Traveler's Guide to America's Art. 436p. Meredith. $8.95
A companion volume to the Norman's well-received Traveler's Guide to Europe's Art. Descriptive narrative on art museums and galleries, with identification of important architectural monuments including homes, libraries, and public buildings. Arranged by region.

General Reference

Code for alphabetical filing containing descriptive notes on principles revising those published in 1942. Bibliography. Index. There is also a paperback abridged edition of 94 pages ($2) which would be very useful in many situations besides filing catalog cards.

ASH, Lee & Denis Long, comps. Subject Collections; a Guide to Special Book Collections and Subject Emphases as Reported by University, College, Public, and Special Libraries in the United States and Canada. 3rd ed. 1221p. Bowker. 1967. $20.95
This greatly expanded new edition has almost twice as many pages as the previous edition, has added 500 new subject headings plus hundreds of personal names as subjects, and contains 35,000 to 40,000 references to special collections.

Ten thousand books are shown in this important new publication. Authors and publishers in a volume separate from titles. French and English titles in one alphabet.

Revision of a 1964 publication titled 1001 Best Places to Live When You Retire. For the most part, limited to residences built since 1950. Covers group residences, housekeeping apartments, and retirement villages. Arranged alphabetically by city and state. Information for each residence gives address, sponsor, physical layout, capacity, costs, entrance fees, medical facilities, etc. Introductory chapters give pointers on a retirement residence, income, health care, and legal problems.

Lists publications of permanent value which the compiler found useful during many years of work with government documents. Many entries contain descriptive annotations. A very useful bibliography of guides, catalogs, and indexes compiled by W. A. Katz concludes the work.

Changes in the process of selecting societies concerned with science and technology during the last few years are reflected in this new edition of an important directory. The format remains generally the same, as the seventh (1961) edition: for each organization one can find the current address, officers, statement of purpose, brief history, and the requirements for membership as well as the awards and/or prizes which the group offers and the continuing publications for which it is responsible. This edition does not include Canadian societies since the National Research Council of Canada plans to publish a similar directory. Some organizations which were not membership societies were dropped from this edition.

Annotations arranged by title trace the many changes in name, publisher, and editor. Includes "Forum on Encyclopedias," report of a symposium sponsored by RSL at the 1965 ALA Conference in Detroit. Indexes of originators and publishers. Bibliography.

WHEELER, Helen R. A Basic Book Collection for the Community College Library, 317p. Shoe String Press. $10
Useful list of 5,000 titles suggested for first purchase. Arranged by broad Dewey classification with full bibliographic information; gives Library of Congress catalog card numbers. Titles for a well-chosen basic reference collection are shown. Publishers directory. Author and title index.

History and Geography

Through the use of maps and commentary, important events in the entire history of the Bible are presented. Migrations of people, trade routes, battles, movements of important biblical characters are shown in detail.

Reproduction of the card index to the Society's collections. Arranged by subjects and geographical-political divisions.

Annotated bibliography guide to materials on Nationalist and Communist China.

BHATTACHARYA, Sachchidananda. A Dictionary of Indian History. 880p. Braziller. $12.50
Seven thousand years of Indian political and cultural history are presented in concise, alphabetically arranged articles on significant people, places, events, and institutions. Chronology.

VELIZ, Claudio, ed. Latin America and the Caribbean: a Handbook. 840p. Praeger. $32.50
Similar in general style and approach to Praeger's earlier handbook on Asia and Africa. Basic current and historical information on each country is followed by a group of interpretive articles dealing with various aspects of the region's political and social conditions, economy and culture. Western Europe volume has section on European integration. Bibliographies follow each chapter.

An introductory essay by Arnold Toynbee and commentaries by Emmanuel Chill increase the value of this most comprehensive collection in English. Documents are presented in full with original spellings, old and new style dates. Sources not given, but most stated to be British Foreign Office translations. Analytical index to set in final volume.

Brief excerpts from books and documents, famous and obscure, representing contemporary, firsthand accounts of the life of the Negro in the United States from colonial times to the 1960's. Each of nineteen chronological sections has an introduction by the compiler, which sketches in the general background of the period. Many old engravings and recent photographs. Index.

KENNEDY, Thomas F. A Descriptive Atlas of the Pacific Islands: New Zealand, Australia, Polynesia, Melanesia, Micronesia, Philippines. Maps by Julius Petro & Lionel Forsdyke. 64p. Praeger. $4
Black and white maps and basic facts about each country or territory in the map. Maps include topical information such as population distribution and land use as well as physical and political features. A well-done, informative work on a subject sparsely treated in most reference materials.

Jane Bolin tells of incidents in her life as the first Negro woman judge in New York City in William Katz's "Eyewitnesses," published by Pitman
A horse-soldier displays his “weapons and accoutrements” in this picture from Warren Moore's “Weapons of the American Revolution” (Funk & Wagnalls)

KRYTHE, Maymie R. What So Proudly We Hail: All about Our American Flag, Monuments, and Symbols. 278p. Harper. $5.95

Historical and descriptive facts, plus legend and folklore, associated with major national symbols such as the flag, the Great Seal, Uncle Sam, the White House, and the Liberty Bell. Bibliography. A good source for frequently elusive bits of information.


Enlarged and updated, this authority is outstanding for the student of the UN. It includes a wealth of information, many new maps, and a detailed subject index.


Enlarged by almost 30 pages in a format improved since the third edition in 1952. Indexed.


Concise, informative descriptions and explanations of 476 terms, organizations, people, and books which figure significantly in the study of geography. Alphabetical arrangement with detailed index.


Brief entries for people, places, and institutions important in Latin American history. Updates the first publication in 1956.


Photographs and brief descriptions of about 700 weapons and other military gear used by all parties to the American Revolution. Arranged by type of weapon, each section has general introduction, detailed diagrams of construction, and nomenclature. Bibliography.


A very wide-ranging, fact-packed compendium of information about China past and present. About one-fourth of the work devoted to historical and cultural introduction is followed by detailed description of regions and cities, streets, buildings and monuments. The many maps and plans are in addition to the 1,504 pages. Classified bibliography. Index.


Illustrations are clear and an important part of this valuable reference. Measurement definitions. Glossary. Bibliography and Index.


Chronological list arranged by ship, name, sex, age, and occupation of each passenger; additional biographical facts about a great many. This work affords a wealth of basic data about the history of Swedish immigration and settlement. Indexes of personal, place, and ship names. Extensive bibliography.

Hobbies


Two thousand illustrations and marks in this comprehensive work by Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Evelyn Coleman. Documented data along with information on displaying, caring for, and storing dolls produced in Western Europe and the US to 1925. Bibliography. General index and index of marks.

SCHUMBERGER. Hans. Gold Coins of Europe since 1800; a Catalogue with Valuations. 352p. Sterling. $15

This comprehensive catalog covers two centuries of coin production by listing some 6000 items with nearly 2000 illustrations. Alphabetically arranged by country and then chronologically, the data include denominations, mint marks, mintage if known, designers' marks, fineness, and valuations in U.S. dollars. Index by country of origin.

SINKANKAS, John. Van Nostrand's Standard Catalog of Gems. 286p. Van Nostrand. $7.95; paper. $3.95

This guide is designed for use by persons interested in working with gemstones as a hobby or as an occupation. A significant feature is the list of common and rare gemstones, and their characteristic quality, size, and value at current retail prices. Of special interest is the inclusion of descriptions and photos of gem cutting patterns and a discussion of the criteria for determining the worth of gems. Additional features are size and shape diagrams, a table of weights, measures, and monetary conversion tables. Bibliography and index.

Literature and Language


“A collection of passages, phrases, and proverbs traced to their sources in ancient and modern literature.”—Subtitle. The quotation section has been expanded although many entries have been weeded from the 13th edition (1955). Basic arrangement is chronologically by author. Author index and a much-improved subject index.


Lists separate published works of prose fiction by the major novelists and some minor writers.

EVANS, Bergen. Dictionary of Quotations. 2029p. Delacorte. $15

Complements the Bartlett's listed above. It would be well to have both. Many unfamiliar quotations are found here along with comments by Mr. Evans. Topic arrangement. Title index, and a detailed subject index and an author index.

HACKETT, Alice Payne. 70 Years of Best Sellers, 1895-1965. 3d ed. rev. & enl. 280p. Bowker. 1967. $7.95

A bibliography and discussion of American best-selling books revised and brought up to date from the second edition of ten years ago. Title and author index.


New, updated, and rewritten entries in this first revision since 1946.

HAYAKAWA, Samuel Ichiro. Funk & Wagnalls Modern Guide to Synonyms and Related Words; Lists of Antonyms, Copious Cross-References, a Complete and Legible Index. by S. I. Hayakawa and the Funk & Wagnalls Dictionary Staff. 726p. Funk & Wagnalls. $8.95

Up-to-date and well organized.


An outstanding commentary on the entire Bible prepared by well-known Roman Catholic scholars. The 80 signed articles include an introduction and verse-by-verse study on books of the Bible as well as some general chapters on biblical geography and archeology, history of Israel, Pauline theology, and other topics. May be used with most modern English translations. Excellent bibliographies, cross-references, and a subject index.


This guide is arranged by author and work with specific references to sources.


Quotations on law and the legal system culled from lawyers and from other sources. Arranged by subject. Author and general indexes.


Part I contains lists of critical and descriptive works in the literature of this period. Part II, a bibliography of the literature itself, is substantially a reprint of A Library of Literary Criticism: Modern British Literature (Ungar, 1966).


A bibliography of criticism of Shakespeare's works from the restoration period to the present decade. Critical annotations with each entry.

WEBSTERS New Dictionary of Synonyms, 909p. Merriam. $7.95

Some rewritten definitions and new illustrative quotations as well as many deletions from the earlier revision of 1951. The earlier edition should be kept and used with this one. An appendix lists the authors quoted.


Clear explanation of usage. More than half the book is devoted to Yiddish-English entries. Good format.

Music and Theater

BOOKSPAN, Martin. *101 Masterpieces of Music and Their Composers*. 511p. Doubleday. $7.95

An informative collection of articles on the most interesting orchestral and chamber works of the concert circuit. Incorporates some biographical material about the composers but emphasizes historical and interpretive data. Brief glossary of musical terms and an evaluative listing of available recordings are included.


Unique collection of descriptive materials (photographs, advertisements, catalog copy) on player pianos and similar machines. The index is too brief, but the book gives hard-to-locate data on market prices and general availability.


All phases of dance are presented in this volume, which is almost twice the size of the first edition which has been out of print for more than ten years. For professional and amateur. Alphabetical arrangement.


New edition of an indispensable source published last in 1957. Provides information up to 1964 and later in some cases. Well illustrated with excellent bibliography by D. M. Moore.


Seven general sections which survey the world of music (associations, education, financial aid and awards, publications, recreation and travel, trade and industry, and unions) make this a basic tool for music collections. General index is brief, but cross indices interrelate the material. First edition was 1957. Annual revisions are now promised.


Comprehensive guide to twentieth century criticism in books and in periodicals of the plays of major European playwrights. Arranged by playwright and by play. Index. Companion to their *American Drama Criticism* (Shoe String, 1967).


Third and final volume documenting performances in the Old Met from 1883 to 1966. The subtitle, "A chronicle of artists and performers," indicates general scope. Complete casts are given followed by selected reviews of major productions. Information on debut performances. Some illustrations.

Political and Social Sciences


An authoritative compendium of otherwise unavailable information, collected and systematized from a wide and diverse range of official sources. Covers the period from 1949 to 1959, when the Chinese government ceased to publish statistics. First 100 pages devoted to discussion and explanation of sources, types and uses of the data. Extensive bibliography and indexes to text and tables.


Updated revision of an expertly prepared and extremely valuable compendium. Contains laws, leading court decisions, scholarly treatises on political and civil rights, plus commentary and bibliographic essays by the editors. Second edition was 1958.


The first comprehensive account of social science to appear in English since 1930. Emphasis on theory, methodology, and the achievements of social scientists mirrors the current concerns of the field and its transformation since publication of *ESS*. Long essays and excellent bibliographies by a stellar list of contributors. A basic resource for years to come.

MITCHELL, Geoffrey Duncan, ed. *A Dictionary of Sociology*. 224p. Aldine. $6

Rather long definitions of a limited group of basic sociological terms. Most include an account of the development of the concept represented by the term, with references to major works.


Six hundred of the more than 3800 entries are new. Some information from the year 1967. Strict alphabetical arrangement.


Essays by an international group of eminent legal scholars deal with such matters as the law of treaties, the individual in international law, and collective security in a style which, while serious and detailed, is accessible to laymen. Each is followed by a bibliography. There is also an extensive general bibliography besides tables of cases and treaties.

TRASK, David Frederic, & others, comps. & eds. *A Bibliography of United States-Latin American Relations since 1810; a Selected List of Eleven Thousand Published References*. 2 vols. University of Nebraska Press. $14.95

Comprehensive bibliography of materials appearing in the major languages of the world. No annotations.
A jaguar peers from “Pictorial Guide to the Mammals of North America”