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YOUR ATTENTION is called to the change of title of this list from Reference Books to Reference Sources. Last year the committee realized that the scope of this committee's work should be enlarged in order to serve the reference community it supports. Those who work in information retrieval recognize the nonbook sources that prove extremely beneficial in the reference situation. The sources may appear in various formats: on cards as in *Deadline Data*, COM catalogs, any online material, or databases. We are convinced that the nonbook source should be as outstanding as any book which would qualify for this list. The administrative work for the change of name and scope of the committee took place last year. This year no such nonbook items appear on our list because we are planning during 1980 to develop criteria whereby the nonbook material is to be judged, aside from the fact that it must also be outstanding. In this regard we are cooperating

North American F-86A Sabre fighter
of the USAF, used during the Korean War from *Encyclopedia of Aircraft*, ed.
by Michael J. H. Taylor & W. R. Taylor (Putnam)
with the Machine-Assisted Reference Section of the Reference and Adult Services Division of ALA.

Convinced that a retrospective list of such outstanding sources ought to be accumulated, the committee plans to spend the early part of 1980 on an article describing in detail the expanded scope of our work together with a retrospective list of items we feel meet the criteria. These will be annotated in an article which shall appear in an issue of RQ, the official quarterly of RASD.

As usual, this year the Outstanding Reference Sources Committee of RASD spent a grueling three-day stint of committee meetings arguing over the relative value of the reference tools suggested as candidates for our 1979 listing. Frequent inquiries from publishing companies and others regarding the criteria we follow prompts me to list them, with some examples, this year. First, reference sources should be compiled specifically to provide access to ready information in a way which facilitates its use. Consequently, Paddington Press’ Source Book for the Disabled, though containing much reference material, is much more likely to be read consecutively and used at home than referred to in a library.

The list is aimed primarily at the small and medium-sized library, either public or college, not to exclude a large high school. Therefore, books such as Saur’s International Books in Print would be disregarded. The committee tries to indicate annuals, yearbooks, or several-volume sets as early as possible, once they have seen a reasonable portion of the set, even though it may not be complete, such as Ungar’s American Women Writers, Federal Regulatory Directory, etc.

New editions are included only when there is a major revision or they include important supplements to the earlier work. Thus we could consider Rodale’s Synonym Finder. Works of local interest, such as Houghton’s Grasses, an identification guide which is limited to the Northeastern U.S., must be excluded. Moreover, highly specialized publications like Zondervan’s New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology had to be omitted. Ordinarily, books in the juvenile field are not considered, such as the recently published children’s dictionaries. We bar almost all foreign language publications, e.g., Faxon’s French Periodical Index.

Unless of wide scope, manuals or “how to do it” publications would not be included, such as McGraw’s The Complete Book of Home Workshop Tools by Scharff. Indexes to files of periodicals may be included, for instance, Physical Education/Sports Index. “Spin-offs,” namely works that are derived from other books in print or on computerized services, are commonly not considered, for example, Bowker’s Religious Books and Serials in Print.

When some items appear so late in the previous year that they could not be included on the list, they are considered the following year. Since the ALA Midwinter Meeting was so early in 1979, there are 17 titles from 1978 in this year’s list. Not only do the items have to be actually published in the year and not delayed, but they are examined by at least two members of the committee and their value argued for in the presence of the entire committee.

Because of the criteria stated above, several excellent titles never appear on this list; those that do must be scrutinized for suitability of purchase for a specific library. Furthermore, from these criteria one can readily understand the impossibility of balance among the subject areas.

Bookstores and libraries in various parts of the United States were patronized by the committee members in search of these materials. As before, Baker and Taylor Co., a jobber, brought to the Midwinter Meeting copies of books they had in stock which we were unable to locate ourselves. Even more helpful were the review copies provided by the publishers to the committee members. We hope to begin a more active method of inviting publishers to supply copies for our perusal prior to our meeting. Librarians in certain areas were most helpful in allowing us to search for titles, even among their uncataloged materials, such as Beverly Sullivan, Assistant Coordinator of Adult Services at the New York Public Library.

Comments on particular trends in publishing reference books during this year, whether they are represented on the list or not, are helpful to our readers. Although the number of reference tools in theology is smaller than in many other sections, it is the largest group of religion books to appear for many years. Space books are on the decline; the fields of medicine and energy have received a great deal of attention. Sources now deal with sensitive topics such as epilepsy and alcoholism in a mature and responsible way. To emphasize activity and new areas of interest and development, self-help in the home is treated with fine books on the care of the disabled and elderly, a reflection of the increasing longevity evident in society. Work had begun several years ago, after the first gas crisis, on the overriding topic of energy. Most sources are consumer-oriented, dealing with ways for the home owner to handle the energy problem. Not all such works meet the standards of reliability and comprehensiveness that a good reference book should have.

Material on films was heavily featured, but all sources were not necessarily outstanding. The same could be said of science fiction and fantasy, including the gothic novel. Historical and cultural in approach, these sources need to be upgraded. Perhaps the most obvious area that has come into its own this year, with a proliferation of bibliographies and guides to sources, is Women’s Studies. Many more titles exist than those on our list this year. For your benefit they have been gathered together under one subject heading.

Several books include the search strategy by which sources are identified, especially in bibliographies. Listing specific titles of indexing and abstract-
ing services searched, dates searched, even including search terms used, certifies the comprehensiveness of the source and aids in updating the information, possibly online, by using the same search strategy.

This year we have entered the items by title, the method currently in vogue, especially for reference sources.

Members of this year’s Outstanding Reference Sources committee, the compilers of the list, are: David Bosca, Literature and Philosophy Division, Chicago Public Library; LaVerne Z. Coan, Librarian, Remac Information Corporation, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Deborah C. Masters, Reference and Collection Development Services, University Libraries, SUNY at Albany; Clayton S. Owens, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Janet E. Sheets, Reference Department, Moody Memorial Library, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Janet I. Thesing, Reference Librarian, University of South Carolina, Columbia; Marieta Tobey, Reference Librarian, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York; Wiley Williams, School of Library Science, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; and serving as chairman, Rev. Jovian P. Lang, O.F.M., Division of Library and Information Science, St. John’s University, Jamaica, New York.

A display of these sources can be found in the Reference and Adult Services Division booth during the annual conference of the American Library Association in New York City, June 28-July 4. After the conference the books will be available for loan by any interested group for exhibits at regional, state, or local meetings. The only fee for this service is payment of transportation charges. For further information write to the Executive Secretary, Reference and Adult Services Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

WOMEN’S STUDIES


This first volume of a projected four-volume work provides bio-bibliographical and critical information about American women prominent and less well known, who, from colonial days to 1975, contributed to American writing in many subject areas including literature, psychology, anthropology, politics, and children’s literature. Written primarily by women from the academic community, alphabetically arranged by the name of the subject, the articles vary in length from one to four pages. Each includes a selected bibliography of secondary sources.


An inspiring summary of women’s achievements in the late 19th and 20th centuries, this volume, in 17 subject chapters, provides information on about 5000 women’s firsts, greats, leaders, and successes in every field of human endeavor. Each chapter begins with an introductory essay written by an authority in that field. The fields include politics, agriculture, sports, home and community, and religion. The brief sketches of women which follow are well written and succinctly outline the achievements of each woman. A detailed subject and personal name index is included.


A massive compilation resulting from four years of investigation, this guide describes more than 18,000 collections of unpublished primary source materials pertaining to U.S. women, almost three-fourths of which have never been described nationally before, in close to 1600 repositories nationwide. Each entry includes collection title, physical description (type of documents, inclusive dates, collection size), access information, bibliographic control (e.g. guide, card catalog, etc.), repository name, and concise description of contents. The main volume is arranged geographically by state and city, then alphabetically by institution and/or repository and collection name. An alphabetical list of contributing repositories with addresses is provided at the end. The second volume provides an index by individual names, subjects, and geographical headings, with listings for states subdivided by subject. A monumental effort to provide access to the primary source material on U.S. women, this source will fuel research in women’s studies for years to come.


The plethora of new reference titles in various areas of women’s studies this year testifies to the need for a work like this one, synthesizing and organizing the interdisciplinary literature of the subject into a manageable and useful collection development tool for libraries. Organized by traditional disciplinary divisions (e.g. education, history, literature by genre, psychology, so-
encyclopedia), the annotated listings here are to recommended English-language, mainly in print publications supporting research on women. Bibliographic information has been verified using OCLC to obtain LC copy, and in-print publications have been included in Books in Print (1977). Author, title, and subject indexes provide additional access points. An invaluable tool for sorting out this complex field of study.

GENERAL REFERENCE


Identified and described are journals and newsletters devoted to critical and bio-bibliographic information concerning an individual author. Listed, with full bibliographic citations and annotations are more than 1000 titles, currently having as their subject one of 435 authors from many countries and periods. Appendices identify publishers and sponsoring institutions, analyze authors by country and century, and analyze titles by indexing/abstracting service and serial bibliographies. For the scholar, student, librarian, or the reader with a special author interest.


The Manuscript Society sponsored this excellent handbook for autograph and manuscript collectors. There are 40 articles written by experts in the field and covering such topics as the fundamentals of autograph collecting, its language and procedures, and collecting autographs in various fields and areas of specialization. An extensive bibliography and a glossary complete the work. Many illustrations (such as a complete set of presidential autographs) and a detailed index add further to the value of the work.


This miscellany of information by state or by country in these two volumes makes for fascinating and reference value lies in the number of statistics drawn from both governmental and private sources which it includes. Taken together, arranged by state or country in ranking order with the actual figures listed beside each and with a source for the statistics given.


A compilation of the obituaries which appeared in Facts on File from September 1968 through December 1974, these two volumes will be the best place to look for the death of any famous or infamous figure of the modern world. Each entry gives the date of birth, age of deceased, and a few brief identifying phrases. A chronology index and a subject index close Volume Two.


Included are 2000 serial titles which the compiler feels are important for libraries; they are distributed under broad disciplines or subject categories. The annotations are descriptive, and an indication of audience level is given. A useful "when to buy what" list is included.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION


This is the first concordance for the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament which relates the RSV English text to the original Greek. It is an invaluable tool for any serious student of the Bible who lacks a knowledge of the original Greek and who is therefore dependent upon translations of the New Testament. Under an English word this concordance gives the scriptural references in which it appears in the RSV, plus listing the Greek word or words from which that English word was translated. Conversely, in the Index-Lexicon the user can look up a Greek word and find all the different English words used in the RSV to translate that Greek word.


A comprehensive survey of the field of child psychiatry, this set is projected to be in four volumes. The first two volumes are available now. Vol. 3 will cover therapeutic; Vol. 4, prevention. Basically written by experts for students, scholars, and practitioners, it can also be understood by any intelligent reader. Signed, evaluative articles cover such popular topics as anorexia nervosa, child abuse, and drug abuse. This will be the standard set for many years to come.


In this unique encyclopedia, 1000 religious bodies, divided into 17 distinct family groups according to their common heritage, thought world (theology), and lifestyle, are described. Ten of the 17 basically follow Christian beliefs and practice; the other seven do not. This is an excellent place for any one to find a brief description of any major American religion and the most thorough treatment available on many obscure religions. There is an index by names of groups, people, places, and publications, and also extensive bibliographical references.


Of interest to both the layperson and the professional for its excellent coverage of an interdisciplinary field, this 1978 Dartmouth Medal Winner rates high in quality and usefulness. The scientific state of the art and the full range of ethical views and policy options in matters dealing with the life sciences are summarized in 315 signed articles by 283 expert contributors. The articles range in length from brief (500 words) to comprehensive (over 10,000 words) and include bibliographies. Concrete ethical and legal problems such as abortion, medical malpractice, test tube fertilization, organ transplantation, and euthanasia are objectively described. Also covered in articles are basic concepts and principles, ethical theories, religious traditions, and historical perspectives.


An impressive three-volume encyclopedia of bioethics is due to appear in 1978, and will be a major contribution to the field. The editors have fulfilled their aim of "reporting the ongoing revolution in thought and policy from the perspective of the professional and the layman alike." The encyclopedia will cover all aspects of bioethics, from medical ethics to legal and social issues, and will be a valuable resource for students, researchers, and policymakers. The encyclopedia will include over 1000 articles written by leading experts in the field.

Written in the spirit of the Conservative Movement, this concise digest and summary of the legal literature of Judaism reflects
both the realities of 20th Century America and a commitment to tradition. Included here are the acceptable practices for the Jewish community in the areas of daily prayer, the Sabbath, festivals, diet, marriage, circumcision, proselytes, etc. Conformal transplant, artificial insemination, dishwashers, and other technological advances of the modern day are covered. A clear, readable style of writing and the provision of a detailed subject index add to the value of this volume.


A substantial revision, or actually a rewriting of a standard Bible encyclopedia, this is the first of four volumes to be published at the rate of one a year. The purpose of the encyclopedia is to define, identify, and explain terms and topics that are of interest for both the more advanced student and the average pastor or Bible student. This revision, according to Geoffrey Bromily, general editor, is both more scholarly and more conservative than the first edition.

The growth of regulation and current issues. Part II profiles 15 of the largest, most important agencies (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Securities and Exchange Commission, etc.); the agency's powers and authority, members, organizational description, information resources, details on public participation, regional offices, and a listing of additional references. Similarly, the third part covers 63 other regulatory agencies. The appendix includes information on using the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations and the text of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Freedom of Information Act, etc. The agency-subject index has numerous cross references.


MIDDLE East Contemporary Survey. Colin Legum, ed. 684p. Vol. 1: 1976-7. Holmes & Meier. 1978. $75. ISBN 0-8419-0323-9. This is the first volume of a thorough and detailed annual record of developments in the Middle East (Vol. 2 is also now available). The first part of the book deals with current issues in the Middle East and the second part surveys and analyzes each country. The articles, done by experts in the field, are well-written and objective. The wealth of factual data and statistics, the clear charts and maps, and the comprehensive index make the work especially useful for the student or researcher.


This volume completes an authoritative, three-volume compilation of rules and governments of the world. The first two volumes were translations of Bertold Spuler's Regenten und Regierungen der Welt. This one is original and upholds the high standards of the other two. Rules' names and dates are given for 300 territories, many of which did not exist after 1491. Indexes cover personal, territorial, and dynastic names. The entire set deserves recognition for its scope and excellence.

SOCIAL SCIENCES


Designed to serve students, laymen, and practitioners, the dictionary discusses con-
small investor, the skyrocketing value of gold, and efforts to regulate the U.S. monetary supply, among other current financial trends, make this a timely, authoritative source for any library. A list of organizations and agencies related to the fields of banking and finance and a bibliography of reference books in these fields are useful supplements.

**HANDBOOK of American Popular Culture.**

An introduction to the scholarly study of 15 popular culture areas, this first of two volumes covers animation, the automobile, children's literature, comic art, detective and mystery novels, film, gothic novels, popular music, the pulp, radio, science fiction, sports, stage entertainment, television, and the Western. For each area, an authority in the field provides a brief history; a bibliographic essay covering the most useful bibliographies, reference works, histories, critical studies and journals; and a description of research centers and collections of primary and secondary materials, followed by a checklist of works cited. There is a proper name index. A most valuable handbook for both scholar and layman enthusiast.

**MINORITY Organizations: a National Directory.**

Limited to coverage of organizations established by or for the benefit of Alaska Natives, American Indians, blacks, Hispanics, and Asian Americans, this new directory supplies name, address, phone number, and a brief annotation for over 2700 groups and cites an additional 540 no longer operating or for which current information could not be located. Listings are arranged alphabetically by name of organization, with entries, cross references, geographical, and functional program indexes. A list of other directories and reference sources on minorities is provided.

A project of four years' compilation using a variety of sources, updates are planned at two-year intervals. More comprehensive and more current than other available directories. Thereunder arranged alphabetically are the firms' trade names, very brief product descriptions, and codes to the list of sources used in compilation. The names and addresses of the companies are in a special section following the main portion.

**WHERE TO Find Business Information: a Worldwide Guide for Everyone Who Needs the Answers to Business Questions.**

Its scope is English-language material wherever published—trade and professional journals, directories, government publications, looseleaf services, computerized data bases, etc. The first section is an A-Z subject list (frequently subdivided by state, country, or region), with titles of sources arranged alphabetically and provided with an entry number to be found in the third section. The second section, the publishers' index, names the publications of each publisher and lists the aforementioned entry number. The third section annotates more than 5100 with all appropriate parts of speech included under a single headword. There are 1,500,000 synonymical terms provided, organized numerically according to definition and major semantic groups, with further discriminations made by separating subgroups. Usage levels are indicated by appropriate labels ('Slang', 'Informal'); technical or specialized words are identified by a field label ('Chemistry', 'Nautical'). Gist information is often included to help the user avoid selecting an inappropriate term. Accessible, full, current.

**SCIENCE**

**BIOGRAPHICAL Dictionary of American Science: the Seventeenth through the Nineteenth Centuries.**

This volume is intended to serve as a companion volume to *American Men of Science* (1906), listing some 600 American scientists who were omitted from that standard reference tool. A 300- to 400-word entry appears for each of these scientists, providing vital numbers and prices, and frequency of publication.

**LANGUAGE**

**LONGMAN Dictionary of Contemporary English.**

To provide a description of the English language for students of English as a second language, the dictionary presents over 55,000 entries, their predominant meanings defined with a limited vocabulary of 2000 words and clarified with example sentences and phrases. Among the many quickly accessible explanatory remarks and tables that contribute significantly to the dictionary's usefulness is the section devoted to the New International Phonetic Alphabet, which is used to designate pronunciation throughout the book.

**THE SYNONYM Finder.**

Entry words are arranged alphabetically, nearly 30,000 companies. Thereunder arranged alphabetically are the firms' trade names, very brief product descriptions, and codes to the list of sources used in compilation. The names and addresses of the companies are in a special section following the main portion.

**TRADE Names Dictionary: Company Index.**

A companion volume to the 2d ed. of *Trade Names Dictionary* lists alphabetically nearly 30,000 companies. Thereunder arranged alphabetically are the firms' trade names, very brief product descriptions, and codes to the list of sources used in compilation. The names and addresses of the companies are in a special section following the main portion.

**THE MURDERERS' Who's Who: Outstanding International Cases from the Literature of Murder in the Last 150 Years.**

In this unique crime reference tool the authors provide descriptions of 360 murders and key them to references in a 750-item bibliography. Though the emphasis is on British murders, treatment is international and includes 85 American murders, many not covered in other sources. The crime descriptions are well-written and concise, and many vivid (often gory) photos accompany the text. A classified index lists murders by type.

data occur for specifics in the text, for general data at the end. More than satisfactory for the specialist, yet readable for high school students.

GUIDE to Basic Information Sources in Chemistry. Arthur Antony. 216p. Hal- 
stead. Wiley. $14.95. ISBN 0-470-20387-
6.
Antony has compiled a guide to chemical lit-
erature that can be used easily by the librari-
ian and student as well as by the professional.
Chemist information sources are arranged by 
type, in traditional fashion, so one can easily locate dictionaries, indexes, literature 
guides, etc. Each source cited is concisely annotated. Entire sections are devoted to 
the major sources of chemical literature, such as Chemical Abstracts. A chapter on 
search strategy and good indexes adds signi-
ficantly to the value of this guide.

GUIDE to the National Wildlife Refuges. 
Lauren Riley & William Riley. 635p. An-
chor: Doubleday. $14.95. ISBN 0-385-
14014-2.
To plan your next outdoor vacation, search 

India this guide to all the national wildlife refuges, 
listed with narrative descriptions and advice 
for visitors. Entries include key directions 

on how to find each refuge, what wildlife fre-
quent the refuge and when, nearby points of 

interest, where to find motels and camps-
grounds, how to dress, and how to obtain 

additional information. Maps on the endpa-

ges give quick geographical access to each 

refuge, and the index locates refuges by the 

wildlife one might want to find.

Presenting technical information about 
the human body clearly and simply without 
being overly simplistic, chapters are ar-
ranged basically by the systems of the body 
(e.g., the respiratory system). Each chapter 
consists of individual entries less than one 
page long on specific topics. Most are illus-

trated with excellent diagrams and draw-
ings. Many common diseases are explained 
as well as the parts of the healthy body. A 
detailed table of contents and an excellent 
dictionary of terms relating to all phases of 
energy production and use. Definitions, 
while short, are clear and precise. Charts, 
diagrams, or photographs abound to illus-

trate some of the more than 4000 terms de-
fined. The dictionary is prefaced by an essay 
which explores the energy question in the 
United States; appendices include a table of 
conversion factors and a glossary of acro-

nyms.

Information compiled by a scientist illus-

trates in a concise manner comparisons 

among energy alternatives, basic trends in 
technology, and general principles of energy 
consumption. Covered, and discussed such as solar 
energy, nuclear power, energy conversion 
and storage, and environmental control, the 
text is liberally illustrated with photographs 
and line drawings of equipment. Tables and 
charts help to explain the more complicated 
concepts. References after each chapter in-
vite further reading. A glossary and an index 
put the finishing touch on this source for in-
vestigating energy policy and resources.

FASHION Production Terms. Debbie Ann 
Gioello & Beverly Berke. 340p. Fairchild 
(Language of Fashion Series). $22.50. 
The language of the garment industry com-
bines concepts from many trades, and such 
diversity is accurately reflected in this dic-
tionary of fashion terminology. Entries, 
both tools and techniques, are arranged 
within general headings such as Shape & 
Design Control, Pattern Layout, and Seams, 
and follow the construction of a garment from 
design to completion. Accompanying each 
brief definition is a photograph or drawing 
to further clarify the meaning. The 
bibliography lists some sources from which 
the work was compiled, and it includes the 
reader quickly to specific definitions. 
Recommended for libraries serving home 
sewers as well as for people in the fashion 
industry.

MODERN Guns. Identification and Values. 
Russell C. Quertermous & Stephen C. 
Quertermous. 415p. Collectors Bks. 
The authors have produced an informative 
encyclopedia of guns manufactured since 
1898 which presents an accurate look at guns 
currently on the market. Over 2000 
firearms are listed alphabetically within three 
sections—Shotguns, Rifles, and Hand-
guns. Each entry contains a black-and-white 
illustration of the gun and its gauge, action, 
magazine, barrel, finish, weight, and esti-
mated retail value. A glossary of firearms 
terms and an index enhance the work. Rec-
commended for collectors and sportsmen 
who are interested in identifying and evalu-

ating arms.

THE OBSERVER'S Spaceflight Directory. 
Beginning with the first man-made satellite, 
this comprehensive directory of space 
ventures by nation and military tells of 
adventures and discoveries of over 2000 
flights and covers worldwide space activi-
ties. A set of Space Facts presents the No-
tology of manned and unmanned flights, 
followed by narrative descriptions of space 
missions of 15 countries and cooperative 
projects. Also included is information con-
cerning the solar system, world space 
centers, and the achievements of space prog-

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WHERE You Live May Be Hazardous to Your Health: A Health Index to over 200 American Communities. Robert A. Shakman, M.D. 260p. Stein & Day. $10.95. ISBN 0-88221-2306-3. pap. $5.95. ISBN 0-88221-6001-2. For those contemplating a move or concerned with the environment in which they now live, the author has assembled a variety of data, mostly from government sources, to rate the "healthiness" of each community. After brief introductions to the characteristics applied in the rating (air pollution, allergens, crime rate, climate, altitude/topography, and natural disasters), the communities are presented by state with data for each characteristic given beside an average figure for comparison. There is also an explanation of the derivation of a personal health index and a discussion of misconceptions about "healthy" places to live.

SPORTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/Sports Index. Quarterly. Marathon Pr. 1978. $85. ISSN 0162-007X. Approximately 100 journals are indexed in the following fields: the areas of physical education and its allied fields of sports medicine, therapeutic recreation, leisure studies, coaching, refereeing the history, philosophy, psychology, and sociology of sports; many sports and activities, including football, racquetball, gymnastics, etc. Most of the publications are not covered in other indexes or not covered as fully. The arrangement is in two sections: part one is devoted to physical education, and part two is given over to sports and activities; many of the articles are indexed in both sections. Entries include the article title, author, periodical title, volume and number, page, and date.

FINE ARTS

AMERICAN BOTTLES AND FLASKS AND THEIR ANCESTRY. Helen McKeen & Kenneth W. Wilson, 779p. Crown. 1978. $29.95. ISBN 0-517-53147-X. This beautifully illustrated volume establishes itself as a standard work on the subject of American bottles and flask. This comprehensive source of information provides an historical overview, including the histories of 79 firms which made bottles. Bottles and flasks are discussed and illustrated by type. There are detailed charts and diagrams of the standard groupings, and these are enhanced by photographs. There is also a major section of the major companies that made commemorative flasks and bottles with reproductions and adaptations of classic models. An indication is given of market value or relative worth. A large and detailed index provides excellent access to the entire work.

A BASIC Music Library: Essential Scores and Books. Pauline S. Bayne, ed. 173p. American Library Assn. 1978. S3. ISBN 0-8389-0844-2. This project of the Music Library Association will assist the smaller library in building a basic collection of music and related books. There are 12 sections containing citations and prices for books and scores available as of January 1978. Areas covered include: study scores for orchestral and chamber music; performing editions of chamber music and songs for solo voice; piano-vocal scores of operas; etc.; instrumental methods; and studies; bibliographies; reference materials and other areas. Important items are starred.

DRAMA A to Z: a Handbook. Jack A. Vaughn, 239p. Ungar. $9.95. ISBN 0-8044-6946-6. Focusing on drama as a literary form, this dictionary-style handbook provides brief definitions and discussions of some 500 words and phrases commonly found in writings on the drama from Aristotle to the present. Numerous cross references are provided, and a degree sign (°) signals separate entries for terms used within definitions. An appendix, "A Chronology of Dramatic Theory and Criticism," lists major works in the field, with brief annotations and cross references to related dictionary entries, and a separate section gives suggestions for further reading. A valuable first source that could become a standard basic reference for students of drama.

GADNEY'S Guide to 1980 International Competitions, Festivals, & Grants in Film & Video, Photography, TV-Radio Broadcasting, Writing, Poetry, Playwriting, Journalism, Alan Gadney. 570p. Festival Pubs. $21.95. ISBN 0-930828-01-1. pap. $15.95. ISBN 0-930828-00-3. This is a sourcebook for the competitor in the fields covered, giving information about events that reward effort and places and organizations that provide help. Divided into six sections and arranged by field with detailed indexed and cross-references, the following information is given for each event: address, date, background, technical entry and eligibility requirements, entry fees, awards, judging, and deadlines. The background information often includes the purpose, theme, sponsors, and history of the event. While international in scope, note is made that many of the events are restricted to limited geographical participation. There are plans to revise the work when updates are needed.

MUSICIANS Since 1900: Performers in Concert and Opera. David Ewen, comp. & ed. 974p. H. W. Wilson. 1978. $35.5. ISBN 0-8232-0565-0. Included among the 432 artists are Sir Thomas Beecham, Maria Callas, Zubin Mehta, Beverley Sills, Amelia Galli-Curci, and Serge Kouvssevitsky. The biographies of both living and dead performers who have been important in the musical life of the 20th Century are in essay form and provide such information as family background, education, professional training, early appearances, important engagements, major roles, and critical reception. There are sketches of 217 singers, 111 conductors, 67 pianists, and 46 string players; several other instrumentalists are also represented. There is a brief bibliography for each entry and usually a photograph of the artist. The entries are from 1500 to 5000 words in length, and pronunciation is provided for difficult names. This work replaces the author's Living Musicians (1940) and Living Musicians: First Supplement (1957).

THE PHOTOGRAPH Collector's Guide. Lee D. Watin & Barbara London. 438p. New York Graphic Society/Little, S32. ISBN 0-8212-0681-8. The newly emerging area of photographic collection is well-served by this excellent guide, which does well in providing much needed information in a convenient format. Included are sections on the art of collecting, a chronology of photographic history, a glossary of terms, objects, and processes. There is a large section on biographies of photographers and coverage of movements, organizations, publications, and themes in the photographic field. There is an extensive list of photographers identified by place and date. There is information on the market value of photographs and the nature of this market. A general bibliography and detailed index make the work quite complete and useful.

PHOTOGRAPHY Index: A Guide to Reproductions. Pamela Jeffcott Parry, comp. 972p. Greenwood. $25. ISBN 0-313-20700-3. Someone looking for a particular photograph or for photographs of a particular subject will be able to consult this index instead of searching through a library's collection of photographic books. This is a guide to photographic reproductions in more than 80 heavily illustrated books and exhibition catalogs. Both artistic and documentary photographs are covered in the works indexed. Citations appear in two sections: a chronological listing of anonymous photographs and an alphabetical listing, by photographer or firm, of these photographs for which sources are known. Over 1700 photographers and photography firms are listed in this work, giving...
information on nationalities and dates in most cases. Access to these two sections is provided by means of both a detailed title and subject index.

LITERATURE


Compiled to provide information concerning all English-language adult crime fiction published anywhere in the world in book form through December 31, 1975, this comprehensive bibliography cites novels (English-language as well as translations of non-English works), plays, and short stories in which crime or the threat of crime is a major plot element. Entries are arranged alphabetically by author, with access provided by title, series, and series character, and by author pseudonyms. Magazine and dime novel titles are excluded.

An extensive, complete, annotated, alphabetical listing of all American writers of mystery, detective, suspense, police, and Gothic fiction from 1749 to 1975, with the years 1976 and 1977 added. The bibliography includes all titles published in book form through December 31, 1975, and the contents of anthologies. Also included is a research guide including reference works, periodicals, societies and organizations, fantasy awards, and collections.

HISTORY


Routledge's definitive reference to battles fought the world over is the second volume (the first covered 1816-1976) to appear of a four-volume compilation by the foremost distinguished British soldiers and authors for each battle the listing includes location, date, opponents, their strengths, aims, description of the battle, results, and references to further action. Clear location maps are appended, as are maps cross-referenced and indexed. Excellent introductory passages add to the value of the work.


This valuable cartographic record of the history of South America (including India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, etc.) from the Stone Age to the present day. The 149 pages of maps and plates are followed by historical narrative which closely relates to the maps and charts. The maps, mostly in color, are excellent and stress economic and social history (religion, rural house types, fiction in English on both Asian life as well as political events. An extensive bibliographical and detailed indexing add to the usefulness of the volume.


Human interest and trivia events as well as major political, military, economic, and social happenings are included in this massive chronology. The events occurred from 1,000,000 B.C. until 1973, with a large majority of the entries from the 19th and 20th centuries. Within each year events are listed by clearly coded categories, such as environment, nutrition, or education. A comprehensive index increases access, and the listings is a must for quick reference and busy browsing.


This timely title is a quick reference source for the American scene since 1945. Alphabetically arranged entries for events, institutions, movements, legislation, movies, books, and fads (My Lai, Milk Fund, Kinsey Report, primal scream, etc.) are cross-indexed and well-written. Cross referencing is adequate in most cases, and a name index gives added access. Very useful for a clear focus on terms from our recent past.