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ADULT BOOKS AND SERVICES

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IN MEMORIAM: JOHN F. KENNEDY

The tragic death of President Kennedy has shocked and saddened us all. The nation and the world can ill afford such a loss.

Our closeness to the event makes it difficult for us to assess its long-term effects. The one thing we can be sure of is that they will be significant.

There has grown up over the years a considerable body of literature about President Kennedy, and, of course, the late President was well-known as an author in his own right. Perhaps the following selective list will be helpful to those who wish to understand better the man and his work:

B Burns, James M. JOHN KENNEDY: A POLITICAL PROFILE Harcourt 1959 \$4.95
K

An account of his life up to the presidency with the emphasis on the political aspects.

940.545 Donovan, Robert J. PT 109: JOHN F. KENNEDY IN WORLD WAR II McGraw
D 1961 \$4.95

329 White, Theodore H. MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT, 1960 Atheneum 1960 \$6.95
W

An excitingly told, brilliant study of the campaign and election of the President in 1960.

B Manchester, William JOHN F. KENNEDY IN PROFILE Little 1962 \$4.75
K

Although it deals with the first year and a half of the President's administration, it is more of a study of the man, his character and personality.

973.922 Fuller, Helen YEAR OF TRIAL: KENNEDY'S CRUCIAL DECISIONS Harcourt
F 1962 \$5.75

The year in question is the first year of his administration.

973.922 Sidey, Hugh JOHN F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENT Atheneum 1963 \$6.95

S

One of the latest and most complete appraisals of John F. Kennedy as President.

920 Kennedy, John F. PROFILES IN COURAGE Harper 1961 \$3.95

K

Written in 1954-55, he discussed others in American public life who took courageous stands on crucial issues.

327.73 Kennedy, John F. STRATEGY OF PEACE Harper 1960 \$3.50

K

A compilation of some of his speeches and writings before he became President, revealing his thoughts on national and international issues.

973.922 Kennedy, John F. TO TURN THE TIDE Harper 1962 \$3.95

K

A selection of his public statements on national and international issues from his election through the 1961 adjournment of Congress.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR PURCHASE

Bennett, Jack JAMIE Little \$4.50

A story of pioneer life in South Africa: a boy sets out to avenge his father, killed by a buffalo bull.

Bor, Joseph THE TEREZIN REQUIEM Knopf \$3.50

A Czech novel based on real life: how a group of Jewish artists survived only long enough to put on a performance of Verdi's Requiem for an audience of SS men.

Gallico, Paul LOVE, LET ME NOT HUNGER Doubleday \$4.75

The struggle of a small English traveling circus stranded in a remote part of Spain after a disastrous tent fire.

Malamud, Bernard IDIOTS FIRST Farrar \$4.50

A new collection of short stories by the author of THE ASSISTANT and the prize-winning MAGIC BARREL.

Roripaugh, Robert A. HONOR THY FATHER Morrow \$5.00

A superior Western built around two interrelated conflicts: between father and son and between the cattlemen on the one hand and the homesteaders and sheepherders on the other.

Tracy, Honor THE FIRST DAY OF FRIDAY Random \$4.95

A funny book with an Irish background about the attempted firing of a servant called Atracta.

309.1 Henry, Jules CULTURE AGAINST MAN Random \$7.95

H

A lively indictment of our culture ranging far and wide from parent-child relationships to human obsolescence and all points in between.

658.07 Squire, Elizabeth THE MAIL-ORDER SHOPPING GUIDE Morrow \$1.95

S

A practical listing of sources for everything from steaks to yachts.

817 Epernay, Mark THE MCLANDRESS DIMENSION Houghton \$3.75

E

A spoof on "social engineering" including a "Fully Automated Foreign Policy" and the psychometric experiments of "Dr. McLandress." Epernay is a pseudonym; guesses as to his real identity include Kenneth Galbraith, Gore Vidal, C. Northcote Parkinson.

917.3 Lynes, Russell THE DOMESTICATED AMERICANS Harper \$6.50

L

Social history of the American home.

956.94 Ben-Gurion, David ISRAEL: YEARS OF CHALLENGE Holt \$5.00

B

The story of how Israel came to be by one who should know.

B

M368p Pogue, Forrest C. GEORGE C. MARSHALL: THE EDUCATION OF A GENERAL, 1880-1939
Viking \$7.50

The first of a projected three-volume biography of an important figure in recent American history. For libraries with ample budgets.

Y O U N G A D U L T A N D C H I L D R E N ' S B O O K S A N D S E R V I C E S

MRS. BARBARA DOH, YOUNG ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CONSULTANT

In the September, 1963, Newsletter we announced the beginning of a separate classification and collection for young adult books. At this point we would like to share with you some of the developments resulting from this decision.

When we began the new classification, we decided to follow the policy suggested by the Library Extension Division, which is that boys and girls aged thirteen and/or in eighth grade be considered young adults. Thus, we are classifying books intended for readers from grade eight through grade twelve as young adult books; these books carry a "Y" on the spine and are shelved in a separate collection.

We are finding that the dividing line between "J" and "Y" is not an easy one. Many of the books we receive are intended for grades seven through nine. We classify each book as best we can, but we are sure that some of the books marked "Y" will appeal to a number of "J" readers, and sometimes vice versa. So we hope that you will not interpret the classification rigidly. Since we are trying to limit duplication (i.e.: seldom putting some copies of a book in "J" and other copies in "Y") readers from eleven to fourteen may often be reading both kinds of books.

Our future project at headquarters is to go through the "J" collection and pull out all the "Y" books for reclassification. Until we are able to do this, you will continue to receive older titles classed in "J" which are meant for young adult readers.

We are continuing to designate adult books suitable for young adult readers with colored dots. We are not duplicating these adult titles in our "Y" collection. We feel that handling adult titles in this way offers greater flexibility (the same book can be used in two different ways) and gives us the most for our book dollar.

We hope that in your libraries you are considering a separate young adult collection. This can be housed in a separate room, an alcove or on several shelves appropriately labeled---depending on the individual situation. We hope, too, that you will use both "Y" books and a changing selection of suitable adult books to make up this collection.

SOME RECENT RECOMMENDED BOOKS

YF Behn, Harry THE FARAWAY LURS World 1963 \$3.00
B

A highly unusual story with a pre-history setting. Will appeal to girls from twelve up. Romantic and beautiful in theme and style.

JSC Brand, Christianna, comp. NAUGHTY CHILDREN Dutton 1963 \$4.50
B

An anthology charmingly illustrated by Edward Ardizzone. Most of the selections are taken from books; the authors are almost all standard ones---many now of historic interest. The books will appeal to children of all ages, and their parents too.

J387 Elting, Mary SHIPS AT WORK Harvey House 1962 \$2.50 lib. ed. available
E

J621 Elting, Mary MACHINES AT WORK Harvey House 1962 \$2.50 lib. ed. available
E

J625.2 Elting, Mary TRAINS AT WORK Harvey House 1962 \$2.50 lib. ed. available
E

J629.22 Elting, Mary TRUCKS AT WORK Harvey House 1962 \$2.50 lib. ed. available
E

The above four are new revised editions of standard, popular non-fiction titles for children from third through fifth grade.

J598.2 Fox, Charles P. BIRDS WILL COME TO YOU Reilly 1963 \$3.50
F

By means of clear photographs the author shows children from age seven up how to attract birds in winter. Directions for making simple bird houses and feeding stations.

JF McCloskey, Robert BURT DOW: DEEP WATER MAN Viking 1962 \$4.00
M

"A tale of the sea in the classic tradition." We hope McCloskey's picture-book format does not deter readers through fourth grade. Hilarious tall tale of fishing and whales, with illustrations in vibrant colors which perfectly match the spirit of the text.

JF Parker, Edgar THE DREAM OF THE DORMOUSE Houghton 1963 \$2.75 lib. ed.
P available.

The exciting adventures Dormouse really had, when all the time he thought he was sleeping through the long winter. Illustrations and text exemplify high standards of effective fantasy. For hearers age six and seven, and readers eight and nine.

JF Wrightson, Patricia THE FEATHER STAR Harcourt 1963 \$2.95
W

Lindy, fifteen, spends a holiday on the Australian coast with her parents and small brother. The people she meets are credible, what she does is realistic and her feelings and reactions honest and sincere. For girls eleven to fourteen.

E Zolotow, Charlotte THE SKY WAS BLUE Harper 1963 \$2.95 lib. ed. available
Z

A little girl contrasts her home, car, doll and clothes with her mother's, grandmother's and great-grandmother's. But in each instance the important things were always the same---hence, the title of the book. For little girls from four to seven.

ROTATING COLLECTIONS

When we make up rotating collections for member libraries, we wish that we could sit down with each of you in your library to find out whether or not you are receiving the books that you need to supplement your collection. As you know, our collections for you are made up from request cards; we have had these cards on hand for some time. Unless you make specific suggestions otherwise, we continue

to use them as our guide. So, please, if your general needs have changed, or if you have varying needs which change from one collection to the next, let us know by card, phone or in person. We want your collection to be of as much help as possible to your library.

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

SYSTEM RECEIVES FULL APPROVAL

The Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library has received full approval from the New York State Education Department and the Board of Regents of the State of New York.

A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MEMBER LIBRARIES

A questionnaire has been mailed to each library in the system. This questionnaire is part of a survey on library cooperation conducted by the School of Library Science, State University of New York at Albany. May we urge you to fill out and return the questionnaire as soon as possible?

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Betty Strickland, Senior Stenographer, has resigned to leave with her family for Nebraska. Mrs. Jean McIver has been appointed to fill her position.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

A gift of books on gardening and flower arranging was given to the library by the Lake Placid Garden Club in memory of Mrs. Lester Cantin.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Emma Walter, Librarian, is on vacation, making a tour of the Caribbean.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The library has an exhibit featuring Martha Reben's latest book A SHARING OF JOY. Miss Reben, who is a local author, gave two copies of her book to the library for the Adirondack collection---and loaned pictures and galley sheets to complete the exhibit.

The library also has a current display of original Stoddard photographs belonging to Mr. Maitland DeSormo of Tarrytown, New York.

CHRISTMAS 1963

The time has come, the walrus said,
His dictum we'll obey,
And send you all best wishes
From the Staff for Christmas Day:

May Santa bring you perfect patrons -
Books returned intact, on time,
No questions tossed at you, unwary,
Without a reason or a rhyme.
May all your circulation problems
Resolve themselves - and in your stacks,
Let all your books be lined up neatly,
An orderly array of facts.
No budget errors to torment you,
Board meetings run as smooth as cream,
Good books, pleased patrons, all surround you,
Of such stuff is our Christmas dream.

That's our wish for all of you -
And who's to say it can't come true!

M. G. Leggett

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Mary G. Leggett, Editor

