AMERICAN IDEALS—THE AMERICAN SCENE

An Annotated Reading List

The purpose of this study is twofold: (1) an approach to American literature in line with contemporary educational thought; and (2) a suggested exchange list for English students, of material which would help them better to understand the American scene. After considerable discussion the committee decided that it should consider as a basis for selection the following questions:

1. Does it portray a phase of the American scene?
2. Does it represent the thought of a large mass of people?
3. Is it literature?

No book could meet all three tests. We thought it should approach two of them. We sought material which attained to at least a fair level of expression, including the "good book of the hour" as well as that which may be the "book of all time."

Because we felt some kind of classification would be helpful we designated certain categories. We realize their inadequacy. It is difficult to discriminate between a book which gives a picture of America and one which depicts a certain aspect. Space does not permit cross references. We did not seek to paint a happy picture of America; we sought the best expression of its various phases, pleasant or unpleasant.

The list is not to be considered a course of study in American literature. A number of books listed are no doubt above the average level of secondary students. Others were included because they would prove helpful to teachers. Several of the standard classics found in courses of study have been omitted, not because the committee does not appreciate their value, but because it sought primarily to present material which would help both our own and English students to a better understanding of the American scene and American trends.

Although a study of English literature has always played an important role in our course of study, we welcome a list of books from English educators, suggesting what in literature best expresses English thought today.

But America offers to England a more perplexing problem in understanding than does the latter to us. It is difficult for Englishmen, whose traditions and institutions have evolved slowly and steadily through more than a thousand years, to understand our country, which, in one hundred and fifty years, has developed through progressive periods of exploration and pioneering endeavor into a great world power.

We faced the questions: What literature will best convey to another people the conception of the composite nature of the American scene? What would point the way to the contribution which America with her heterogeneous background eventually will add to human experience? We found it necessary to consider the following constituent factors which, woven together, give us the tapestry of American thought:

1. Its democratic form of government
2. The pioneer movement across the continent
3. Its educational system
4. The rapid industrial development
5. The fabulous wealth drawn from its natural resources
6. Its character as the melting pot

The list is tentative. The committee hopes the criticisms it will draw will help them eventually to offer a more fruitful study.

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PICTURES OF AMERICAN LIFE

The American Procession

Agnes Rogers and F. L. Allen

Pictorial presentation of American life since 1860

As the Earth Turns............G. H. Carroll

One year in the life of a typical American family deeply rooted in the soil of Maine

Blazed Trail ..............Stewart E. White

A story of the lumber camps in Michigan

The Conqueror ............Gertrude Atherton

Historical novel based on the life of Alexander Hamilton, interesting because of analogy to present-day problems

The Crisis ..............Winston Churchill

A study of the social problems arising out of the struggle between the North and the South

Gentlemen Unafraid.....Florence Willoughby

Alaska

The Grandissimes .......George Cable

A story of Creole pride in New Orleans in early nineteenth century

Java Head ...........Joseph Hergesheimer

During clipper ship days in Salem the encounter of racial and social obstacles by an American merchant captain and his high-born Chinese wife

Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come

John Fox, Jr.

Social background of the simple folk of Tennessee during the Civil War period

s.s. Luck of Roaring Camp.....Bret Harte

Gold rush days in California

Oregon Trail ............Francis Parkman

Exploration of the Northwest

p. The Sante Fe Trail ......Vachel Lindsay

A panorama of moving America in the Southwest

Smoky .....................Will James

A cowboy's account of the relationship—almost human—between himself and his horse

So Big ....................Edna Ferber

The development of an unusually strong personality through meeting the challenge of adverse circumstances—the motive, a mother's love for her son.

The Story of Skyscrapers...Alfred Morgan

Through College on Nothing a Year

Christian Gauss

An interesting story of the struggle of a boy to put himself through college

The Virginian ............Owen Wister

A romantic picture of cowboy life

dr. Where but in America...Oscar H. Wolff

Winning of the West...Theodore Roosevelt

TREND TO RECREATE THE PAST

Age of Innocence ............Edith Wharton

A conflict in ideas between the old and the new in New York in the eighteen seventies

Death Comes for the Archbishop

Willa Cather

Story of a noble French priest among the Mexicans and Indians in pioneer Southwest

Digging in the Southwest

Ann Axtell Morris

The work of the archeologist in the Southwest told as an interesting adventure

The Farm ...............Louis Bromfield

Story of a way of living—characterized by two intensely American fundamentals, integrity and idealism—which has vanished except in a few families that have clung to that standard in spite of everything

The Great Meadow (Daniel Boone)

Elizabeth Madox Roberts

A beautifully related story of the Revolutionary period in Kentucky, giving the rigors of pioneer life and "showing a new order dawning out of chaos"

House of Mirth .............Edith Wharton

The failure of a young woman to make her social adjustment in New York in the nineties

In the Days of Poor Richard

Irving Bacheller

A human story of our struggle for independence and the part Benjamin Franklin played in it

p. John Brown's Body

Stephen Vincent Benet

An epic based on the Civil War
Show Boat  Edna Ferber  Life on a floating theatre on the Ohio and the Mississippi
p. Song of Hugh Glass . . . . John G. Neihardt  Early exploration days in the Mississippi Valley
So Red the Rose  Stark Young  Sympathetic treatment of the South during the Civil War

ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LIFE

Agrarian: Pioneer Life
Able McLaughlin  . . . . Margaret Wilson  Middle West
Covered Wagon  . . . . Emerson Hough  Westward Movement—Transcontinental
Cimarron  . . . . Edna Ferber  Opening of the Cherokee Strip—Oklahoma
Giants of the Earth  . . . . Ole Rolvaag  Dakota
Vandemark’s Folly  . . . . Herbert Quick  Erie Canal—Iowa
A Lantern in Her Hand  Bess Streeter Aldrich  Nebraska
s.s. Main Traveled Roads  Hamlin Garland  Wisconsin—Iowa—South Dakota

Agrarian: Years of Development
dr. Beyond the Horizon  Eugene O’Neill  A study of two brothers who at a dramatic moment in their lives choose to follow careers for which they are not fitted
s.s. Farmer Eli’s Vacation  Alice Brown  The habit of a lifetime unfits Farmer Eli for the enjoyment of longed-for dreams
dr. Ice Bound  Owen Davis  A close-to-the-soil picture of the Jordan family in Maine
Poems of Robert Frost  New England life
s.s. Revolt of Mother  Mary Wilkins Freeman  A mother accepting patiently her own disappointment revolts when her daughter’s happiness is at stake

Business
Babbitt  Sinclair Lewis  The author’s conception of a certain type of American business man
Dodsworth  Sinclair Lewis  A more attractive conception of the American business man by the same author

The Harbor  Ernest Poole  The struggle between capital and labor in New York
The Pit  Frank Norris  A corner in wheat in early twentieth century
The Plutocrat  Booth Tarkington  An American business man, close to caricature, with the conventional characteristics found in fiction
The Rise of Silas Lapham  William D. Howells  A spiritual triumph over disaster of a self-made American business man in Boston toward the end of the nineteenth century
The Show Off  George Kelley  A satire on the “go-getter”—an amusing story in self-delusion which culminates in a successful business venture for the “go-getter” and confounds his critics

Industry
p. Caliban in the Coal Mines  Louis Untermeyer
Chicago Poems  Carl Sandburg
p. The Man With the Hoe  Edwin Markham
Labor without hope  Booth Tarkington
Turmoil  Booth Tarkington  Effect upon a sensitive youth thrown into the noise and turmoil of industry

Professions
Arrowsmith  Sinclair Lewis  A young scientist’s choice of a career in medical research in preference to one which offers material reward
Careers for Women  Catherine Filene  A vocational panorama showing opportunities open to women in a changing world
Watching the World Go By  Willis J. Abbot  Fifty years of journalism by a notable newspaper man
(Other books in this field are listed under particular categories: art, drama, music, autobiography, biography).

Puritan Convention
Ethan Frome  Edith Wharton  Story, told in the manner of stark Greek tragedy, of a triangle on a New England farm

William Vaughn Moody
A conflict of ideals when East met West in the United States
The Scarlet Letter. Nathaniel Hawthorne
Amalgamation and Adjustment
American Beauty .......... Edna Ferber
The decadence of a great American family and its renaissance through the union with Polish peasant stock
Children of Loneliness Anzia Yezierska
Stories of a young Russian immigrant girl
Humoresque ............. Fannie Hurst
A musician's interpretation of the soul of America through his symphony
Island Within ......... Ludwig Lewisohn
A psychological, autobiographical tale of conflict between Jew and Gentile
Laughing Boy .......... Oliver La Farge
The tragic experience of the Indian when brought in contact with the white man
Little Citizens .......... Myra Kelley
Children of immigrants in New York City
My Antonia ............. Willa Cather
A Bohemian immigrant girl's surmounting of adverse circumstances and carrying her family with her
My Mother and I .......... E. G. Sterne
Problem in this country of a young person of foreign-born parents
O Pioneers .......... Willa Cather
Successful emergence of Swedish and Bohemian families in Nebraska into normal American life
p. Scum o' the Earth
Robert Haven Schauffler
The contribution of the immigrant
Young Man Axelbrod .... Sinclair Lewis
The pursuit of his dream of America by a Scandinavian immigrant
Home—Family—Children
The Bent Twig. .Dorothy Canfield Fisher
The permanent effect of early training upon character
The Children .......... Edith Wharton
Victims of divorce of American parents against an extremely sophisticated continental background
The Court of Boyville William Allen White
Friendship Village .......... Zona Gale
Wisconsin
Huckleberry Finn .......... Mark Twain
The adventures, real and imaginary, of a boy in the region along pioneer Mississippi

Iowa Interiors ............ Ruth Suckow
Character sketches
Little Women ........... Louise M. Alcott
Life in a modest home of culture in Concord
Penrod ............ Booth Tarkington
A typical American boy
The Professor's House..... Willa Cather
Conflict of ideas and ideals in the household of a professor in a midwestern college town
Seventeen ............ Booth Tarkington
An interesting tale of adolescent life in the Middle West
dr. The Silver Cord..... Sidney Howard
The unhappiness caused by a mother, selfishly devoted to her son
Sonny .......... Ruth McEnery Stewart
An amusing story of self-direction in education
Tom Sawyer ............ Mark Twain
Huckleberry Finn's companion
Understood Betsy
Dorothy Canfield Fisher
The portrayal of a young orphan in a simple New England background
Within This Present
Margaret Ayer Barnes
A contemporary typical wealthy American family
Years of Grace . .Margaret Ayer Barnes
Changing American social customs—Chicago

Class Distinction
Alice Adams ........... Booth Tarkington
A Certain Rich Man
William Allen White
Magnificent Ambersons
Booth Tarkington
e. Our Class Distinctions
Katharine Fullerton Gerould
No factors common to all communities: education, wealth, ancestry, etc.

Backward People
Carolina Folk-Plays
Frederick H. Koch, Ed.
The Glass Window ...... Lucy Furman
Kentucky mountain people when present century progress in education and comforts of life penetrate the community
In the Tennessee Mountains
Charles E. Craddock
The Mountain Woman
Dubose Heyward
Kentucky mountain folk

Quare Women
Lucy Furman

The Negro
Black Manhattan
James Weldon Johnson
A historical chronicle of the educational, economic, and social growth of the Negro

Litany of the Dark People
Countee Cullen

Negro Anthology
James Weldon Johnson

Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar
William Dean Howells: "Dunbar was the only man of our African blood and American civilization to feel Negro life aesthetically and express it lyrically."

Porgy
Dubose Heyward
The emotional reactions to the various human experiences of the primitive southern Negro, living in Catfish Row, Charleston

War, Peace, World Co-operation

The Arsenal at Springfield
H. W. Longfellow

Beat, Beat, Drums...
Walt Whitman

The Brimming Cup
Dorothy Canfield Fisher
A noble woman's self-analysis which enables a wise choice between the enduring and changing things in life

Christ of the Andes.
Edwin Markham

The Flag of Peace
Charlotte Perkins Gilman

The Horseman in the Sky
Ambrose Bierce
The destruction in war of peace-time moral and spiritual values

I Have a Rendezvous with Death
Alan Seeger

Inbrothered
Edwin Markham

Mending Wall
Robert Frost

Munition Makers Should be Curbed
William E. Borah

Speech in the Senate, March 5, 1934

On a Soldier Fallen in the Philippines
Wm. Vaughn Moody

One of Ours
Willa Cather

Patterns
Amy Lowell
"Pattern called a war"

Peace Heroes
William S. Wabnitz
Red Badge of Courage
Stephen Crane
Psychological study of a soldier in the Civil War, modern in conception

The Return of a Private
Hamlin Garland
Satire and idyl of unknown soldier who returns from Civil War, weary and heart sore

The Road to Peace
Herman Bernstein, Editor
Interviews with famous Americans and Europeans

Sun-Up
Lula Vollmer
The repercussion of the World War among the mountain folk of North Carolina—tragedy of backwoods youth drawn into a war enacted in lands unknown to him and for causes which mean nothing to him

Two Military Executions
Ambrose Bierce

Unknown Soldier
Bruce Barton

We are our Fathers' Sons
Wm. Vaughn Moody

Autobiography

The Education of Henry Adams
Experiences of a son of the noted Adams family

Jane Addams
Twenty Years at Hull House
The development of a Chicago community center

Mary Antin
The Promised Land
A Russian immigrant's interpretation of her America

Mary Austin
Earth Horizons
The portrayal of the "intimate spiritual side of this American novelist and mystic, the friend of the Indians of the Southwest"

Edward Bok
Americanization of Edward Bok
The remarkable career of a Dutch boy who eventually becomes a force in American life

John Burroughs
My Boyhood
With a conclusion by his son, Julian Burroughs

Richard Evelyn Byrd
Skyward
A thrilling account of Byrd's life, including his Polar and trans-Atlantic flights

Henry Ford
My Life Work
In collaboration with Samuel Crowther
Benjamin Franklin
Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
A rich life projected against eighteenth century America in both its domestic and international relations

Hamlin Garland
A Son of the Middle Border
The development of a farm boy of the Middle West into an important literary figure

Roadside Meetings 1884-99
Companions on the Trail 1900
A literary chronicle: His contemporaries in many fields of accomplishment

Will James
Lone Cowboy: My Life Story
Helen Keller
The Story of My Life
A remarkable woman surmounting her physical handicaps

James Weldon Johnson
Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man
A view of the “inner life of the Negro in America”

James Weldon Johnson
Along This Way
The account of the social and cultural adventures of one of the foremost American Negroes

Christopher D. Morley
Human Being
A story, partly autobiographical

John Muir
The Story of My Boyhood and Youth
The reminiscences of a noted naturalist

Julia Newberry
Julia Newberry’s Diary
The social life of Chicago in the latter part of the nineteenth century and the author’s contact with people of note

Michael Pupin
From Immigrant to Inventor
The rise of a Serbian peasant boy to the position of professor and internationally known scientist

Jacob Riis
Making of an American
The development of a Danish immigrant into a power for social betterment

Theodore Roosevelt
Ranch Life and Hunting Trail
The Dakota days

Anna Howard Shaw
Story of a Pioneer
Suffrage leader, minister, and physician

Lincoln Steffens
The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens
A challenging arraignment of the influences of corrupt practices in city and state governments

Edward Alfred Steiner
From Alien to Citizen
An Austrian immigrant’s story

Mark Twain
Life on the Mississippi
Steamboat days as told by a river pilot

Booker T. Washington
Up from Slavery
A son of a slave becomes a notable educator and the founder of Tuskegee Institute

Lillian Wald
Windows on Henry Street
A New York City community center

Kate Douglas Wiggin
My Garden of Memory
An autobiography of a well-known author deals with her life objectively. Her list of friends includes the most gifted and interesting men and women of her time

The Adams Family
James Truslow Adams
The story of the most distinguished family in the United States portrayed against a background almost covering the life of the republic

Clara Barton
William E. Barton
Martha Berry
Tracy Byers
A well-written account of an indomitable woman of the aristocratic South, developing her idea of spreading enlightenment to the poor children of the mountains of Southern Appalachia, Georgia

Rosemary and Stephen Benet
In comic-serious verse, sketches of the varied personalities in American history, including Columbus, Washington, Jesse James, P. T. Barnum, and Woodrow Wilson

Andrew Carnegie
Burton J. Hendrick
A noted American of Scottish birth, who, considering it disgraceful “to die a rich man,” devoted his wealth to promote human progress

Classic Americans
Henry Canby
Irving to Whitman

Grover Cleveland
Allan Nevins
Pugnacious courage and determination to fight for the ideals he held to be right

Edison, the Man and his Work
George Sands Bryan
Edison, his Life and Inventions
Frank Lewis Dyer

Boys’ Life of Edison
Wm. Henry Meadowcraft
A Modern Olympian
Mary Childs Nerny (1934)

Charles Wm. Eliot, Puritan Liberal
Henry H. Saunderson
A great leader in education
Ralph Waldo Emerson . Van Wyck Brooks
Mark Van Doren: “One of the most charming books yet written in America”
Benjamin Franklin . Sydney George Fisher
Isabelle McClintock Garland
Hamlin Garland
(Mother of Hamlin Garland) A daughter of the Middle Border
Wm. Crawford Gorgas, His Life and Work
Marie Gorgas and Burton Hendrick
A noted physician
Nathaniel Hawthorne
A Rebellious Puritan . . . . Lloyd R. Morris
Romantic Rebel . . Hildegarde Hawthorne
Story-biography by his granddaughter
Study of an outstanding American diplomat—a scholar and statesman who won the admiration of both Americans and Europeans (Far Eastern relations)
Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes . . Silas Bent
A liberal in his interpretation of the law
Robert E. Lee, the Southerner
Thomas Nelson Page
Lee, the American . . . . Gamaliel Bradford
Abraham Lincoln, a New Portrait
Emanuel Hertz
Life of Lincoln . . . . G. R. Charnwood
Master of Men . . . . Alonzo Rothschild
Aims to spotlight the one element in Lincoln’s personality which grows in significance—his mastery over different types of men
The Prairie Years . . . . Carl Sandburg
Lincoln’s development among the plain people of the Middle West
With Malice Toward None
Honore Willisc Morrow
Lonely Americans . . . . Rollo Walter Brown
“It isolates one anywhere to think beyond a certain point”—Lincoln, Eliot, Emily Dickinson, etc.
Microbe Hunters . . . . . Paul de Kruif
A series of short biographies of scientists in their crusade against disease
Modern Great Americans
Frederick Houk Law
Alice Freeman Palmer
George Herbert Palmer
The noble struggle of an American woman to open opportunities for women in the field of education
W. H. Page, Life and Letters
Burton J. Hendrick
Notable statesman, ambassador to England during the World War
Carleton H. Parker
Cornelia Stratton Parker
An American Idyl
Joseph Pulitzer, His Life and Letters
D. C. Seitz
A portrayal of one of America’s outstanding liberators of journalism, one who stood for liberty, progress, and the welfare of mankind
Portraits of Women . . . . Gamaliel Bradford
Theodore Roosevelt, The Ideals of
Edward H. Cotton
G. R. Charnwood
Hermann Hagedorn
Charles Proteus Steinmetz
John Winthrop Hammond
A genius in the field of electricity
Mark Twain, Mark Twain’s America
Bernard DeVoto
Mark Twain . . . . . . . . Albert B. Paine
Whitman and Burroughs . . . . Clara Barrus
Their comradeship
George Washington
William Roscoe Thayer
INTERPRETATION OF AMERICA
Adams, James Truslow . . . . Epic of America
The author: “An attempt to discover for himself and others, how the ordinary American has become what he is today in outlook, character, and opinion”
. . . The Tempo of Modern Life
A series of essays dealing with various aspects of the contemporary scene
. . . . . . . . March of Democracy
The author: “There is no one key...economics, religion, politics...to an understanding of the whole...I have tried to hold the balance even”
Allen, Frederick . . . . Only Yesterday
An informal history of America in the 1920’s
Beard, Charles A.
The Rise of American Civilization
A most penetrating analysis of American thought and institutions by the pioneer in the question, “Where are we headed?”
. . . The Myth of Rugged American Individualism
A short study of the excesses in industry and business to which present day rugged individualism has led

Leaders in education, politics, labor, and economics attempt to answer the question: "How to go forward along lines already made clear by the lamp of experience and engineering rationality"

Beard, Mary

America Through Women's Eyes

Beer, Thomas

Mauve Decade

Many facets of American life toward the end of the nineteenth century, treated satirically

Boon, M. J

The American Adventure

An interesting study of significant factors responsible for the American achievement

Bowers, Claude G

Tragic Era

The tragic story of the South in the twelve years following the death of Lincoln and a close-up of the fighting factions

Butler, Nicholas Murray

Looking Forward

Although, Henry S.

Traveling Intelligently in America

Chase, Stuart

A New Deal

An attempt to show the way to a new social order by an economy planned by technicians and scientists

Frank, Glenn

Thunder and Dawn

The outlook for Western Civilization with special reference to the United States

Frankfurter, Felix

The Public and Its Government

A supplement to Schuyler C. Wallace's Our Governmental Machine

e. Gideonese, Harry D.

World Depression-World Recovery

World recovery possible through understanding of the true meaning of economic world interdependence

Hattfield and Roberts

The Spirit of America in Literature

Hazard, Lucy Lockwood

In Search of America

An anthology of prose and poetry depicting both American and foreign views of Americans

Krapp, George Philip

The English Language in America

A scholar shows that in its interesting change "the English language in America has shared to as great an extent as the American people have shared in the development of the civilization of the modern world.

Lincoln, Abraham

Selections: "Gettysburg"

"Cooper Union Speech"

"Mrs. Bixby's Letter"

Lippmann, Walter

Interpretations

The United States in World Affairs

Interpretation of current events by an outstanding American student of public affairs

Mencken, Henry

American Language

An elaborate and independent discussion of the relation between British and American English

Mumford, Lewis

The Arts

An appraisal of modern civilization, viewing optimistically the effects and potentialities of science

Overstreet, H. A.

We Move in New Directions

Parrington, Vernon Louis

Main Currents in American Literature

Roosevelt, Franklin D.

Inaugural Address March 4, 1933

Roosevelt, Theodore

True Americanism

American Ideals

Strenuous Life

Sherman, Stuart P

The Main Stream

Essays ranging from Lincoln to Ring Lardner

Sullivan, Mark

Our Times

A journalist's presentation of the important events of the twentieth century

Thomas, Norman

America's Way Out

An outstanding American Socialist offers his solution of America's economic problem

p. Untermyer, Louis

Prayer

Van Doren, Carl

The Contemporary American Novel

Wallace, Henry A

America Must Choose

New Frontiers

A member of the Cabinet points to new paths in a changing world

Wallace, Schuyler C.

Our Governmental Machine

Popular in appeal—"sound" in doctrine

White, Wm. Allen

Commencement Address at the University of Kansas, June, 1934

p. Whitman, Walt

Selections: "I Hear America Singing"

"Manahatta"

"Pioneers! O Pioneers!"
p. Engle, Paul... America Remembers
American Song
A lyrical presentation of America's heritage and destiny

Rugg, Harold
History of American Civilization
American Government and Culture

THE ART OF LIVING
p. Austin, Mary... The Eagle's Song
Cabot, Richard Clark... What Men Live By
The author gives his prescription for healthful mental and physical living

e. Canby, Henry Seidel
Poetry for the Unpoetical

e. Crothers, Samuel... Humanly Speaking
The author: Essays “betray the influence of some of the mass movements of the day”

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e. Crothers, Samuel... Humanly Speaking
The author: Essays “betray the influence of some of the mass movements of the day”

Friends, books, learning
Douglas, Lloyd... Forgive us our Trespasses
A well-told story of the regenerating influence of forgiveness upon an embittered youth

\[ \text{Among Friends} \]

Psychological study of the powers of an ideal, applied to every-day living

e. Erskine, John
Moral Obligation to be Intelligent

e. Fosdick, H. E.
The Hope of the World
As I See Religion
Twelve Tests of Character

e. Fullerton, Katherine Gerould
New Simplicity
Plain living and high thinking—our need

e. Grayson, David
Adventures in Contentment
Adventures in Friendship

Herrick, Robert... The Master of the Inn
Keller, Helen... Three Days to See
Lewis, Sinclair... Work of Art
Realistic study of a typical small business man who considers the business of hotel keeping a fine art

Martin, Edward S.
A Father to his Freshman Son

Page, Kirby, ed.
Recent Gains in American Civilization
By students and critics in their respective fields: Charles Beard, Stuart Chase, Charles S. Johnson, Oswald Garrison Villard, H. E. Fosdick, John Dewey and others

e. Reppplier, Agnes... Women Enthroned

Sherman, Stuart... The Genius of America
p. Untermeyer, Louis... Landscapes
Van Dyke, Henry... The Mansion
A study of a man of wealth who finds happiness through unselfish service

e. White, William A... Mary White
A character sketch of a young American girl of the Middle West

e. Wilson, Woodrow
When a Man Comes to Himself

The period in the life of a youth when he begins to develop a sense of values

NATURE

Essay
Car Window Botany... Lida F. Baldwin
Arcturus Adventure, Edge of the Jungle, Jungle Night, Jungle Peace
William Beebe
Wake Robin... John Burroughs
Everybody's Garden
Walter Prichard Eaton
A House in the Country... John Erskine
The Story of the Thousand Year Pine... Enos Mills
Our National Parks... John Muir
Surf Fishing... Christopher Morley
Face of the Fields, Watchers in the Woods... Dallas Lore Sharp
The Comradeship of Trees
Margaret Sherwood
Who Owns the Mountains?
Henry Van Dyke
On Making Camp
Stewart Edward White

Poetry
To a Phœbe-Bird... Witter Bynner
The Joys of the Road,
Green Fire... Bliss Carman
Song of Summer... Paul Laurence Dunbar
Birches... Robert Frost
April... Theodosia Garrison
Day's End... Herman Hagedorn
Trees... Joyce Kilmer
Song of the Chattahoochee
Sidney Lanier
A Tulip Garden... Amy Lowell
God's World, Afternoon on a Hill... Edna St. Vincent Millay
Art and Nature Appreciation
George H. Opdyke
*Art in Every Day Life... H. & V. Goldstein
*Art through the Ages..... Helen Gardner

Autobiography (Architecture)
Frank L. Wright

History and Ideals of American Art
Eugen Neuhaus

Men of Art ............. Thomas Craven

Modern Architecture..... Frank L. Wright

The Modern Movement in Art
R. H. Wilenski

Modern Tendencies in Sculpture
Lorado Taft

New World Architecture..... Sheldon Cheney

New Backgrounds for a New Age
Edwin Avery Park

Primer of Modern Art..... Sheldon Cheney

Story of American Painting
Charles H. Caffin

*Understanding the Arts... Helen Gardner

MUSIC

Music Appreciation for Children
Victor Publishing Co.

Music Appreciation for the Student
L. Lawrence Erb and G. Schirmer

Music and Romance
Hazel Gertrude Kinscella

Text book in music appreciation for Junior and Senior High School

Native Elements in American Music
John Tasker Howard

American Scholar—Summer, 1934

Our American Music.. John Tasker Howard

An excellent chronological study of American music—from its beginnings up to today, including national airs, religious themes, folk-songs, jazz

The Victrola Book of the Opera
Victor Publishing Co.

DRAMA

Our Changing Theater
Richard Dana Skinner

The best plays of the outstanding dramatists of the past decade

Romance of the American Theater
Mary Caroline Crawford

Spotlights and Footlights..... Otis Skinner
Rich in reminiscences of the American stage and stage folk
The Theatre Guild... Walter Prichard Eaton
History of the first ten years
Theatre through the Stage Door
David Belasco

FOREIGN WRITERS OF AMERICA

e. Advice to a Frenchman going to America ...........Andre Maurois
e. Farewell to America
Henry W. Nevinson
An Englishman's penetrating criticism of America
e. Foreigners ............Stephen Graham
p. L'Amerique de Roosevelt...Bernard Fay
Mark Twain .............Stephen Leacock
dr. Melting Pot..........Israel Zangwill
e. Oxford as I See It.....Stephen Leacock
A comparison between Oxford and American universities; treated in kindly, semi-satirical vein

Key to abbreviations—
dr. drama p. poetry
e. essay s.s. short story

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