

## Novels Worth Remembering

**All Quiet on the Western Front** E. M. REMARQUE  
A German private's graphic account of routine trench life in the late war.

**Class Reunion** FRANZ WERFEL  
A judge's recognition of his own responsibility in a classmate's criminal record.

**The Curious Lottery** WALTER DURANTY  
Excellent short stories of present day Russia by a New York Times correspondent.

**Dream of the Red Chamber** TSAO HSUEH-CHIN and KAOH NGOH  
A Chinese classic of great distinction that is beautifully translated.

**The Heaven and Earth of Dona Elena** G. S. STONE  
A Spanish nun's awakening to love that reminds one in its subtle beauty of *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*.

**The Lady of Laws** SUSANNE TRAUTWEIN  
A legend of fourteenth century Bologna dominated by the personality of a serene and beautiful Doctor of Laws.

**Steel Chips** IDWAL JONES  
An apprentice's initiation into the grinding clamor of the Atlas Ironworks, based on the author's experience as a machine shop worker in the General Electric plant, Schenectady.

**The Wave** EVELYN SCOTT  
A broad panorama of the civil war seen through the eyes of myriad participants.

## Diversions

**Belinda** HILAIRE BELLOC  
A diverting satire on the romantic and sonorous novel of fifty years ago.

**Me an' Shorty** C. E. MULFORD  
"One of Mulford's most successful tales of bad men, frontier politics, and hard-riding, fast-shooting cowboys."—Booklist.

**Only Seven Were Hanged** STUART MARTIN  
A mystery story in which retribution waits and a judge loses an important case.

**Romantic Prince** RAFAEL SABATINI  
Love and adventure in the days of Charles the Bold.

**Round Up** RING LARDNER  
Penetrating and often amusing short stories based upon human paradoxes.

**Visitors to Hugo** A. G. ROSMAN  
Ordered out of his father's sight because of his failure at Oxford, Hugo goes for a desperate ride that a fier disaster brings happiness.

## In the Fishermen's Seine

Leisure: this is the North American white man's lost heritage. Having lost the taste for and uses of it himself, he abuses the Indian's persistent clinging to that which to the Indian mind is no doubt a natural right. "Yucatan," said a *haciendado* to me as we sipped a fruit drink on the veranda of his big plantation house, "will never be a great country until we teach the Indian to work hard and regularly. If he won't learn, we will make him work."

A visitor's guess would be that the Mexican Indian will die first, just as his copper-skinned brother north of the Rio Grande has retreated and died. It happens, however, that in Mexico the Indian is not weak, except in a political sense. In numbers and in a certain racial obstinacy, he is strong. In Mexico the Indian is making his last great stand. This stand is in behalf of values which his mind are essential to a satisfying life. Among these values is leisure. For the sake of leisure the Indian endures poverty, discomfort, insanitation and the thieving and oppression of politicians and military men. Leisure, to him, is the smooth, broad margin which makes the page of his life worth while. Its printed lines may represent privation, but a spacious margin atones for all.

—Phillips Russell in *Red Tiger*.

### THE HILLS

The hills called, and I went.  
The hills have always called, but I've not gone.  
North, east, and south, and west, they circle me,  
North, east, and south, and west, they promise me,  
As though I'd find the whole world just beyond,  
Mysterious and lovely. So one day  
I climbed the very highest.

From the top,  
About me distantly were other hills,  
Low and faint lavender against the sky.

—Robert Nathan in *A Cedar Box*.

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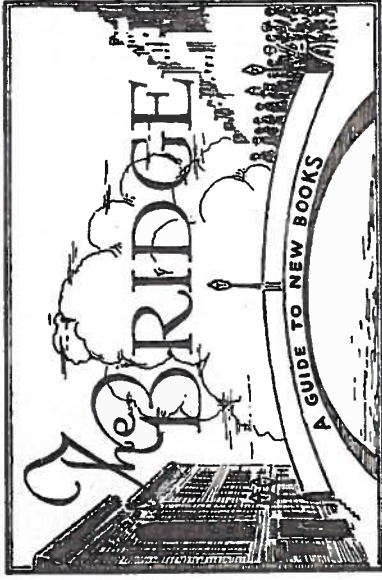
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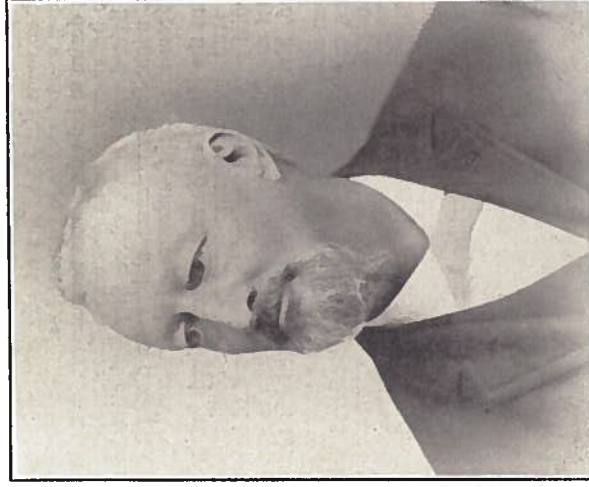
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# Readable Books in History

Recommended by the American Library Association. Those treating the subject most simply are marked with a star.

## GENERAL HISTORY

- \*Buchan, John. A book of escapes and hurried journeys 910
- \*Happold, F. C. The adventure of man 909
- Parsons, Geoffrey. The stream of history 909
- \*Synge, M. B. A book of discovery 910
- \*Van Loon, H. W. The story of mankind 900
- Wells, H. G. A short history of the world 909

## THE ANCIENT WORLD

- EGYPT
  - \*Baikie, James. Ancient Egypt 932
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  - \*Baikie, James. Ancient Rome 937
  - \*Tappan, E. M. The story of the Roman people 937

## ARCHAEOLOGY

- \*Hall, Jennie. Buried cities 913.3
- \*Masters, David. The romance of excavation 913

## GENERAL EUROPEAN HISTORY

- \*Beard, C. A. Our old world background 940
- \*Gordy, W. F. American beginnings in Europe 940
- \*Hall, Jennie. Our ancestors in Europe 940

## THE MIDDLE AGES

- \*Lansing, M. F. Barbarian and noble 940.1
- \*Tappan, E. M. When knights were bold 940.1
- Wilnot-Buxton, E. M. The story of the crusades 940.1

## UNITED STATES HISTORY

- \*Adams, R. G. The gateway to American history 973.1
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- \*Grinnell, G. B. Beyond the old frontier 917.8
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- Nicolay, Helen. Our nation in the building 973
- \*Singmaster, Elsie. The book of the colonies 973.2
- \*Singmaster, Elsie. The book of the constitution 342.7
- \*Singmaster, Elsie. The book of the United States 973
- \*Tappan, E. M. The story of our constitution 342.7

It is hard to pass over the early history of this modest venture that was destined to grow so immoderately. At first, it seemed as if the library must fail, it was so difficult to get support. Mr. Howe, and the other trustees were untiring in their efforts, however, and in 1894 the library through their efforts was granted a municipal appropriation of two hundred dollars.

This money was the first given by Albany to support a free library, and while it was a small beginning appropriations grew, and Mr. Howe's chief problem was solved.

In 1900 Mr. Howe, who had been transferred to school 4 as principal, started a branch of the South End Library, calling it the West End Branch. Later as the Pine Hills Library it received a charter with the South End Library as the Albany Free Library.

Today the "South End Library," that was started with four volumes has a book collection of 13,000; it has the largest children's circulation in the city, and under Miss Lillian Callahan, the present librarian, is doing the principal work for young people and foreigners. Last year the general circulation was 97,706 volumes.

In 1922 the name of the South End Branch was changed to "The John A. Howe Library," and it is good to think that the handsome new building soon to be dedicated bears the name of the man whose devotion to his one time community inspired the library it houses.

Several new A.L.A. reading courses are now available at Harmanus Bleecker library.

*Mental Hygiene*, by Dr. Frankwood S. Williams, director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, promises to rival *Psychology* in popularity. While it is primarily a course for parents, it has been altered to suit the needs of others by the substitution of such books as *Intelligent Living*, by F. A. Riggs, *Keeping Mentally Fit*, by Joseph Jastrow, *Nerves and Common Sense*, by A. P. Call, and *Laughter and Health*, by James J. Walsh.

*The Human Body and Its Care*, by Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, covers both mental and physical fitness and the rational solution of the vexing weight problem.

*Journalism*, by William G. Bleyer, director of the school of journalism at the University of Wisconsin, covers news writing, feature stories, newspaper management, journalism for women and the ethics of journalism and, according to several writers who are taking it, has value for experienced writers as well as for the novice.

*Economics*, by Walton H. Hamilton of Yale, introduces a reader to the "rich, intricate and colorful" modern industrial system of which everyone today is consciously or unconsciously a part.

All of the courses are free to Albanians.

# John A. Howe

The formal opening of the new John A. Howe Library which will take place this fall would have given supreme satisfaction to the man who forty years ago started the library which now bears his name.

John A. Howe began his work in the South End very simply. In 1889 he was appointed superintendent of the new school, No. 1, and immediately made four requests: first for a kindergarten and a kindergarten teacher; second, for a flag to be flown every day the school was in session; third, for an evening school for the benefit of the young men of the South End, and finally for a manual training class.

The first and second requests were granted. His kindergarten was a success and his flag was the first to be flown over any school house in the United States and the forerunner of all the flags now used on school buildings.

His last two requests were ignored; Mr. Howe, however, was not easily discouraged.

"You have the building warmed, and if the Board will light one room I will teach an evening class for the good that may come of it," he said to Dr. C. D. Mosher, Commissioner of Education.

Then began five months of strenuous work. More than one hundred and fifty young men applied for admission but only forty could be taken.

"They were the best class of young men it has ever been my good fortune to instruct," said Mr. Howe later. "My desire to help them was very strong. I could think of no better way than to organize a free reading room, well lighted and heated, where they and all others like them, might find a welcome, and pass a pleasant evening free from the baleful influence of the saloon."

Thus the idea of a library was conceived, but bringing it to fruition was another matter. Dr. Mosher, always a cordial supporter, promised to help, but died before the project could be started. Disheartened by the loss of his friend, Mr. Howe temporarily abandoned his plan.

Then Miss Sarah F. Sumner, attracted by his evening classes, reminded him that she, too, had offered help and encouraged by her interest, Mr. Howe canvassed a few leading merchants of the South End for support. When two hundred and sixty dollars had been raised, he formed a committee to start the library.

The purchase of the first book was an inspiring affair. Superintendent Charles W. Cole, examining the graduating class of school 1, in reading, produced from his pocket Dana's *Two Years Before the Mast*, as experimental reading matter. The pupils were absorbed in the narrative and wanted to know more about the book.

Then came Mr. Howe's inspiration. He spoke to the class of the value of books, the cost of this particular book, if each pupil bought it, and the decreased cost and increased usefulness, if such a book were purchased for a library.

"Each of you bring me ten cents," he said, "and this shall be the first book for the South End Library."

The dimes were brought, four books, instead of one, were purchased, teachers brought gift volumes, Superintendent Cole came with a special offering, and the library was launched. It was formally opened as the South End Library.