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Physiology

BIOGRAPHY OF THE UNBORN - Margaret Shea Gilbert-Williams and Wilkins, 132 p., \$1.75. This book tells the story of the development of the human infant from fertilization to birth, with an extra chapter on twins, variations and malformations. It is accurate, authentic, not very long and has a glossary of scientific terms and numerous diagrammatic illustrations, but it is weighty with physiological terms and details and seems far beyond the comprehension and interest of the average lay reader.

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Education—Sociology
THE NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRA-TION—Palmer O. Johnson and Oswald L. Harvey-Govt. Print. Off., 121 p., 15 c. A report by the President's Advisory Committee on Education.

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Transactions of the Wisconsin ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ARTS AND LET-TERS, Vol. XXXI-Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, 570 p., illus., \$4.
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Anthropology

A BRIEF HISTORY OF NAVAJO SILVERsmithing—Arthur Woodward—Northern Arizona Society of Science and Art, 78 p., illus., \$1.85. With Indian jewelry gaining popularity in American shops, this little book that explains the Navajo silver designs and techniques should interest many readers. It has a long bibliography, for those who wish to read more on the subject.

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Geography—History
HISPANIC CIVILIZATION — Walter J. Muller—Globe, 122 p., 80 c. Intended primarily as additional study material for students of Spanish language, this small book is crammed with facts about old Spain and the imprint of its civilization on America. Those interested in Spanish-American countries will find much reference information in this little handbook.

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THE INDIAN COSTUME BOOK-Julia M. Seton—Seton Village Press, Santa Fe, 220 p., illus., \$3.50. Attractively bound in wood and leather and containing many drawings and photographs, this is a good reference book for those who

want general information. It should be especially helpful in designing sets and costumes for Indian drama, and a short bibliography of Indian plays and pageants is provided for this type of reader.

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Radio
THE RADIO AMATEUR'S HANDBOOK (16th ed.) — American Radio Relay League, 454 p., \$1. Beginning with a statement of the amateur's code, this condensed volume is packed with practical information of immense value to each of the 50,000 "hams" who crowd the short wave bands of the United States and Canada. Construction, operation and other features are covered. It was prepared by the headquarters staff of the A. R. R. L.

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Botany
WILD FLOWERS OF OHIO—Harold L. Madison—Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 190 p., illus., \$1.50. In this little book, 825 species are illustrated with small but clear line drawings and described with a few economically-worded sentences each. This book is the first of a series.

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Steel Construction (4th ed.)— Henry Jackson Burt and C. H. Sandberg-American Tech. Soc., 438 p., illus., \$3.50.
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Chemistry

BIOCHEMISTRY FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS—Benjamin Harrow-Saunders, 383 p., \$3.75. Biochemistry as taught at the College of the City of New York. Each chapter contains additional references which include research reports in the literature through 1937.

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ABOUT PETROLEUM—J. G. Crowther— Oxford Univ. Press, 181 p., \$2.25. A layman's book by a British popularizer. The origins of petroleum, methods of finding it, transportation, refining and its use as a lubricant are all discussed. Science News Letter, December 10, 1938

LABORATORY MANUAL TO ACCOMPANY Introductory General Chemistry (Rev. ed.)—Harold G. Dietrich and Erwin B. Kelsey-Macmillan, 118 p., \$1.90. Science News Letter, December 10, 1938

PROCEDURES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSics-John Strong, H. Victor Neher, A. E. Whitford, C. Hawley Cartwright and C. Hayward—Prentice-Hall, 642 p., \$5. Research physicists and chemists have been looking for this book for years. It contains all the tricks used in physical researches to attain high vacuum, operate the most sensitive of instruments, build amplifying circuits, and the other techniques which every good scientist ought to know. The illustrations by Roger Hayward are splendid, and theory and practice are correlated in the best possible fashion.

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Sociology

Brothers in Crime — Clifford R. Shaw, Henry D. McKay, James F. Mc-Donald and others.-Univ. of Chicago Press, 364 p. See page 377.
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Education

How To Study — Samuel Kahn — Meador Pub. Co., 158 p., \$2. A book intended as an aid to college students.

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Psychology

THE BEHAVIOR OF ORGANISMS—B. F. Skinner—Appleton-Century, 456 p., \$5. A technical book which will be of great interest to physiologists and psychologists.

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Anthropology

DIRTY BOY: A JICARILLA TALE OF RAID AND WAR—Morris Edward Opler -Amer. Anthropological Assn., 80 p.,

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Zoology
The Naiad Fauna of the Huron RIVER, IN SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN-Henry van der Schalie-Univ. of Michigan Press, 83 p., figures, plates and maps, \$1.

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Some Arizona Ore Deposits—Arizona Bureau of Mines-Univ. of Arizona, 136 p., 40 plates, 12 figures, 35 c. Science News Letter, December 10, 1938

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRICES IN THE BITUMINOUS COAL INDUSTRY, PRE-PARED FOR THE CONFERENCE ON PRICE RE-SEARCH - National Bureau of Economic Research, 144 p., \$1.25.
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Geology—Archaeology
Ten Years Under the Earth—Norbert Casteret; Trans. and ed. by Barrows Mussey—Greystone, 283 p., illus., \$3. This book tells the first-hand story of an athletic French explorer and his hardy wife, who have spent years of exciting, often perilous, always hard work in the Pyrenean caverns where men of the Old Stone Age hunted cave bears and wrought the world's first art. This work has received the coronation of the French Academy.

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THE MARCH OF MEDICINE—Ray Lyman Wilbur-Stanford Univ. Press, 280 p., \$2.75. Medical and health problems of, roughly, the last quarter-century, including the ever-present problem of medical economics are discussed in this volume which is made up of speeches delivered by the author on various occasions since 1913.

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Forestry

SAGAS OF THE EVERGREENS—Frank H. Lamb—Norton, 364 p., illus., \$3.50. This book ranges the world to make us acquainted with the world of the conifers: familiar fir and spruce and pine, through sequoia and cypress to far-away deodar, ginkgo, araucaria and kauri; all who love dark-green stateliness will find fascination in these pages and pictures.

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Geography

OUR AMERICAN TROPICS — John E. Jennings, Jr.—Crowell, 265 p., \$2.50. South Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are here attractively presented to the prospective tourist. A good book to read when winter is closing in -particularly if you expect to be able to travel.

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Botany

FLORA OF PERU—J. Francis Macbride —Field Museum of Natural History, 1136 p., \$2.50. A new and noteworthy addition to the valuable list of floras of Central and South American countries being produced by the Field Museum. Of value to professional botanists.

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Transactions of the American Geo-PHYSICAL UNION, NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 27 TO 30, 1938, WASH-

INGTON, D. C.; PART I: Reports and Papers, Washington, D. C., General Assembly and Sections of Geodesy, Seismology, Meteorology, Terrestrial Magnetism and Electricity, Oceanography, Volcanology, and Hydrology, 585 p., \$3.50. PART II: Reports and Papers, Section of Hydrology and Western Interstate Snow-Survey Conference—National Research Council, 168 p., \$1.25.

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ROOTS, THEIR PLACE IN LIFE AND Legend-Vernon Quinn - Stokes, 230 p., illus., \$2. Roots for food and flavorings, roots for drugs and poisons, roots for scents and dye-stuffs, roots in a thousand uses ancient and moderntheir story is well told here, pointed up with anecdote, enlivened with charming drawings. Whether you are interested in botany, folklore or history, you will find what you are seeking here.

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Physics

Household Physics—Madalyn Avery -Macmillan, 439 p., \$3.50. A text for college students in home economics which presents the fundamentals of physics in their relation to the home. Married college women may find it a handy volume to keep for reference, for it discusses the inner workings of all household appliances as well as more theoretical subjects.

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Psychology—Technology

JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS—U. S. Dept. of Labor and U. S. Employment Service—Govt. Print. Off., 2 vols., 439 p., \$2 per set.

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Pharmacy

A Concise Pharmacology — F. G. Hobart and G. Melton-Chemical Pub. Co. of N. Y., 171 p., \$3. A textbook for medical students written by a physician and a pharmacist.

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APPLIED MYCOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY - L. D. Galloway and R. Burgess – Chem. Pub. Co. of N. Y., 186 p., \$4. A handbook in the proper sense of the word; for this is a small volume but contains the gist of what the working microbiologist would care to know about a wide range of practical problems

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Photography U. S. Camera, 1939—J. T. Maloney, ed.—Morrow, 196 plates, text and index, \$2.90. Striking photographs in the modern manner. Of particular interest are the documentary photographs by the Farm Security Administration and the news photographs. You may like them immensely—or you may not.

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Horticulture

HEDGES, SCREENS AND WINDBREAKS-Donald Wyman-Whittlesey House, 249 p., illus., \$2.75. There are many books on shrubs and their use in gardens and plantings, but something was needed on this special and important aspect of the use of shrubs. This book follows an accepted and useful treatment pattern, in that it tells essential facts about the most important hedge plants, and gives instructions for their planting, care, and trimming.
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Entomology

FIELD CROP ENTOMOLOGY — Don B. Whelan—Swift, 56 p., planographed, \$1. A convenient, low-priced text adapted for the use of students in special courses in applied entomology. Well illustrated. Science News Letter, December 10, 1938

Zoology

Zoo Friends—Joanna Robb; pictures by Gilbert Cousland—Collins, 32 p., photos and text, \$1.75. A picture book about the London Zoo, for children who have just learned how to read. Science News Letter, December 10, 1938

YOU CAN SLEEP WELL - Edmund Jacobson-Whittlesey House, 269 p., \$2. If you are lying awake nights because you cannot relax, this book in popular style may give you some suggestions for wooing sleep.

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Electrical Engineering

STANDARDS ON ELECTRONICS, 1938—Institute of Radio Engineers, 59 p., 50 c.
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Marvels of Insect Life — Edward Step, ed.—McBride, 486 p., illus., \$3.75. Really quite a lot of book for the money, with many interesting pictures and plenty of equally interesting text descriptions. Material has been gathered from all over the world, to make this book of hexapod natural history.

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