

# Books of the Week

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**AKU-AKU: The Secret of Easter Island**—Thor Heyerdahl—*Rand McNally*, 384 p., illus., \$6.95. Exploring the statues and secret caves of Easter Island.

**ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES (Translation)**—A. Shternfel'd—*State Pub. House of Technical-Theoretical Lit., Moscow, (Office of Technical Services)*, 2nd rev. ed., 424 p., illus., paper, \$6. Author won the International Prize for the Promotion of Astronautics.

**THE GENETIC BASIS OF SELECTION**—I. Michael Lerner—*Wiley*, 298 p., graphs, \$8. Discusses the

quantitative aspects of selection in breeding practice and evolution without emphasis on statistical treatment.

**GEOPHYSICS AND THE IGY: Proceedings of the Symposium at the Opening of the International Geophysical Year**—Hugh Odishaw and Stanley Ruttenberg, Eds.—*Am. Geophysical Union*, 210 p., illus., \$8. Contains reports on the early results of the IGY.

**THE HANDBOOK OF ROCKETS AND GUIDED MISSILES**—Norman J. Bowman—*Perastadion Press*, 328 p., illus., \$6.50. Compilation of data on rockets and missiles, both modern and historical, arranged alphabetically.

**AN INEXPENSIVE SCIENCE LIBRARY: A Selected List of Paperbound Science Books**—Hilary J. Deason, compiler—*Am. Ass'n for the Advancement of Science*, 2nd ed., 38 p., paper, 25¢. Lists re-issues of classics, reprints of outstanding contemporary books and new books, grouped by subject matter.

**INSIDE THE ATOM**—Isaac Asimov—*Abelard-Schuman*, rev. ed., 185 p., illus., \$2.75. Tells what goes on inside the atom, how man has learned about it and what he has done with his knowledge.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE PLANT KINGDOM**—Norman H. Russell—*Mosby*, 353 p., illus., \$5.50. A one-semester elementary botany course.

**LIVING RESOURCES OF THE SEA: Opportunities for Research and Expansion**—Lionel A. Walford—*Conservation Foundation (Ronald)*, 321 p., illus., \$6. While replete with information on marine resources, emphasis is on what still remains to be learned about life within the most extensive element of our earth.

**LOOKING AT THE STARS**—Michael Ovenden—*Philosophical Lib.*, 192 p., photographs and dia-

grams, \$4.75. One of the Excursions Series of books on leisure-time activities, this one introduces readers to the pleasures of astronomy.

**THE PRINCIPLES OF SCIENCE: A Treatise on Logic and Scientific Method**—W. Stanley Jevons, introd. by Ernest Nagel—*Dover*, 786 p., paper, \$2.98. First published in 1873.

**THE PROBLEMS OF WORLD POPULATION: The Rede Lecture 1958**—Sir Charles Darwin—*Cambridge Univ. Press*, 42 p., paper, 75¢. Long-range and short-range forecast by British theoretical physicist.

**ROSES**—F. Fairbrother—*Penguin*, 180 p., illus., paper, 95¢. Practical manual for all who would like to grow roses, prepared in conjunction with the Royal Horticultural Society.

**SOVIET ABSTRACTS: Biology**—U.S. Joint Publications Res. Service—*Office of Technical Services*, paper, \$1. Translations of entries in the Soviet Biology Abstracts Journal, No. 3, 1958.

**SOVIET ABSTRACTS: Physics**—U.S. Joint Publications Res. Service—*Office of Technical Services*, paper, 75¢. Complete translations of entries in the Soviet Physics Abstracts Journal No. 1, 1958.

**THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION**—J. Maynard Smith—*Penguin*, 320 p., illus., paper, 85¢. Describes how Darwin's theory has been confirmed, but at the same time transformed, by recent research.

**THE TRAVELING HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE LIBRARY**—Hilary J. Deason—*Am. Assn. for the Advancement of Science*, 4th ed., 68 p., paper, 25¢. Designed to broaden the science background of high school students. Valuable guide to librarians.

**WONDERS OF THE ANTARCTIC**—Jacqueline Berill—*Dodd*, 96 p., illus. with drawings by author, \$2.95. Describes penguins, seals, albatrosses and other inhabitants of Antarctica and the oceans surrounding it.

**YOUR CAREER IN ELECTRONICS—1959**—J. Heiges and others—*Popular Electronics*, 132 p., illus., paper, \$1. Short survey of the field, aptitude test, and guide to schools and colleges.

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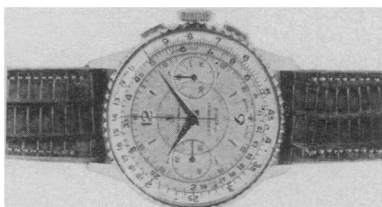
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