# An Almanac for Fall Reading

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### OCTOBER 26

'N a world of turmoil and tragedy Pitirim A. Sorokin strikes a timely note in Man and Society in Calamity in which he discusses the impact of catastrophe and possible ways for the rehabilitation of mankind . . . Thomas Mann, one of the most articulate and highly respected of those honored by Nazi hatred, offers his reflections on the passing scene in Order of the Day . . . In The Art of the Healer, an eminent physician, Bernard Aschner, discourses on his profession . . . Women who are beginning to discover on their shopping expeditions that shortages exist in all sorts of goods, will welcome Winifred Raushenbush's How to Dress in Wartime with its practical advice and suggestions . . . Einar Haugen's new translation and interpretation of Voyages to Vinland offers opportunity to the armchair traveller for vicarious journeying . .

#### OCTOBER 27

In The Three Bamboos Robert Standish presents a fictional chronicle of the Japanese efforts to attain power from the time of the opening of Nipponese Empire by Perry to the attack on Pearl Harbor... Item for the circulating libraries: Lloyd C. Douglas's The Robe makes its appearance this day. Douglas fans will lap it up... The Gramaphone Shop Encyclopedia of Recorded Music means another "must" for the music lover's shelf...

## OCTOBER 28

Good, lively reading in the form of Zora Neale Hurston's autobiography, Dust Tracks on a Road, an outspoken, sturdy, breezy portrayal of the Negro novelist's life from her childhood on a farm to college, travel, and literary success... One of the most delightful and informing of the books written about America by English travellers to it in the pre-Civil War era is reissued in Harriet Martineau's Retrospect of Western Travel...

Paul Horgan pictures a small community in the Southwest going about its various activities before the abnormal days of war upset its life in The Common Heart . . . Michael F. Guyer has some interesting things to say in Speaking of Man . . . Marian Sims's Beyond Surrender, a story of the Piedmont district of South Carolina in Reconstruction days, is not only a good story in its own right but a particularly interesting one in the parallel the problems of the post-Civil War South presents to some of those of our own time . . . Aldous Huxley reviews in The Art of Seeing experiences with occulists and medical practices by which they are correcting defects of vision . . .

## OCTOBER 29

Toscanini, Stokowski, Koussevitsky, Barbirolli, and others constitute interesting subjects for David Ewen's discussion of some of the great orchestras and their leaders in *Dictators of the Baton* . . . James Thurber furnishes comment and illustrations at once humorous and biting in *My World—and Welcome to It* . . . Karl Menninger with the assistance of Jeanette Lyle Menninger delves into some of the secret places of the soul in *Love against Hate* . . .

### OCTOBER 30

Augusta Tucker turns back time in its track in *The Man Miss Susie Loved* which chronicles the romance of the elderly spinster who in an earlier novel presided over a boarding house frequented by men of the Johns Hopkins Medical School . . . *Mr. W. and I*, who make their bow this day, are no other than Daniel Webster and his wife Caroline LeRoy Webster from whose diary this book is drawn . . .

#### OCTOBER 31

Crescent Carnival, a new novel for the Frances Parkinson Keyes fans.

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Business, politics, and government come in for some trenchant discussion in Samuel Crowther's Time to Inquire . . John Mason Brown reflects on operations in Inside Out . . . One of the most spectacular of American newspaper men, James Gordon Bennett, is presented in the round by Oliver Carlson in The Man Who Made the News .. Betty Kirk's The Mexican Front bears the enthusiastic endorsement of former Ambassador Daniels . . . Kay Boyle calls A Primer for Combat a novel but it is in actuality a transcription of experience in conquered France ... New novels by Gale Wilhelm, Erskine Caldwell, Hilda Vaughan, Michael Home . . .



## NOVEMBER 2

A poet discourses of his times in Alfred Noyes's The Edge of the Abyss... Good entertainment—and good literature—in A Treasury of British Humor, edited by Morris Bishop... In Plays for Americans Arch Oboler brings out thirteen new radio dramas... Thrills for the detective story lover in Dig Me a Grave, by John Spain...

## **NOVEMBER 4**

Charles Edward Hayes tells the story of a Kansas farm in *The Four Winds* . . . Stewart H. Holbrook gathers together a batch of present-day heroes in *None More Courageous* . . . Virginia Thompson holds a *Postmortem on Malaya* . . .

#### **NOVEMBER 5**

Nothing to commemorate Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot . . . The nearest we come to England is Henry Beston's *The St. Lawrence* . . . Explorations in his own country afford a springboard to description of America in Stephen Longstreet's *The Last American Comes Home* . . .

### **NOVEMBER 6**

One of the ace American correspondents of the last war, Will Irwin, writes his autobiography in The Making of a Reporter . . . Recollections of an entirely different sort go to the making of Howard Vincent O'Brien's entertaining chronicle of experiences with doctors, Memories of a Guinea Pig ... Ten to one you never heard of him though Muriel Rukeyser calls Willard Gibbs an "American genius" in her biography of the distinguished physicist . . . Phil Stong depicts an Iowa community girding up its loins for war in a pleasant novel entitled One Destiny . . . Mystery story addicts take notice-there's a tale with the promising title Rocket to the Morgue due on this date . . . It's by H. H. Holmes . . .

## NOVEMBER 9

Mathew Gordon's News Is a Weapon will make the daily news reports suspect to readers from this day forth . . . Oliver Gramling and a number of other Associated Press correspondents in various parts of the world collaborate in a book entitled Free Men Are Fighting ... Mackinley Helm so skillfully transcribes Roland Hayes's recollections that Angel Mo' and Her Son Roland Hayes has all the vividness and ring of autobiography . . . In America Sings Carl Carmer gathers together indigenous songs and stories . . . Marie Sandoz issues a colorful life of Crazy Horse, Indian chief who fought against the ill-fated Custer . . .

## **NOVEMBER 10**

Frederick Oechsner in collaboration with some other journalists who like himself were imprisoned in wartime Germany writes in This Is the Enemy (Continued on page 14)



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