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Journey Among Warriors

Eve Curie

Doubleday, \$3.50

Recommended for mature readers.

America: "... a book for the educated: Wendell Willkie simplifies things and writes down to the low level of the millions. The best seller is seldom the best book. One could wish that the author had better understood the internal evils which sapped the vitality of her own country."

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Kate Fennigate*

Booth Tarkington

Doubleday, \$.250

A Novel—which means for Adults.

Extension: "This is easily the best novel we have encountered this year. In reading it, we experienced that enjoyment felt while attending the concert of a true artist. We suddenly realized how inferior the common variety of current novels are. It had to be an outstanding novel because it has all the essentials—real life situations, normal people and a sensible, healthy plot. All these have been blended together by a master of our times."

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Katherine Christian

Hugh Walpole

Doubleday, \$2.50

Doubtful Fiction.

Harold C. Gardiner in *America:* "... definitely second-rate for Walpole. ... a disturbing undercurrent of anti-Catholic bent ... seems to labor from a confusion of direction. ..."

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The Last of Summer

Kate O'Brien

Doubleday, \$2.50

Reviewed by Paul Phelan—Sept.—Good Adult Novel.

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Last Man Off Wake Island

Lt. Col. Walter Bayler

B-M, \$2.75

Realistic account of the Marines' battles on Wake and the Solomons. The author seems somewhat obsessed with the idea that profanity must be emphasized.

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Late and Soon

E. M. Delafield

Harpers, \$2.50

Adults—WR—SC.

John S. Kennedy in *The Sign:* "The coincidence-propped plot has to do with a woman of forty-four whose marriage was a disappointment but who has a previous love to remember as flawless. The man of that episode comes back into her life as her daughter's lover. When he meets the mother once more, they resume where they had left off ... all ends well for the aging romancers. A deft performance of a familiar routine, this novel has some original touches and a stifling lot of immoralizing by over-articulate people."

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The Legacy of Nazism

Frank Munk

Macmillan, \$2.50

Economically interesting—Intellectually shallow—P.M.S. Reviewed in this issue.

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Letters to Mr. Isaacs*

David Goldstein

R R, \$2.00

Excellent—Reviewed by Dr. Bowdern—Sept.

Catholic World: "Though intended primarily for Jews, these letters will give Protestants and unbelievers a splendid explanation of Catholic doctrine, and even well-informed Catholics will profit by reading them."

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Life Out There

Sgt. Johnny Bartek

Scribner, \$1.75

They kept Johnny talking while court stenographers took down his remarks—which were then pieced together to make his story of the Rickenbacker fliers who spent 21 days on a raft.

Flunking out after a year in high school Johnny joined the Army at 18, served out his enlistment and later joined the Air Corps. His was the New Testament of which so much has been said in other and more interesting books.

Compared with *Seven Came Through* or *We Thought We Heard the Angels Sing*, this book is almost zero.

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Mr. Lincoln's Wife

Anne Colver

F & R, \$2.50

Unobjectionable novel of no great merit.

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Anglican Comments

The Anglican vicar of St. Peter's, Cowleigh, Malvern, the Reverend Gilbert Pawson, recently wrote in his parish magazine:

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There's Something in the Air

Flying Officer X (H. E. Bates) Knopf, \$2.00

Reviewed by Staff Contributor Riley Hughes.

In twenty-one sketches of sureness and brilliance, H. E. Bates, one of England's greatest contemporary craftsmen in the short story, "puts down" the RAF. Behind the impersonal headlines and official dispatches there are the human beings who create them; Bates was commissioned by the British Government to study these men and write about them. The result is not, as might easily have happened, official heroics, but a literary product of restraint and accuracy.

One of the sketches, "The Young Man from Kalgoorlie," already famous, is typical of the lot. The parents of a young Australian sheep rancher keep all knowledge of the war from him for a year. He is on the range most of the time; his parents pretend their radio is broken, refuse newspapers, tamper with his mail, warn visitors. On his annual visit to the town of Kalgoorlie he finds out. He was not angry with his parents for being "stupidly affectionate," but he had a whole year of his life and a whole war to catch up with. The stories of the other Englishmen, Irishmen, Czechs, and Poles are stories of "little people" with a job to do. Each sketch is an attempt to understand the meaning the war has for each individual. *There's Something in the Air* contains more than some of the most distinguished writing about the war; it reflects the honest courage and the steady purpose of the men it describes.

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