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## **H.W. Wilson Announces the 20<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Public Library Core Collection: Nonfiction***

Newly expanded to two volumes, the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of *Public Library Core Collection: Nonfiction* provides a selective list of recommended and essential nonfiction for the general adult audience, together with professional aids for librarians and library media specialists. With more than 11,000 nonfiction titles appropriate to general adult readers as well as a selection of professional materials of use to librarians and library administrators, this 20th edition contains both new titles that reflect new topics of interest or new interpretations of traditional knowledge as well as older titles—sometimes in updated versions—that remain the best in their field.

This edition continues to emphasize equity, diversity, and inclusion, representing and reflecting a varied community in which many voices can be heard. Significant weeding is undertaken to ensure that older, outdated books are removed in favor of more relevant recommendations.

As always, a star (★) at the start of an entry indicates that a book is an **Essential** title, our highest recommendation level. These titles are the essential books in a given category or on a given subject; while there are often a number of recommended titles, this designation helps users who want only a small selection. Non-starred entries represent Recommended titles, which provide a fuller list of recommended books. This is reflected in both the Classified section and, for the first time, in the Index as well.

The Core Collection is organized into two parts: the **Classified Collection**; and an **Author, Title, Series and Subject Index**.

**Part 1: Essential & Recommended Titles:** This is arranged according to the Dewey Decimal Classification. Within classes, arrangement is by main entry, with complete bibliographical and cataloging information given for each book. The classified arrangement, along with the descriptive and critical annotations, provides a useful guide to book selection. Entries include such information as price and ISBN to facilitate acquisitions. The information supplied for each book includes, bibliographic description, suggested subject headings, an annotation, and frequently, an evaluation from a quote source. Within classes, works are arranged alphabetically under main entry, usually the author. Works of individual biography are arranged alphabetically under the biography's subject.

**Part 2: Author, Title, and Subject Index:** This is a comprehensive key to the Classified List with entries for authors, titles, and subjects. The Index is a single alphabetical list of all the books entered in the Core Collection. Each book is entered under author; title (if distinctive); and subject. The classification number, displayed in boldface type, is the key to the location of the main entry for the book in the Classified Collection. Appropriate added entries are made for joint authors and editors.

Every entry has been carefully selected by experienced librarians from public library systems and academic libraries across the United States. These specialists represent a diversity of backgrounds in librarianship for young people and possess a wealth of experience on national juries and American Library Association committees.

*Public Library Core Collection: Nonfiction, Twentieth Edition* is designed to serve a number of purposes:

- **An aid in purchasing:** Designed to assist in the selection of ordering titles, may be used to identify parts of the library collection that should be updated or strengthened.
- **An aid in verification of information:** For this purpose full bibliographical data are provided in the Classified Collection. Notes describe editions available, awards, publication history, and other titles in the series.
- **An aid in curriculum or programming support:** The classified approach, subject indexing, annotations, and evaluative excerpts are helpful in identifying materials appropriate for classroom support, for book discussions, and other programming.
- **As an aid in collection maintenance:** Information about titles available on a subject facilitates decisions to rebind, replace, or discard items.
- **As an aid in professional development or instruction:** Useful in courses or professional training that deal with collection development and readers' advisory; it may also be used in course that deal with literature and book selection, especially in the creation of bibliographies and reading lists.
- **As an aid to readers' advisory:** Further aided by series and awards information, by the descriptive summaries and evaluative excerpts from trusted review sources, and by the subject headings in the Title and Subject Index applied by professional metadata librarians at NoveList.

H.W. Wilson's *Core Collections* provide collection development support helpful to school libraries of all sizes. Designed by librarians for librarians, these informative collections act as a helpful guide through the thousands of fiction, non-fiction, and children's titles on the market today. They provide invaluable support for collection development and maintenance, reader's advisory, and curriculum support.

The *Public Library Core Collection: Nonfiction* is an essential resource for library and media specialists looking to enhance and enrich their collection with the most important and highly recommended titles currently available.

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