INTRODUCTION

Over the past few years, with the increasing attraction Afghanistan has come to hold for travellers and area scholars, many requests for materials about the country have been received by the Afghanistan Council.

The excellent bibliography of Afghanistan prepared by Donald N. Wilber in 1956 and revised twice, (see Bibliography section), has proven an invaluable guide for layman and scholars. However, since its last revision (1968) a large body of literature concerned with Afghanistan has appeared in books, journals and magazines and to date these extensive publications have not been gathered into a bibliography which may be consulted by a wide public.

For this reason, several members of the Afghanistan Council undertook the task of compiling a selected, annotated bibliography which would, to some extent, meet the needs of travellers and others interested in the most current materials published about Afghanistan. The project was limited mainly to materials appearing from 1968 onward, published in book form, and in English. Articles in magazines and journals together with foreign language publications were felt to be frequently inaccessible to the non-specialist and thus beyond the scope of this effort. With the exception of some particularly useful and colorful publications appearing before 1968, entries included in the following pages should be regarded as supplementary to the Wilber bibliography.

To aid travellers and tourists whose needs and time are limited certain entries are starred (*) to indicate their special merit and availability. Prices and other helpful information needed to obtain the books are included in the entry whenever possible.

In addition to English language materials published in this country and in Europe, each year, a few English language publications originate from Afghanistan, Pakistan or India. About twenty of these works, only a few of which are included here, are available for purchase in this country. Included in this group are guidebooks, cookbooks, songbooks etc. A full list of these books may be obtained from the distributing agent: International Publications Service (IPS) 114 East 32nd Street New York, N.Y. 10016

Articles by Louis Dupree marked AUFS are available for $1.00 from: The American Universities Field Staff P.O. Box 150 Hanover, N.H. 03755

The members of the Afghanistan Council wish to thank Dr. Donald N. Wilber for having taken the time to check the entries and make several additions and ammendations without which the bibliography would have been incomplete.

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ART AND ARCHEOLOGY

*Auboyer, Jeannine,
   Color and black and white illustrations.

Mme. Auboyer of the Musee Guimmet and the Belgian photographer, Dominique Dambois, have collaborated on a book which surveys, in text and photos, the art treasures of Afghanistan, Pre-Islamic and Islamic, with great emphasis on the archeological finds in the Mungigak, Guldara, and Begram. Translated from French.

Bernard, P.,
   The spectacular results of excavations at this site in northern Afghanistan.

Fairservis, Walter A. Jr.,
   482 p. maps and illustrations.

   Includes detailed descriptions of many archeological sites in Afghanistan.

Habib, Abd-al Haqq,

   Illustrated work by a recognized Afghan scholar. Translated from Dari.

Rice, Francis M. and Benjamin, Rowland
   Art in Afghanistan. Objects from the Kabul Museum, Coral Gables, University of Miami, 1971. With over 215 excellent black and white illustrations and an authoritative text and description of the objects.
Akram, Mohd.

Bibliographie analytique de l'Afghanistan, Paris, 1 47.

Bibliography of Russian Works on Afghanistan, Central Asian Research Center, 66 King's Road, London, SW3, 1956.

Jones, Schuyler


A Bibliography of Nuristan (Kafiristan) and the Kalash Kafirs of Chitral, Part II. Selected Documents from the Secret and Political Records, 1885-1900, Copenhagen, 1969.

United Nations Institute for Training and Research.


Most recent bibliography. Good for international bodies' reports on Afghanistan.

*Wilber, Donald N.


Best and most comprehensive bibliography of Afghanistan available widely. Entries include works in Eastern and Western languages. Particularly useful for Afghan sources.

See also bibliographies appended to Gregorian (Politics and Foreign Relations) and Grassmuck (General).
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Culbert, William E.

Available from IPS, $10.00.

Dupree, Louis


A series on the business laws and community. Part II deals with the first American businessman in Afghanistan, Part III, with the new investment law aimed at invigorating business and filling in the gap left by the diminished foreign aid.

Kamrany, Nake M.

Paul, Arthur


Givens, Meredith B.


U.N.D.P. Annual Reports from representative in Kabul.
GENERAL


Very interesting and informative book covering in concise readable form nearly every aspect of interest in Afghanistan.

Dupree, Louis,


U.S. Aid

A brief general description of Afghanistan together with a description of U.S. and other foreign assistance to the country.

Grassmuck, George, et al. eds.

Five articles dealing with ethnography, literature, political reform, modernization, foreign affairs. Includes a very useful chronology, 1774-1968 as well as specialized bibliographies.

McKeller, Doris
Afghan Cooking, 1967 (IPS) 67 p. illustrated $2.50. (Bread, soup, main dishes, rice, meats, vegetable, etc.)

Hamidi, Hakim
A Catalogue of Modern Coins of Afghanistan, 1967 (IPS) 57 p. illustrated $5.00.

A catalogue of modern Afghan coins, covering 76 years, from 1890 when the first machine-manufactured coins were minted.

*Wilber, Donald N., ed.
Bruce, George


Analysis of British attempts to control Afghanistan and events leading to the First Afghan War. Exclusive use of Western sources. Much attention to characterization of the British Military and political officers involved and the international political situation which induced the British to begin the Afghan expedition.

English, B.


A fresh look at the Second Anglo-Afghan War and related events.

*Frazer-Tytler, Sir W. Kerr


A history of Afghanistan written by an Englishman. Detailed with interesting chapter on Pakhtunistan.

Hasrat, B.J.


Kohzad, Ahmad

*Men and Events Through Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Afghanistan,* 1969 (IPS) $4.50.

Griffiths, John C.


Modern history commencing with the 18th century. Concentration on Afghanistan's historical role between Central Asia (Russian) and India. Short and spotty survey. Sources incomplete.
Poullada, Leon B.

An in-depth study of the Amanullah period from the point of view of tribal vs. central power, modernization vs. traditionalism, and internal and international politics.

Stewart, Rhea Talley

Comprehensive history of King Amanullah and the doomed reign in which he tried to make Afghanistan part of the modern world. Richly illustrated and researched from newly opened British files.

Kakar, Hasan
Enevoldsen, Jens
Pashto Proverbs and Landeys in English and Danish, Denmark. 1971.

Shpoon, Sadiddon
Tr. "Landeys from Afghanistan" ASIA, No 25, The Asia Society (Spring, 1972) p. 4-7, $1.50.

Translation and commentary by contemporary Afghan writer on traditional Pashto folk poems. Very readable and enjoyable

Ullah, Najib

Contains one of the few selections of Afghan literature in translation available.

Wilson, Dunning
POLITICS AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

Adamec, Ludwig W.


German role in Afghan politics, history and economics from WWI to the 1960's.

Dupree, Louis


*Fletcher, Arnold

In-depth analysis of politics and culture as of publication date.

*Gregorian, Vartan

Recent history of politics. Well researched, excellent notes and bibliography

Kakar, Hasan
TRAVEL & DESCRIPTION

*Abercrombie, Thomas J.

Excellent articles giving fine introduction to beginner.

Asia A-Z, includes one chapter on Afghanistan and travellers advice.

Dupree, Nancy Hatch

An excellent historical guide with maps, black & white and color illustrations.

Fodor, Eugene & Curtis, William

Thorough up-to-date coverage of all areas of interest for the serious tourist. Seems to go a step beyond most guidebooks in offering suggestions on getting to out-of-the-way points of interest. Very thorough coverage of Kabul, Kandahar, Herat and Mazar-i-Sharif.

*Konishi, Masatoshi

Small, well-written, profusely illustrated booklet devoted to everyday life of Afghans plus the various tourist sights in the country. Interesting in its presentation of how the Japanese view Afghanistan, their adventures when mistaken for Afghans, etc.

Levi, Peter

Ponderously written travels of Englishman whose interests are vaguely in archeology.
Richly illustrated article dealing with one of the remotest regions of the world, the Wakhan Valley where Kirghiz and other people have settled.

Stark, Freya

Travel diary describing trip by land rover through remote sections of Afghanistan.

Street, Lucie

Schreider, Helen & Frank

Extensive coverage of pre-Islamic Afghan history.

Trautman, Kathleen

Author gives account of time spent in Kabul as a member of the foreign community. Very sympathetic toward the few Afghans mentioned, but not so toward the Foreign Service.

Guidebooks for towns, museums and the Bamyian Valley are also available. Many of them from IPS. (See introduction for address.) Many of them are done with care by Nancy Wolfe/Nancy Dupree and may be purchased in Kabul from the Afghan Tourist Bureau.
Centlivres, Pierre

*Une Bazar d'Asie Centrale: Form et organisation du bazar de Tashqurghan (Afghanistan)*, Wiesbaden, Dr. Ludwig Reichert Verlag, 1972.

A thorough study of the bazaar of Tashqurghan, one of the most colorful sites in Afghanistan. Detailed attention is given to the guilds, the products of the bazaar, the manufacturers and merchants. The administrative apparatus of the town, police, government and schools are also described in their relationships to the bazaar.

Debets, G.F.


A translation from the Russian work.

Dupree, Louis, et al.


Keiser, Lincoln


Jones, Schuyler

*The Political Organization of the Kam Kafirs: A Preliminary Analysis*, Copenhagen, 1967.

Robertson, G.S.

*The Kafirs of the Hindu Kush*, 1896, was reprinted in 1970.
Novels

Frazer, George McDonald  

Colorful novel in series dealing with a never-do-well Victorian British officer whose adventures lead him, in this volume, to Afghanistan during the first Afghan war. Flashman's views of Afghans is highly distorted by his own personality but it is interesting reading, purely as the adventures of a thorough rogue. Flashman was the bully in Tom Brown's School Days.

Caillou, Allan  
Afghan Assault, ..... Pinnacle Books (1971 ?) #P097N, paperback, 95¢.

#4 in the series "The private army of Colonel Tobin," and takes place in contemporary Afghanistan. Written by a former British intelligence officer and sometime actor in Bonanza TV series.

*Kessel, Joseph  
Tr. from French by Patrick O'Brian.

Elocuently written novel revolving around the annual King's buzkashi in Kabul when teams from various Afghan provinces compete for a prize. The hero's characterization portrays many of the Afghan traits of bravery, pride, superstition and familial ties.

Mardaan, Ataullah  

The episodes in this pornographic book take place in Afghanistan and the Northwest frontier. No clues on author.

Michener, James  

This work of fiction has been around a long time and suffers from being overblown. At times it does ring true and remains very interesting light reading.
Films and slide shows.

Coulson, Cutler, Jr.

Slides on Afghanistan, available for sale or showing from Mr. Coulson at 200 Collingsworth Drive, Rochester, New York 14625.

Bryan, Julien, and the International Film Foundation. 10 single-concept films, without narration, describing the daily activities of the mountain peoples of Badakhstan (Northeastern Afghanistan). Information may be obtained from the International Film Foundation, 475 Fifth Avenue, Suite 916, New York, New York 10017.

Paramount Studios


A rather pallid feature film, in color, of the Joseph Kessel novel. There are some exciting buzkashi scenes as well as some splendid shots of Bandi Amir.

Twomey, Arthur, 16 mm color film shot in Afghanistan in 1968 when Dr. Twomey, as curator of ornithology at the Carnegie Museum travelled to the Wakhan Valley in search of Marco Polo sheep for the museum. Good footage on Kabul accompanying lecture. For information write to Mr. Arthur C. Twomey, Carnegie Institute Division, of Education, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.


Contrasts life in high plateau of the Hindu Kush mountains with life in the capital city, Kabul. Deals with role of the I.L.O. experts in the creation of village cooperatives.

U.N. Film Series

New Girl in Town, (1963) black and white U.N. Programme #.16 (U.N. Basic Information Film Series).


Hallet, Judith & Stanley & Schroeder, Sebastian

The Painted Truck, 16 mm, color, 28 mins. Rental charge $30.00 from Film Images, 17 West 60th Street, New York, New York 10023.

A charming film about the life of a driver of a highly decorated truck - beautifully photographed.
Records

Baren-Reiter Musicaphon #BM3OL2003. The Music of Afghanistan, UNESCO.

Good quality recordings of an enjoyable selection of Afghan songs.

Afghanistan et Iran, Disques Vogue LVLX-191

Collection of instrumental and vocal music in Dari and Pakhto. Jacket notes in French.

Folk Music Volume I & II, Lyric 7230-31 (2 record set).

Musique d'Afghanistan, Disques BAM LD5337


Music from Afghanistan, (1972) Argo (Decca) ZFB57 (England)

Fair recording of folk music, Dari, Pakhto and instrumental. Notes could be better. One of The Living Tradition series by Deben Bhattacharya.

Music of Afghanistan, Kabul Radio, Ethnic Folkways Library, FE4361.

A good sampling of Kabul Radio. Recording quality fair only.

Slobin, Mark


Two volumes of Afghan music with documentation and explanatory notes on the Anthology label.

Nonesuch (Elektra) Afghan Music (1973)

High quality recordings in stereo of Pakhto and Dari songs and instrumental numbers. Singers from Kabul Radio. Good selection.
Children's Books

Afghanistan in Pictures, (Visual Geography Series), 1971, $2.95 or paperback $1.25.

Caldwell, John C.
Recommended for children grades 4-8.

Clifford, Mary Louise
The Land and the People of Afghanistan, Lippincott, $4.95.
A 1973 revision of the book published in 1962 Portraits of the Nations Series. Outlines the changes in Afghanistan's government effected by the 1965 Constitution and the country's efforts to modernize itself in the economic, educational and social spheres. Illustrated, recommended for jr. high school students.

Cruit, Bette J.
Recommended for 3rd grade children.

Spiegelman, Judith M.
Photos and story for children 3-5.
RECENTLY RECEIVED TITLES - since going to press we have been notified of the following publications.

Bernard, P.,

Charpentier, C.J.

with many illustrations.

Buck, A.A. et al.
Health and Disease in Rural Afghanistan, Johns Hopkins, 1972, 231 p.

with illustrations, graphs and tables.

Michaud, Sabrina and Roland

Richly illustrated article.