

Annual Light Reading List

When Sierrans head out on the trail or in canoes on summer outings, they don't want to be burdened with excess weight. No backpacker is going to carry a hard-back copy of Tolstoy's *War and Peace* when hiking the Appalachian Trail. Nevertheless, people on outdoor vacations want to read just as much as those who go to hotels and cabins. The *Delta Sierran* has provided its readers annually, through this column, the latest listing of the world's lightest books, volumes so nearly weightless that a hiker can carry a veritable library into the wilderness without effort and without sacrificing much space in the backpack.

Once again, through the high-tech efforts of the publishing division of one of Louisiana's most respected industries, The Florida Parishes Institute of Phrenology and Cuisinart Maintenance, we present the 1991 list of the latest in ultralight books.

The list is headed by three from Our Leader on topics familiar to all of us:

How to be the Education President, by George H.W. Bush

How to be the Environmental President, by George H.W. Bush

How to Achieve a Kinder, Gentler America, by George H.W. Bush, in collaboration with H. Norman Schwartzkopf

The Iraq-Kuwait war will soon be filling the bookstores with all sorts of memoirs, reports and commentaries. The

ultralight publishers have already prepared, just in time for light summer reading by military aficionados: *Plans for Winning the Mother of All Battles*, by President Saddam Hussein.

Many people think that retired president Ronald Reagan is simply lolling in the southern California sun, but they are not aware that he has been hard at work on a personal memoir for the ultralight library. Scholars and academicians will be pleasantly surprised with Mr. Reagan's: *My Journey Through the Intellectual Life*.

Let us not slight our beloved vice president, for he, too, is a contributor to the annual list. Look in the bookstores — very carefully — for: *Reflections and Musings* by J. Danforth Quayle.

Louisiana has long been a place of inspiration for writers, and that inspiration flows to those in the family of ultralight authors. Environmental activists will find interesting: *The Trouble With The Oil Industry*, written by our senior U.S. senator, J. Bennett Johnston. For easy, quick reading while camping, try: *Tall in the Saddle* and *Loyalty to the Party* both by Buddy Roemer, a famous Baton Rouge story-teller. Another light book by a famous Louisianian is: *Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.: My Hero*. by David Duke. And finally, Louisiana readers will enjoy the delightful: *We Like T.E.D.S!* by the Louisiana Shrimpers Association. ▲

— Earl Higgins