

WALT WHITMAN: A CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHY

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subordinated women in both the capitalist present and the imagined socialist future”; argues that Whitman’s “adhesiveness” was adopted by Leftists to shore up their agenda of strengthening solidarity among white male workers while excluding females and nonwhite males from “the Left’s idealized democracy.”]

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and others, Whitman's various prefaces to editions of *Leaves of Grass*, an essay by Robert Louis Stevenson ("The Gospel According to Walt Whitman" [1878]), excerpts from Richard Maurice Bucke's *Walt Whitman* (1883), an essay by Edmund Clarence Stedman (from *Poets of America* [1885]), an essay by Algernon Charles Swinburne ("Whitmania" [1887]), a memoir by Elizabeth Leavitt Keller ("Walt Whitman: The Last Phase" [1901]), a memoir by William H. Garrison ("Walt Whitman" [1892]), a memoir by Franklin Benjamin Sanborn ("Reminiscent of Whitman" [1897]), a memoir by John Townsend Trowbridge ("Reminiscences of Walt Whitman" [1902]), a memoir by William Roscoe Thayer ("Personal Recollections of Walt Whitman" [1919]), an excerpt from John Addington Symonds's *Walt Whitman* (1893), an essay by John Jay Chapman ("Walt Whitman" [1898]), an excerpt from George Santayana's *Interpretations of Poetry and Religion* (1900); also reprints Ed Folsom's "'Affording the Rising Generation an Adequate Notion': Whitman in Nineteenth-Century Textbooks, Handbooks, and Anthologies" (from *Studies in the American Renaissance* 1991), 291-309; with an appendix, "Whitman's Revisions of 'Salut au Monde!'" (311-325); generously illustrated, with photographs of Whitman and facsimiles of manuscripts.]

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- Strassburg, Robert, ed. *The Walt Whitman Circle* 8 (Summer/Fall 2000). [Quarterly newsletter of the Leisure World Walt Whitman Circle, with news of circle events and of Whitman events worldwide, this issue focusing on the Whitman 2000 conference to be held in Beijing, October 18-22, 2000.]
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- Warren, James Perrin. *Culture of Eloquence: Oratory and Reform in Antebellum America*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1999. [Chapter 7, "Whitman's Agonistic Arena" (169-195), analyzes "figures of eloquence" in *The Eighteenth Presidency*, *Democratic Vistas*, and the "Death of Abraham Lincoln" lecture (a lecture that "mark[s] the end of the culture of eloquence") in the context of Whitman's plans for "pursuing a career on the lecture circuit," and explores his figure of an "agonistic arena"—"a common,

combinatory space for speaker and audience, a space that involves the orator in 'great toil' and well as 'extasy'"—where "the power of language" can "effect social change."]

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