“I guess there are never enough books.”
—John Steinbeck to Chase Horton (14 June 1958)

"Then the books, tinted with light, the picture books of children grown, seeded, and gone ... the Rollo series...."
--JS, WOD, Chapter V (p. 74)
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"Very early I conceived a love for Joseph Addison which I have never lost. He plays the instrument of language as Casals plays a cello."
--JS, TWC, Part Two (p. 37)
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"Believe me, I have nothing against fairy tales. God knows I've written enough of them.... From the Golden Ass, through Aesop, the Grimm Brothers, to H.C. Andersen, you will find that under the folk fancy lies a tough hard folk truth."
--JS/EO and ALW, 7 April 1962 (SUL)
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"Edward Albee, our newest and perhaps most promising young playwright...."
--JS/Leslie Brady, 13 May 1963 (SLL, p. 769)
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"My play [A Colloquy of Bugs] is a discussion between two or more cockroaches on how we went about destroying ourselves. I don't see why two cockroaches couldn't hold stage as well as two people in garbage cans or a
woman buried in sand."
--JS/E0, 25 June [1962] (LTE, pp. 105-106)
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"I read Not in a Day last night. Finished it about three this morning. I don't know whether it is high or low comedy but I do know it's awfully funny. My own work seems stodgy and heavy by comparison."
--JS/GA, [1935] (SLL, p. 102)
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"I finished Young Robert this evening and it is a much changed book from that first manuscript. It is a good book now.... I'm terribly glad Young Robert isn't the horse's ass he was in the first version. This is much the best thing you've done that I've seen."
--JS/GA, [1937] (Bancroft)
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"'I [Henry Morgan] have been reading of Alexander and Xenophon and Caesar in their wars.'"
--JS, COG, Chapter Two (p. 60)

"The investigations have so far been gratifying. I find that in ... biology, Allee ... is headed in the same direction and the direction is toward my thesis. This in itself would indicate the beginning of a new phalanx or group unit."
--JS/CS, 30 June 1933 (SUL)

"Allee was one of my favorites--and still is."
--JS/Joseph Fontenrose, 26 August 1958 (Bancroft)

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Inscribed: "To John Steinbeck who could say this so much better... For all the Joads who inherited the bitter climax yet faithful as ever, are surely learning the better tomorrow."

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"... the heart-breaking stories of Hans Christian Andersen..."
---JS, WOD, Chapter V (p. 74)

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---JS/EO and ALW, 7 April 1962 (SUL)

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ALW/RD, 22 July 1973


"I have read most of the histories, testimonies, novels, and plays which concern Joan [of Arc] and her times...."
---JS, "Joan" (p. 17)


CB/RD, 21 September 1979


EO/RD, 4 March 1976.

CS/RD, 13 May 1979


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"Sherwood Anderson made the modern novel and it has not gone much beyond him."

--JS/PC, 9 July 1951 (*JN*, p. 122)

"But in considering the American past, how poor we would be in information without *Winesburg, Ohio*..."


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"Since Christmas I have been reading... I've been back into... the Anglo Saxon Chronicle..."

--JS/PC, 7 January 1957 (*S&C*, p. 198)

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--JS/EO and ALW, 7 April 1962 (*SUL*)


"Aristotle built a world and we are building one. His was a true world, and ours is. And the two need not meet and quarrel."

--JS, *BPT* (p. v)


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   EFRL (purchased August 1937)

   "'I [Henry Morgan] have been reading of Alexander and Xenophon and Caesar in their wars.'"
   --JS, COG, Chapter Two (p. 60)

37. *Art of Training Animals*. New York: [1869].
   With John Steinbeck Blindstamp
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   EFRL (desiderata)

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44. ———. *The Californians*. London: John Lane, 1898.
   NV/RD, 14 April 1975

   "I got to reading Auden's introduction to the Greek portable and it is very fine. He is such a good writer."
   --JS/PC, 18 October 1948 (SLL, p. 334)


"Then he [James Flower] joined the new-founded school of Bacon."

——JS, COG, Chapter Two (p. 56).


"This is a beautiful and humble book. I think that more than sons, fathers will take knowledge from it and a way out of confusion. It is a good book to read and I
imagine a very good book to write."
--JS, Publishers Weekly (1938)

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   "The log of an ornithologist's encirclement of lower California by small boat...."
   --JS & EFR, "General References," SOC (p. 580)
   EFRL (purchased 2 September 1939)

58. Banvard, John. The Court and Times of George IV. New York: [nd].
   JSPL

   "Sparky, when we were looking at Barnhart's [book], saw a drawing of a lantern-fish entitled 'Monoceratias acanthias after Gilbert' and he asked 'What's he after Gilbert for?'"
   --JS & EFR, SOC, Chapter 7 (p. 47)

   JS/EO, [July 1950] (SUL)

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   "The Barlett arrived this morning. Isn't it funny that I have always wanted one and needed one and never had one?"
   --JS/PC, 5 July 1951 (JN, p. 121)
   JSPL


"We [Steinbeck and his sons] did finish the Wizard. It was a triumphant moment when we got Dorothy back to Aunt Em."

--JS/ES, 1 August [1949] (SUL)


"Since Christmas I have been reading.... I've been back into ... Bede...."

--JS/PC, 7 January 1957 (S&C, p. 198)

"The popular log of a biological expedition."
--JS & EFR, "General References," SOC (p. 580)

"A popular and quite satisfying account of the Templeton Crocker Expedition...."
--JS & EFR, "General References," SOC (p. 580)
EFRL (purchased May 1940)

"'Oh, I've [Jim Nolan] read a hell of a lot.... Bellamy....""
--JS, IDB, Chapter 1 (p. 8)
CS/RD, 13 May 1979


GS/RD, 27 February 1971


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GS/RD, 27 February 1971


"There were many others ... essayists like Benchley and E.B. White. Their source was identical; they learned from our people and wrote like themselves, and they created a new thing in the world--an American literature about Americans."


"I am gradually accumulating a library which would delight you I think. It's a library of words ... dic. of slang. . . ."

--JS/CS, 10 September 1952 (*SLL*, p. 457)


"What can [a man] say that he will not find in Lao-Tse or the Bhagavad-gita or the Prophet Isaiah?"

--JS, *ST*, Chapter 3 (p. 14)


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"Later ... I went to the sources--to the Black Book of Caermarthen...."

--JS, *ACTS* (p.xii)


"I've been back into ... histories ... of Saxon Britain...."

--JS/PC, 7 January 1957 (*S&C*, p. 198)

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EFRL (purchased February 1937)


With John Steinbeck signature (date 1933)

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"These Random House Complete Editions are beautiful things. I find how little of Blake I have really read."