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[Betrayal of the American Right, The](#) JHU Press

"The normal American of the 'pure-blooded' majority goes to rest every night with an uneasy feeling that there is a burglar under the bed and he gets up every morning with a sickening fear that his underwear has been stolen." -H. L. Mencken, *The Anglo-Saxon* (1923) *The Anglo-Saxon* (1923), is an essay by H. L. Mencken in which he criticized Anglo-Saxonism, a belief system of late 19th century and early 20th century promoting the superiority of English-speaking nations. Mencken, although he considered himself of true Anglo-Saxon ancestry, thought the American Anglo-Saxon to be inferior and weak.

[A Mencken Chrestomathy](#) Prometheus Books

Provides lively critiques of the elections and policies of American presidents ranging from Warren Harding to Franklin Roosevelt

[The New Christian Right](#) Knopf

In the third volume of his autobiography, H. L. Mencken looks back on his life and declares it "very busy and excessively pleasant." He imparts the impressive education he received from Hoggie Unglebower, the best dog trainer in Christendom, and the survival techniques he employed at Baltimore Polytechnic, where he learned to protect his fingers from power tools and his character from the influence of algebra. Mencken also describes the club boxing matches he attended, watching as the combatants in this gentleman's sport genteelly broke both bones and the law. And he recounts his voyage across the Atlantic that he, unlike Columbus, paid for himself. In Naples, he admired the garbage that seemed to have accumulated since Roman times. In Tunis, he searched for the ruins of Carthage. In the Holy Land, he looked for the ruins of Gomorrah, the Hollywood of antiquity, in hopes of finding evidence that the city's unparalleled reputation for wickedness was simply exaggerated.

[A Little Book in C Major](#) Transaction Publishers

The renowned satirist and author of *The American Language* presents a scathing critique of democracy, demagogues, and politicians of all kinds. H. L. Mencken was one of the greatest contrarian minds of the twentieth century. As a columnist for the *Baltimore Sun*, he was an outspoken skeptic of America's most cherished institutions—namely, organized religion and representative democracy. In *Notes on Democracy*, Mencken presents an incisive critique of how democratic ideals are doomed to fall short in practice. From disproportional representation to rampant political corruption, Mencken's assessments—first published in 1926—are surprisingly applicable today.

[Happy Days](#) Open Road Media

"This book is precisely what it pretends to be: a series of letters between friends. They were written because the general subject of the organization of society was one which vastly attracted both of us, and because a space of three hundred miles made a more intimate discussion impossible. Into them there went, not so much a learned review of the evidence and the prophets, as a record of personal, and often transient opinions and impressions. Changes of position are to be noticed in more than one place, but inasmuch as the purpose of each disputant was to shake the stand of the other, this proof of occasional success may be accepted, it is hoped, without impatience. It was thought best to print the letters without attempting to transform their epistolary freedom into a more sedate dialectic manner. They offer few new contributions of either fact or theory to the great questions they presume to discuss, but it is possible that they may be of some interest as showing how variously the accepted facts and theories appear and appeal to two somewhat eager inquirers."--Introduction.--From publisher description.

[Thirty-five Years of Newspaper Work](#) Ludwig von Mises Institute

Welcome the long overdue re-release of Mencken's continual war against conventional thinking.

[Menckeniana](#) National Geographic Books

The period covered is that of his professional nonage—from his entry into journalism as a reporter for the *Baltimore Morning Herald* in 1899 to 1906. It was not all Baltimore, however, for he went into brief exile when the fire of 1904 destroyed the plant and forced the paper to print in Philadelphia for five weeks. During those roaring years the young journalist did little, if anything, to bring uplift to his city, nor did he become an influential figure in the councils of state or nation. But he did gain a rare knowledge of his community in all its more colorful and uproarious aspects; and he has set them down here in his own inimitable way. It is not the great events of civic life that draw his attention, not the respectable—and dull—doings of respectable citizens. Rather it is the caperings of the judiciary on their days off, the mysterious and melancholy ways of the commercial artists who haunted the newspaper offices of the period, the peccadilloes and generousities of cops and cabbies, of madams and Baltimore's omnipresent Afro-Americans that make up the bulk of this highly personal memoir. As such it brings to livid life the whole of an American city of sixty years ago. It is a book to read and savor, not only for its constant delightful humor, but for its fine picture of the salad days of American journalism as well.

[H.L. Mencken on Religion](#) Vintage

Though best known for his caustic newspaper columns, H. L. Mencken's most enduring contribution to American literature may be his autobiographical writings, most of which first appeared in the *New Yorker*. In *Happy Days*, Mencken recalls memories of a safe and happy boyhood in the Baltimore of the 1880s and celebrates a way of life that he saw swiftly changing—from a time of straw hats and buggy rides to locomotives and bread lines.

[Prejudices: First series](#) Vintage

A collection of the journalist's columns, on such topics as presidents, congressmen, publishers, food, music, sports, the American language, and movie stars

[Prejudices](#) Ohio University Press

This work, written by H.L. Mencken in 1941-42 and only opened to the public in 1991, 35 years after his death, portrays the excitement of newspaper life in the heyday of print journalism. Mencken recalls his years as a reporter, including his coverage of presidential candidates from 1912 to 1940.

[American Language Supplement 1](#) Mencken Chrestomathy

In my title I revive the word chrestomathy in its true sense of 'a collection of choice passages from an author or authors, ' and ignore the late edition of 'especially one compiled to assist in the acquirement of a language.' In the latter significance the term is often used by linguists, and some of the chrestomathies issued by them in recent years.

[Minority Report](#) Franklin Classics

With a style that combined biting sarcasm with the "language of the free lunch counter," Henry Louis Mencken shook politics and politicians for nearly half a century. With a style that combined biting sarcasm with the "language of the free lunch counter," Henry Louis Mencken shook politics and politicians for nearly half a century. Now, fifty years after Mencken's death, the Johns Hopkins University Press announces *The Buncombe Collection*, newly packaged editions of nine Mencken classics: *Happy Days*, *Heathen Days*, *Newspaper Days*, *Prejudices*, *Treatise on the Gods*, *On Politics*, *Thirty-Five Years of Newspaper Work*, *Minority Report*, and *A Second Mencken Chrestomathy*.

Discovered among his private papers and edited by columnist Terry Teachout, this collection is full of the iconoclastic common sense that marked Mencken's astonishing career as the premier American social critic of the twentieth century. This chrestomathy ( " a collection of literary passages " ) incorporates writings about a variety of subjects: politics, war, music, literature, men and women, lawyers, and the brethren of the cloth.

[A Carnival of Buncombe](#) Vintage

This work by American social critic H.L. Mencken contains brief mini-essays on a wide variety of subjects. While Mencken has been called many things?cynic, misanthrope and elitist?there is no doubt that he was funny. The mini-essay form (with pieces only a few sentences long) shows that Mencken's wit sparkled best in the shortest prose. Modern readers should know, however, that some of Mencken's writing can seem out of date, especially concerning gender and race.

[Mencken Chrestomathy](#) Mercer University Press

Edited and annotated by H.L.M., this is a selection from his out-of-print writings. They come mostly from books—the six installments of the *Prejudices* series, *A Book of Burlesques*, *In Defense of Women*, *Notes on Democracy*, *Making a President*, *A Book of Calumny*, *Treatise on Right and Wrong*—but there are also magazine and newspaper pieces that never got between covers (from the *American Mercury*, the *Smart Set*, and the *Baltimore Evening Sun*) and some notes that were never previously published at all. Readers will find edification and amusement in his estimates of a variety of Americans—Woodrow Wilson, Aimee Semple McPherson, Roosevelt I and Roosevelt II, James Gibbons Huneker, Rudolph Valentino, Calvin Coolidge, Ring Lardner, Theodore Dreiser, and Walt Whitman. Those musically inclined will enjoy his pieces on Beethoven, Schubert, and Wagner, and there is material for a hundred controversies in his selections on Joseph Conrad, Thorstein Veblen, Nietzsche, and Madame Blavatsky.

[Notes on Democracy](#) Knopf

Before there was any such thing as political correctness, H. L. Mencken was flouting it. He was also cheerfully deriding the precursors of family values and lambasting the guardians of public virtue. This historic new collection is further evidence that Mencken was our most astute, stylish, and biliously funny commentator on the eternal American quackeries. *A Second Mencken Chrestomathy* (a word meaning " a collection of choice passages from an author or authors " ) was compiled by the sage of Baltimore before he suffered the stroke that ended his career and has only now been retrieved from his private papers by the columnist and Mencken biographer Terry Teachout. Its 238 selections—many of which have never before been published in book form—encompass subjects from Americana ( " The Commonwealth of Morons " ) to men and women ( " Sex on the Stage " ) and from criminology ( " More and Better Psychopaths " ) to the pursuit of happiness ( " Alcohol " ). The result is Mencken at his most engaging, maddening, heretical, and hilarious.

[A Second Mencken Chrestomathy](#) Vintage

Perhaps the first truly important book about the divergence of American English from its British roots, this survey of the language as it was spoken—and as it was changing—at the beginning of the 20th century comes via one of its most inveterate watchers, journalist, critic, and editor HENRY LOUIS MENCKEN (1880-1956). In this replica of the 1921 "revised and enlarged" second edition, Mencken turns his keen ear on: • the general character of American English • loan-words and non-English influences • expletives and forbidden words • American slang • the future of the language • and much, much more. Anyone fascinated by words will find this a thoroughly enthralling look at the most changeable language on the face of the planet.

[The Anglo-Saxon Anchor](#) Books

The book "" *A Book of Prefaces*, has been considered important throughout the human history, and so that this work is never forgotten we have made efforts in its preservation by republishing this book in a modern format for present and future generations. This whole book has been reformatted, retyped and designed. These books are not made of scanned copies and hence the text is clear and readable.

[H.L. Mencken](#) Cosimo Classics

[Mencken Chrestomathy](#) Vintage

[Newspaper Days](#) Knopf

Over a career that spanned half of a century, Henry Louis Mencken published more than 10 million words. More than a million were written about him, many of which, Mencken liked to remark, were highly condemnatory. He was called, with good reason, the most powerful private citizen in America during the 1920s. This lively introduction to Mencken's life and work begins with a concise biographical portrait before proceeding to a consideration of the five major periods of the renowned Baltimorean's career: his literary apprenticeship; the growth of his national reputation; his fame and unprecedented popularity during the 1920s (when college students would flash the Paris-green cover of the *American Mercury* as a badge of sophistication); the decline of his reputation during the Depression; and his renewed popularity during the 1940s, with the publication of his autobiographical trilogy, the *Days* books. In discussing this varied career, Vincent Fitzpatrick touches upon all the roles that Mencken played: journalist; editor; redoubtable critic of literature, culture, and politics; philologist; and autobiographer. Drawing upon Mencken's extensive correspondence of more than 100,000 letters, the book stresses his unflagging belief in the need for free speech (up to the limits of common decency). Indeed, in the end Mencken proved a significant American civil libertarian. Iconoclast, critic, satirist, "individualist," H. L. Mencken offered unique insights into American life. His lifelong celebration of the freedom to dissent marks his most enduring contribution to a nation that gave him such a wealth of material and so much delight.

[The Impossible](#) H.L. Mencken Alpha Edition

H. L. Mencken stipulated that this memoir remain sealed in a vault for thirty-five years after his death. For good reason: *My Life as Author and Editor* is so telling and uproariously opinionated that it might have provoked a storm of libel suits. As he recounts his career as a critic, essayist, and editor of the ground-breaking magazine *Smart Set*, Mencken brings us face to face with the literary aristocracy of his day, from the dour womanizer Theodore Dreiser to F. Scott Fitzgerald, drowning his gifts in alcohol. Here, too, are the hacks, poseurs, and bohemian crackpots who flocked around them. Most of all, here is Mencken himself, defying censors and Prohibition agents with equal aplomb in an age when literature was a contact sport.