

666. Lubitz, Wolfgang, ed. *Trotsky Bibliography: A Classified List of Published Items about Leon Trotsky and Trotskyism*. 2d ed. Munich, New York, K. G. Saur, 1988. 581p. index. \$120.00. ISBN 3-598-10754-4.

For several decades, the subject of Trotsky and his intellectual bequest (Trotskyism) has spawned a sizable literature in numerous languages. Though some of it is mainstream, much remains fugitive and/or ephemeral. This bibliography offers a fair measure of control to all aspects of Leon Trotsky (1879-1940) as individual, ideologue, cult figure, and devil.

Trotsky Bibliography is relatively simple to use. The classification scheme divides and subdivides the subject into logical chunks. Major divisions, for example, include "Biographical Items and Related Material," "Trotsky's Political, Philosophical, Socio-Economic and Military Thought," and "The Internal Trotskyist Movement." The 5,009 entries are numbered and arranged alphabetically by author within each subsection; annotations are not offered. The author index provides ready access to the citations as do several other approaches too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say that most of the relevant material is reflected here: 33.5 percent of it is in English, 25.1 percent is in Russian, and most of the others are in French, German, or Italian.

Although large academic libraries will undoubtedly give *Trotsky Bibliography* serious consideration, it does seem somewhat premature for K. G. Saur to be offering this \$120.00 second edition only six years after the appearance of its \$50.00 predecessor. The issuance of a supplement would have been a less costly alternative for as the editor suggests only 13 percent of the citations are from the 1980-1987 period. Other potential drawbacks include a flimsy binding and a very stilted preface. Despite these observations, the bibliography is both scholarly and responsive.

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