

Contents

Anne Bradstreet	3
Michael Wigglesworth	3
Edward Taylor	5
Samuel Sewall	5
Cotton Mather	6
William Byrd	8
Jonathan Edwards	9
Benjamin Franklin	10
Mather Byles	13
Thomas Paine	14
Thomas Jefferson	16
Philip Freneau	25
Timothy Dwight	26
Joel Barlow	28
Noah Webster	29
Charles Brockden Brown	29
Daniel Webster	30
Washington Irving	33
James Fenimore Cooper	35
William Cullen Bryant	36
Bronson Alcott	36
Ralph Waldo Emerson	40
Nathaniel Hawthorne	46
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	51
John Greenleaf Whittier	55
Abraham Lincoln	57
Oliver Wendell Holmes	67
Edgar Allen Poe	68

CONTENTS

Margaret Fuller	71
Harriet Beecher Stowe	76
Horace Greeley	80
Jones Very	81
Henry David Thoreau	82
Frederick Douglass	89
Herman Melville	91
Walt Whitman	93
James Russell Lowell	102
Emily Dickinson	103
Horatio Alger, Jr.	106
Louisa May Alcott	107
James Abbott McNeill Whistler	109
Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)	112
Bret Harte	119
William Dean Howells	120
Henry Adams	122
Joaquin Miller	125
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.	126
Sidney Lanier	128
William James	128
Henry James	130
James Whitcomb Riley	137
Henry Cabot Lodge	138
Booker T. Washington	139
Frank Harris	141
Theodore Roosevelt	142
John Dewey	143
George Lyman Kittredge	144
Edith Wharton	144
W. S. Porter (O. Henry)	147
George Santayana	147
Lincoln Steffens	148
Edwin Arlington Robinson	149
Frank Norris	153
Stephen Crane	153
Theodore Dreiser	156
James Weldon Johnson	159
Willa Cather	159
Ellen Glasgow	160

CONTENTS

Amy Lowell	161
Gertrude Stein	165
Robert Frost	170
Sherwood Anderson	178
Jack London	180
Upton Sinclair	183
Carl Sandburg	184
Vachel Lindsay	187
Wallace Stevens	189
Carl Van Vechten	192
H. L. Mencken	192
Witter Bynner	193
Ludwig Lewisohn	195
William Carlos Williams	196
Maxwell Perkins	199
Ring Lardner	201
Sinclair Lewis	202
Ezra Pound	206
Elinor Wylie	211
Hilda Doolittle (H. D.)	212
Alexander Woollcott	213
Marianne Moore	216
Robinson Jeffers	223
Raymond Chandler	223
T. S. Eliot	224
Eugene O'Neill	230
Robert Benchley	232
George S. Kaufman	234
Harold Ross	235
Elmer Rice	237
Edna St. Vincent Millay	238
Dorothy Parker	239
John P. Marquand	241
E. E. Cummings	242
Dashiell Hammett	246
James Thurber	247
Ben Hecht	248
Edmund Wilson	253
John Dos Passos	255
F. Scott Fitzgerald	255

CONTENTS

Louise Bogan	264
William Faulkner	265
Thornton Wilder	268
John Wheelwright	270
Harry Crosby	271
Vladimir Nabokov	273
Ernest Hemingway	275
Hart Crane	282
Allen Tate	289
Thomas Wolfe	289
Margaret Mitchell	292
Langston Hughes	295
John Steinbeck	297
Nathanael West	298
Louis Zukofsky	300
John O'Hara	300
Clifford Odets	303
W. H. Auden	304
Theodore Roethke	308
Richard Wright	312
James Agee	315
Charles Olson	316
Delmore Schwartz	317
Randall Jarrell	320
John Berryman	321
Carson McCullers	323
Robert Lowell	324
Shirley Jackson	329
James Jones	330
Jack Kerouac	334
Flannery O'Connor	336
Frank O'Hara	336
Anne Sexton	338
Sylvia Plath	339
Name Index	345
Topic Index	355