

Vladimir Wertsman. *The Romanians in America and Canada: A Guide to Information Sources*. Ethnic Studies Information Guide Series, Volume 5. (Detroit: Gale Research Company, 1980) 164 pp., \$28.00.

This book is intended as a convenient guide to research on Romanians in both America and Canada. As the subtitle indicates, it is a guide book, one of a multi-volume ethnic studies information guide series that Gale Information Company is currently completing. The volume has two major components: one provides the non-specialist with a broad perspective on major themes in the research literature, and the other provides annotated bibliographies of selected books, pamphlets, and periodicals of special significance.

The nearly four hundred bibliographic items are arranged on the basis of five major themes: (1) General Reference Works; (2) Humanities; (3) Social Sciences; (4) History; and (5) Pure and Applied Sciences. Disagreement with this scheme of classification, or the placement within it of any particular item, should cause the user no problem as all entries are indexed by author (editor, compiler), title, and facts of publication. This guide is extremely easy to use. The annotations of articles and books usually provide sufficient information for a reader to make an informed decision concerning the value of the cited work.

My criticisms of this book are few. At twenty-eight dollars (\$28) for 164 pages, of which approximately 39 are consumed by the directories, addendum and indexes, the book seems rather expensive for use in other than a library reference section.

How, then, can the book best be used? In the months that I have kept this guide for review, I have utilized it in the preparation of a course syllabus and to complete some bibliographic citations in the first draft of a manuscript. This information was available from other, but less accessible, sources. A few undergraduate students also used the book in preparing preliminary papers. This bibliography is useful, needed, well conceived, and skillfully put together. One indication of its value to researchers will be how soon the demand will be made for it to be updated.

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