

# *1950s Print, Online, & Media Resources*

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## **1950s, Popular Culture**

- The American Dream: The 50s* by the editors of Time-Life Books (R 973.91 AME)  
*The 1950s: American Popular Culture through History* by W. H. Young with N. K Young (R 973.921 YOU)  
*The Fifties/Day by Day* by Jeffrey D. Merritt (R 909.8250202 MER)  
*Atlas of the Baby Boom Generation* by Neil Hamilton (R 306.09 HAM)  
*Historic Decade: 1950 – 1960* (R 909.820202 Y)  
*Rock & Roll Generation: Teen Life in the 50s* by the editors of Time-Life Books (306.0973 ROC)  
*Fifties Source Book: A Visual Guide to the Style of a Decade* by Christopher Pearce (R 709.045 PEA)  
*'50s & '60s Style* by Polly Powell and Lucy Peel (745.4442 POW)  
*The 1950's: America's 'Placid' Decade* (973.9 SAT)  
*The 1950s/America's Decades* (R 973.92 THE)  
*1950s: Decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* by Nick Yapp (973.921 YAP)  
*American Decades: 1950 – 1959* edited by Richard Layman (R 973.92)  
*St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture* [5 volumes] (R 973.9 STJ)  
*Chronicle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: The Ultimate Record of our Times* (R 909.92 CHR)  
*The Dark Ages: Life in the United States 1945 – 1960* by Marty Jezer (973.918 JEZ)  
*1950's* (973.92 THE)  
*The Fifties* by David Halberstam (973.92 HAL)

## **Cold War/Nuclear Age/ Red Scare/McCarthyism/Korean War**

- Red Moon Rising: Sputnik and the Hidden Rivalries that Ignited the Space Age* by M. Brazezinski (629.4 BRZ)  
*Sputnik: The Shock of the Century* by Paul Dickson (629.46 DIC)  
*A Ball, A Dog, and a Monkey: 1957 – The Space Race Begins* by Michael D'Antonio (629.43 DAN)  
*The Cold War: An International History* by David S. Painter (eBook)  
*Cold War and After* by Charles Lerche, Jr. (327.73 LER)  
*Cold War: An International History, 1947-1991* by S.J. Ball (327.73047 BAL)  
*Cold War and its Origins* by D.F. Fleming (900 FLE)  
*The Cold War* by Katherine A. Sibley (909.82 SIB)  
*The Cold War: 1945 – 1991* [3 volumes] (R 909.82 COL)  
*The Cold War Encyclopedia: The Complete Guide to the Most Important Conflict of our Time* (R 909.92 PAR)  
*Encyclopedia of the Cold War* by Thomas S. Arms (R 909.82 ARM)  
*The Cold War Comes to Main Street: America in 1950* by Lisle Abbott Rose (973.918 ROS)  
*The Cold War [and] Europe and the Third World* [Videorecording] (AV 909 WES)

*Cold War Chronology: Soviet-American Relations, 1945-199* by Kenneth Hill (R 327.73047 HIL)  
*Implosion Conspiracy* by Louis Nizer (345.73 NIZ)  
*The Rosenberg File* by Ronald Radosh and Joyce Milton (345.73 RAD)  
*Blundering into Disaster: Surviving the First Century of the Nuclear Age* by Robert S. McNamara (355 MAC)  
*The Making of the Atomic Bomb* by Richard Rhodes (623.4 RHO)  
*Winning Weapon: The Atomic Bomb in the Cold War, 1945-1950* by Gregg Herken (327 HER)  
*Radio Bikini/The American Experience* [Videorecording] (AV 355.129 RAD)  
*The Sino-Soviet Conflict, 1956-1961* by Donald Zagoria (947.084 ZAG)  
*The Forgotten War: America in Korea, 1950-1953* by Clay Blair (951.904 BLA)  
*The Korean War* by Max Hastings (951.904 HAS)  
*Drawing the Line: The Korean War 1950-1953* by Richard Whelan (951.9042 WHE)  
*Korea: The First War We Lost* by Bevin Alexander (951.9042 ALI)  
*Suez Crisis, 1956* by Gerald Kurland (962.1 KUR)  
*Suez Story: Key to the Middle East* by William F. Longgood (962.15 LON)  
*McCarthyism: The Great American Red Scare* by Albert Fried (973.9 FRI)  
*The Meaning of McCarthyism* edited by Earl Latham (322.4 MEA)  
*Many Are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America* by Ellen Schrecker (973.9 SCH)  
*Nightmare in Red: The McCarthy Era in Perspective* by Richard M. Fried (973.921 FRI)  
*The Gulag Archipelago* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (365.45 SOL)  
*The Gulag Archipelago, 1918 – 1956* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (365.45 SOL)

## **Social Issues, Environment, Civil Rights, School Desegregation**

*Polio* (eBook)  
*Sisters in the Struggle: African American Women in the Civil Rights-Black Power Movement* (eBook)  
*Over Here: How the G.I. Bill Transformed the American Dream* by Edward Humes (362.86 HUM)  
*Awakenings: 1954-56/Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years* [Videorecording] (AV 323.4 AWA)  
*Fighting Back: 1957-62/Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years* [Videorecording] (AV 323.4 FIG)  
*When Dreams Came True: The GI Bill and the Making of Modern America* by M. J. Bennett (306.0973 BEN)  
*I Have a Dream* by Martin Luther King, Jr. (323.1 KIN)  
*Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and the Civil Rights Struggle of the 1950s and 1960s:*  
    *Brief History with Documents* by David Howard Pitney (323.1 HOW)  
*Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High* (970.19 BEA)  
*Rosa Parks: My Story* by Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins (976.1 PAR)  
*Rosa Parks: A Life* by Douglas Brinkley (323.092 BRI)  
*Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* by Chris Crowe (364.15 CRO)  
*Mississippi Trial, 1955: Based on the True Story of a Tragic Murder that Helped Spark the*  
    *Civil Rights Movement* by Chris Crowe (F CRO)  
*Death of Innocence: The Story of the Hate Crime that Changed America*  
    by Mamie Till-Mobley (mother of Emmett Till and Christopher Benson) (364.1 TIL)  
*School Desegregation and the Story of the Little Rock Nine* by Mara Miller (379.2 MIL)

*The Power of One: Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine* by J. B. Fradin and D. B. Fradin (323.092 FRA)  
*Brown v. Board of Education: A Brief History with Documents* by Waldo E Martin Jr. (344.73 MAR)  
*Little Rock, U.S.A.* edited by Wilson Record (371.9 LIT)  
*Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson (632.9 CAR)  
*Before Silent Spring: Pesticides and Public Health in Pre-DDT America* by James Whorton (632.95 WHO)  
*Since Silent Spring* by Frank Graham, Jr. (632.95 GR)  
*DDT, Silent Spring, and the Rise of Environmentalism: Classic Texts* (363.17 DDT)  
*Sister Kenny: The Woman Who Challenged the Doctor* by Victor Cohn (920 KEN)

## **Music, Rock n' Roll, Sports, Movies, Television**

*Baseball in the '50s: A Decade of Transition* by Donald Honig (796.357 HON)  
*The Bob Mathias Story* by Bob Mathias with Robert Mendes (Valley Writers Collection 920 MAT)  
*The Texas-Mexican Conjunto: History of a Working-Class Music* (731.7 PEN)  
*Mouse Tales: A Behind-the-Ears Look at Disneyland* by David Koenig (791.068 KOE)  
*Glued to the Set: The 60 Television Shows and Events that Made Us Who We Are Today* (791.45 STA)  
*As Seen on TV: The Visual Culture of Everyday Life in the 1950s* by Karal Ann Marling (973.92 MAR)  
*Same Time, Same Station: Creating American Television, 1948 – 1961* by James L. Baughman (384.55 BAU)  
*The Columbia History of American Television* by Gary R. Edgerton (791.45 EDG)  
*A Really Big Show: A Visual History of The Ed Sullivan Show* (792.4572 LEO)  
*The Blob* [DVD]  
*Marilyn Monroe: Private and Undisclosed* by Michelle Morgan (791.402 MOR)  
*My Story* by Marilyn Monroe with Ben Hecht (791.402 MON)  
*Bogart* by A. M. Sperber and Eric Lax (791.43 SPE)  
*The Stars: The Personalities Who Made the Movies* by Richard Schickel (791.43 SCH)  
*An American in Paris* [Videorecording] (AV F AME)  
*The African Queen* [Videorecording] (AV F AFR)  
*East of Eden* [Videorecording] (AV F EAS)  
*High Noon* [Videorecording] (AV F HIG)  
*Singin' in the Rain* [Videorecording] (AV F SIN)  
*Broadway's Greatest Musicals* by Abe Laufe (782.8 LAU)  
*The World of Count Basie* by Stanley Dance (781.65 DAN)  
*The Chronicle of Jazz* by Mervyn Cooke (R 781.65 COO)  
*Jazz: A History of America's Music* by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns (R 781.65 WAR)  
*Jazz* by John Fordham (R 781.65 FOR)  
*Rockin' in Time: A Social History of Rock and Roll* by David P. Szatmary (784.54 SZA)  
*Rock & Roll: An Unruly History* by Robert Palmer (781.66 PAL)  
*The Rock 'n' Roll Year: The Chronicle of the Lives and Times of the Rock 'n' Roll Generation...* (R 781.66 ROC)  
*Ritchie Valens: The First Latino Rocker* by Beverly Mendheim (781.66 MEN)  
*Shake, Rattle & Roll: The Golden Age of American Rock 'n Roll* by Lee Cotton (781.660 COT)  
*The Golden Age of Rock* by David McCarthy (781.66 MCC)  
*Chuck Berry: The Autobiography* by Chuck Berry (920 BER)

*Elvis* by Albert Goldman (920 PRE)  
*Elvis:30 #1 Hits* [CD]  
*The Boy Who Would Be King: An Intimate Portrait of Elvis Presley* by Earl Greenwood (920 PRE)  
*Careless Love: The Unmaking of Elvis Presley* by Peter Guralnick (920 PRE)  
*Death of Elvis: What Really Happened?* by Charles Thompson (920 PRE)  
*Million Seller Hits of the 50's* [CD]  
*Million Sellers of the 1950s* [CD]

## **Arts, Architecture, Fashion, Literature**

*Modern Dreams: The Rise and Fall and Rise of Pop* (700.9045 MOD)  
*Mid-Century Architecture in America* (724.9 VON)  
*Ansel Adams: Images 1923 – 1974* (R 779.36 ADA)  
*Fashions of a Decade: The 1950s* by Patricia Baker (391.009 BAK)  
*Everyday Fashions of the Fifties: As Pictured in Sears Catalogs* (R 391.097 EVE)  
*Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger  
*Howl and Other Poems* by Allen Ginsberg (811 GIN)  
*American Scream: Allen Ginsberg's Howl and the Making of the Beat Generation* by J. Raskin (811.54 RAS)  
*The Beats: From Kerouac to Kesey, an Illustrated Journey through the Beat Generation*  
by Mike Evans (810.8 EVA)  
*The Portable Beat Reader* (810.8 POR)  
*Desolate Angel: Jack Kerouac, the Beat Generation, and America* by Dennis McNally (813.54 MCN)  
*Road Novels: 1957 – 1960* by Jack Kerouac (810.8 KER)  
*On the Road* by Jack Kerouac (F KER)  
*Jack's Book: An Oral Biography of Jack Kerouac* by Barry Gifford and Lawrence Lee (920 KER)  
*The Birth of the Beat Generation: Visionaries, Rebels, and Hipsters, 1944 – 1960* (810.9 WAT)  
*Collected Poems: 1947 – 1997* by Allen Ginsberg (811.GIN)  
*The Guggenheims: An American Epic* by John Davis (338.092 DAV)

## **American Politics/World Issues & Concerns**

*Making of the President, 1960* by Theodore White (329.023 WHI)  
*John F. Kennedy and a New Generation* by David Burner (920 KEN)  
*A Question of Character: A Life of John F. Kennedy* by Thomas Reeves (920 KEN)  
*Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy (920.8 KEN)  
*John F. Kennedy: A Political Profile* by James MacGregor Burns (920 KEN)  
*Mandate for Change: The White House Years 1953-1956* [Eisenhower Administration] (973.92 EIS)  
*Ike: An American Hero* by Michael Korda (973.92 KOR)  
*Harry S. Truman* by Margaret Truman (973.918 TR)  
*Martin Luther King, Jr.: Civil Rights Leader* (920 KIN)  
*Promise and Performance: the Leadership of John F. Kennedy* by Lewis Paper (973.922 KEN)  
*Seeds of Repression: Harry S. Truman and the Origins of McCarthyism* by (973.918 TH)

*Senator Joe McCarthy* by Richard Rovere (920 MCC)

*Tumultuous Years: The Presidency of Harry S. Truman, 1949-1953* by Robert Donovan (973.918 DO)

*Fidel Castro: Communist Dictator of Cuba* by Gerald Kurland (920 CAS)

*Fidel Castro: Rebel, Liberator or Dictator?* By Jules DuBois (920 DUB)

*With Fidel: A Portrait of Castro and Cuba* by Frank Mankiewicz (972.91 MAN)

*Fidel: A Critical Portrait* by Tad Szulc (920 CAS)

*Fidel Castro Handbook* by George Galloway (920 CAS)

*Stalin* by Edvard Radzinsky (947.084 RAD)

## **Transportation, Economy, Food**

*Dream Cars of the Fifties: The Chrome, The Culture, The Charisma* by Mike Key (629.2222 KEY)

*The Roads that Built America* by Dan McNichol (917.307 MCN)

*McDonald's Behind the Arches* by John F. Love (338.7 LOV)

## **Web Sites:**

Timeline of United States History (1950–1969):

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_United\\_States\\_history\\_%281950-1969%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_United_States_history_%281950-1969%29)

America's Best History:

<http://americasbesthistory.home.att.net/abhtimeline1950.html>

InfoPlease United States History Timeline:

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0902416.html>

InfoPlease: Year by Year 1900-2008: <http://www.infoplease.com/yearbyyear.html>

About.Com: 20<sup>th</sup> Century History:

<http://history1900s.about.com/library/weekly/aa110900a.htm>

Lone Star College - Kingwood Library: American Cultural History 1950-1959:

<http://kclibrary.lonestar.edu/decade50.html>

Heath Anthology of American Literature-Timeline focusing on Literary, Historical, and Cultural Events:

<http://college.cengage.com/english/lauter/heath/4e/students/timeline/1950.html>

Librarians' Internet Index: <http://lii.org/>

WWW-Virtual Library: HISTORY: USA: 1950-1959:

<http://vlib.iue.it/history/USA/ERAS/20TH/1950s.html#1950>

The Decade of the 1950s: PC C.H.A.P./Cultural and Historical Awareness Program

<http://www.pc.cc.ca.us/CHAP> (This 1950s bibliography online plus C.H.A.P. events)

## **More Resources:**

If you need more material for your 1950s topic, please ask your librarians for help finding database articles (online magazines and journals) at

[www.portervillecollege.edu/Library/index.html](http://www.portervillecollege.edu/Library/index.html), online books in NetLibrary at [www.Netlibrary.com](http://www.Netlibrary.com), and other sources of print and media information.