This is a list of books mentioned by Lorine Niedecker in her letters. The review is of Selected Letters of Lorine Niedecker to Louis Zukofsky starting on page 123.

Pg. 123; letter #1, dated 1937? Mention of a book on the songs of birds which came with 2 small victrola records. No reference to specific book.

Pg. 124; letter #2, dated July 14, 1938

Pg. 125; letter # 4, dated May 18, 1941

Pg. 126; letter #4


Pg. 128; letter # 4
Black Hawk, J.B. Patterson, Editor, *The Life of Black Hawk* (Boston, 1934).

Pg. 129; letter # 4

Pg. 130; letter # 5 dated Labor Day, 1944
Mentions the manuscripts of: Lorine Niedecker, *New Goose* and Louis Zukofsky, *Anew*. She typed both manuscripts which were both published in 1946 by The James Decker Press, Prairie City, Illinois.

Pg. 132; letter # 7 dated April 25, 1945


Pg. 134; letter # 8 dated April 29, 1945
Denis Diderot, *Interpreter of Nature: Selected Writings*, ed. by Jonathan Kemp (London: Lawrence and Wishart, 1937). “Reading Diderot: Interpreter of Nature. This is what I could have used long ago, alongside Engels and while I was wondering what Emerson was getting at.” (In Niedecker’s library:

Pg. 135; letter #9 dated February 26, 1946

Pg. 136; letter #10

Pg. 139; letter #11 dated April 28, 1946

Pg. 142; letter #15 dated January 12, 1947
Louis Zukofsky, “Poetry For My Son When He Can Read.” *Cronos* 2, no. 4 (March 1948). Revised for *Prepositions*, pp. 3-11.


Fyodor Dostoevsky, no specific work sited. “As Dostoevsky said: The real is often fantastic enough”.

Pg. 143; letter #17 dated November 30, 1947

Robert Burns, no specific book is sited.

William Makepeace Thackeray, *Vanity Fair* (Punch magazine, January 1847 to July 1848). Niedecker also quotes Thackeray with no specific references sited.

Pg. 150; letter #23 dated June 19, 1948

Pg. 155; letter #27 dated 1948

Mention of Williams books which she read and returns to Zukofsky.

Pg. 158; letter #30 dated 1949
*The Golden Goose* (Ohio State University), eds. Richard W. Emerson and Fredrick Eckman.

Pg. 161; letter #33 dated Sept. 28, 1949


Booth Tarkington, *Penrod* (Originally published, 1914) writes of listening to it on the radio.

Pg 166; letter # 37 dated Dec. 11, 1949

Pg. 168; letter # 39 dated March 1, 1950

Cronos, 2 no. 4 (March 1948) Richard W. Emerson, ed.

New Directions 11 (1949) James Laughlin, ed.

Pg. 172; letter # 42 dated Dec. 30, 1950

Pg. 177; letter # 44 dated March 15, 1951

John William MacKail, Latin Literature (1895).


Pg. 190; letter # 53 dated Feb. 14, 1952


Alice James, Her Brothers-Her Journal (New York: Dodd, Mead, 1934).

Pg. 194; letter # 57 dated June 11, 1952

Pg. 195; letter # 57 (books she mentions checking out of library)
Pg. 199; letter # 62 dated Nov. 13, 1952
Mentions getting Herodotus from Madison but not reading. No other information.

Pg. 199; letter # 63 dated Dec. 4, 1952
(books “from Madison”)

Pg. 201
Logan Pearsall Smith, The Unforgotten Years (Little, Brown and Company, 1939).


Pg. 203; letter # 64 dated Dec. 15, 1952
“enjoying an old biography of Jane Carlyle”; possibly-

Pg. 204; letter # 65 dated Jan. 1953

Pg 212; letter # 67 dated March 7, 1953


Pg 213; letter # 69 dated March 23, 1953

Pg. 214; letter #70 dated July 12, 1953
Aristophanes, “Peace”

Aristophanes, “Lysistrata”

Aristophanes, “The Frogs”


Pg. 215
Aristophanes, “Father in Clouds”

Pg. 216; letter # 71 dated Aug. 7, 1953
Leon Edel, Henry James: The Untried Years, 1843-1870 (Lippincott, 1953).

William Carlos Williams, *The Broken Span* (Norfolk Conn.: New Directions, 1941).


Pg. 236, letter # 97 dated June 26, 1957


Pg. 237, letter #97
Dorothy Thompson, mentions a story of hers; full reference unknown

Ralph Waldo Emerson, quote from “Montaigne; or the Skeptic” from *Representative Men* (1850).

Pg. 238, letter # 98 dated Sept. 2, 1957


Pg 239, letter # 98

Pg. 240, letter # 99 dated Nov. 10, 1957

Pg. 241, letter # 100 dated Christmas Day, 1957

Pg. 243, letter # 101 dated March 10, 1958


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Pg. 244, letter # 101

Pg. 246, letter # 103 dated June 1, 1958
“Cleaning the old cupboard I placed three books together that mean the most to me – Marcus Aurelius, Thoreau’s Walden and Japanese Haiku and standing beside them is Test of Poetry”.

Kenneth Rexroth, translator, *One Hundred Poems from the Japanese* (New York: New Directions, 1955)
Pg. 247, letter # 104 dated July 13, 1958

Pg. 253, letter # 109 dated June 16, 1959

Pg 254, letter # 111 dated July 19, 1959

Pg. 257, letter # 113 dated Nov. 22, 1959


Pg. 258, letter # 114 dated Nov. 29, 1959

Pg 259, letter # 114

Pg 262, letter # 116 dated April 17, 1960

Pg 265, letter # 120 dated Aug. 22, 1960

Pg 269, letter # 122 dated Oct. 30, 1960


Pg 272, letter # 125 undated, received Jan 12, 1961
Pg 274, letter # 126 dated Jan 15, 1961


Pg 275, letter # 127 dated Feb, 1961


Pg 277, letter # 130 dated Mar. 20, 1961

Pg. 285, letter #135 dated July 7, 1961

Pg. 294, letter # 144 dated Nov. 6, 1961

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Pg.295, letter #145 dated Dec. 31, 1961


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Pg. 299, letter dated Feb. 1, 1962

Pg. 300, letter dated Feb. 8, 1962

Pg. 302, letter dated Feb. 18, 1962

Pg. 308, letter 154 dated March 26, 1962
Emily Dickenson, (no specific book noted. She had 4 in her collection)


Pg. 312, letter # 159 dated May 28, 1962

Pg. 319, letter # 166 dated Sept. 19, 1962
Edward John Trelawny, Recollections of the last days of Shelley and Byron (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1858).


Pg. 327, letter # 173 dated Dec. 24, 1962


Pg 333, letter #182 dated June 10, 1963


Pr. 335, letter dated Aug. 15, 1963


Pg. 336, letter # 186 dated Nov. 4, 1963
T. E. Lawrence, trans., The Odyssey of Homer (Oxford University Press, 1932).

Pg. 345, letter # 191 dated Apr. 3, 1964


Pg. 347, letter # 193 dated May 4, 1964

Pg. 347, letter # 194 dated July23, 1964

Marcel Proust, no specific book referenced.

Edmund Wilson, Axel’s Castle (New York: Charles Scribner’s sons, 1931)
Pg. 352, letter # 199 dated Aug. 8, 1967

Pg. 354, letter # 201 dated Sept. 6, 1968
William Butler Yeats, “Finishing the summer dreaming with Yeats-“: in her library: *Autobiography* and *Selected Poems and Two plays*.

Pg. 356, letter # 202 dated Dec. 27, 1968

Pg. 357, letter # 203 dated June 10, 1969


Pg. 358, letter # 203


Pg 359, letter # 203

Pg. 360, letter # 204 dated Nov. 9, 1970

Pg. 361, letter # 204

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