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by Jean-Louis Curtis

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or about any other wacky thing, but mostly about time, marching on, getting somewhere, or getting nowhere and just passing by. In any case it's about time more people realized what a good thing SF is, cases in point being the list below, being the books for all 1960 which we have culled from the best.

O tempora! O mores! or time and morals, or my God, do we deserve this; whichever way you look at it, crazy things happen in future time, but SF fans will be well prepared. When the big star-ships come rolling in, back from Andromeda or the Fourth Dimension, laden with the wealth of a myriad strange worlds, we will put out the flags and the red carpets. We are game for just about any crazy thing. As long as no one can be sure what's real, *anything* can be real, while we're reading about it, anyway. Here are a lot of real good books.

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