Fifteen years ago, in volume 25, number 5, of the Bulletin of Bibliography, James T. F. Tanner published a chronological checklist of bibliographies on Walt Whitman. Spanning the years from 1902 through 1964, this list cited sixty-eight books, chapters in books, catalogues, pamphlets, and articles. Since its entries varied widely in length and importance, it gave the appearance of being comprehensive in scope. It was not. Recent research on Whitman has turned up publications which should be added to Tanner's list. It has also disclosed the many bibliographical resources printed in the past two decades. The following bibliography, therefore, both augments and updates Tanner's compilation. The result is a survey which extends from 1897 through 1982. Coupled with Tanner's checklist, it represents a complete, or at least reasonably complete, listing of all of the bibliographies on Whitman's life and work.

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Shinagawa, T. “Supplement to the Bibliography of Walt Whitman in Japan.” Hikaku Bungaku: Journal of Comparative Literature, 8 (1965), 104–111.


