

The undersigned holders, or former holders of academic positions, join in recommending to the Swedish Academy of Letters the name of Upton Sinclair as candidate for the award of the Nobel prize for literature.

The terms of the Nobel bequest provide that the award shall be made "to one who has produced in the field of literature the most distinguished work of an idealistic tendency." For thirty years Upton Sinclair has been making contributions to American literature which seem to us to come under this classification. He is the author of some forty volumes of fiction, drama, economics, and social and literary criticism, and is unquestionably the most widely read of writers living today: his books have been translated into more than thirty languages, and have profoundly affected the thinking of both the masses and the more alert portion of the cultured world. We consider his greatest novels, as "The Jungle," "Love's Pilgrimage," "Oil," "Boston," an outstanding achievement in the contemporary fiction of all lands, for their mastery of fact, for their social vision, for consistent, honest and courageous thinking, for humanitarian passion, for originality in the technique of presentation, and for vitality and sweep of creative art.

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