

10 SECONDS FROM MUSHROOM BOOKSHOP

For the 4th year, Mushroom Bookshop will have an additional Christmas shop - open earlier this year - from Saturday November 9th. This Christmas the shop is just down Heathcote Street, on the same side as the bookshop - 10 seconds (running) in fact. The shop will offer:

- * 78 designs of T-shirt**
- * 100 snakes in a basket**
- * 20,000 Christmas cards**
- * 200 Juggling balls (& 60 Yo-yos)**
- * 365 days in virtually all calendars**
- * Things that jingle, glitter and whoosh**
- * Odd toys, and a confusion of puzzles**
- * Hundreds of candles (no skulls!)**
- * A recycling paper mountain**
- * Bats**
- * Right-on bric-a-brac from Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Amnesty, CND etc**

**MUSHROOM BOOKSHOP
10-12 HEATHCOTE ST.
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**MUSHROOM
BOOKSHOP
CHRISTMAS
CATALOGUE**

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Mushroom Bookshop's annual turn-of-the-year catalogue. This booklist is but a small sample of the good reading to be found in the shop. As well as a large paperback stock we can order any book in print, from anywhere. Since our formation in 1972 Mushroom has been worker controlled and is the only independent bookshop in the City.

1991

Since our last Christmas catalogue Communism (so-called) has shattered, the Poll Tax has more or less bit the dust and dogs on string have become in some quarters essential fashion accessories. In 10-12 Heathcote St. our little world has also turned upside down. Just before Christmas last year the shop was completely flooded out and we had to close for essential repairs and to replace virtually all our stock. In early Spring we had a complete internal refit and in the summer Mushroom installed a computerised stock control and ordering system. Next year the shop will expand backwards and sideways and we'll be tidying up the shop frontage. As next year is our 20th and there will be a lot of suitable activities (see elsewhere) we are looking forward to 1993 for a rest!

It seems appropriate, given the fuss about the Net Book Agreement to repeat a question posed in last year's catalogue. If Dillons is really cutting the price of books, why are so many of their school and college textbooks (on which there is no set price) so much dearer than anywhere else? Humbug!

Within Mushroom Collective Rony Alfandary has gone off to be a student, Robin Thomson has gone off to Wales and Hilary Trengrouse has gone off on maternity leave. Lynda Constable, no stranger to the shop, has joined the collective, as has Sue Mather who was involved with Mushroom for many years up to 1985.

As always, our thanks go to all our customers - individual and institutional - for your continued support. Have a good holiday.

Ross Bradshaw, Marian Chapman, Lynda Constable, Mo Cumming, Keith Leonard and Sue Mather.

GENERAL FICTION

***BURN MARKS** Sara Paretsky (Virago) £4.99. The aforementioned Paretsky hit the big time with this, her latest book of the exploits of her P.I. Vic Warshawski, again wandering through the seamier side of Chicago. But read her earlier Penguin books first, they are better! Paretsky has also edited a nice shiny new hardback volume of women crime writers *A WOMAN'S EYE*, which is also in stock.



Sara Paretsky

***HAROUN AND THE SEA OF STORIES** Salman Rushdie (Granta) £4.99. A comic fantasy of good and evil, borrowing from diverse sources such as Star Wars and Satyajit Ray. Rushdie wrote this book from his 'internal exile' for his son. Also new this year is *Imaginary Homelands* (Granta) £17.99, a collection of Rushdie's reviews and essays.

***MY SON'S STORY** Nadine Gordimer (Penguin) £5.99. The new winner of the Nobel literature prize, member of the ANC, and tireless campaigner for a non-racial South Africa once again successfully and readably covers the theme of race, relationships and politics.

***INTO THE BADLANDS** John Williams (Grafton) £5.99. Not itself fiction, but interviews with USA crime writers (Paretsky, Leonard et al) about their home areas.

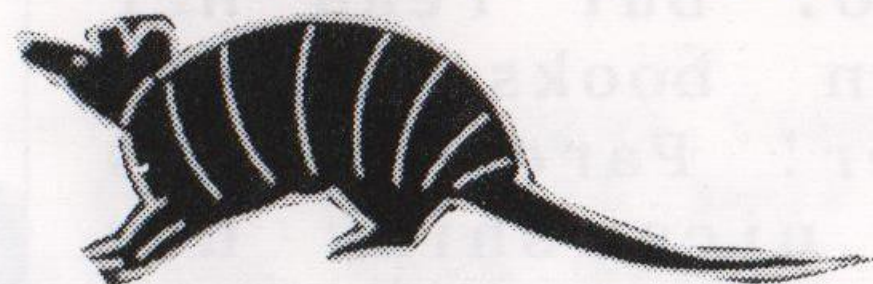
***DANCES WITH WOLVES** Michael Blake (Penguin) £3.99. The novel which became the major movie film of the Sioux Indians.

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***THE BEGGAR** Naguib Mahfouz (Doubleday) £5.99. 'The Beggar' of the title is an ex-revolutionary, now a comfortable bourgeois in post-1952 Cairo. He is alienated from his family, his government, friends, politics and his job, taking refuge in affairs. Mahfouz won the Nobel literature prize last year, but is barely read here. We stock all his paperbacks and would encourage you to try him.

***BRIEF LIVES** Anita Brookner (Penguin) £5.99. A novel about two women drawn together by their fear of age and isolation.



***IF YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT ME, HOW COME YOU AREN'T DEAD YET?** Cynthia Heimel (4th Estate) £6.99. This must be the title of the year. Anecdotes and observations about being a woman in the modern world.

***POSSESSION** A.S. Byatt (Vintage) £6.99. A modern and Victorian love story which won the Booker prize last year.

***THE BUDDHA OF SUBURBIA** Hanif Kuereshi (Faber) £4.99. Entertaining romp about a young Asian lad whose father becomes a local guru, while son hits the permissive culture.

***REDEMPTION** Tariq Ali (Pan) £5.99. If your Uncle Joe is (or more likely these days, was) a Trotskyist he'll love guessing who is who in this (frankly awful) dirt-dishing tour of the several 4th Internationals. (Published 6/12)

This seems to be a good year for anthologies, especially if you are called Atwood or Winterson, whose short stories are in most of them. The three to watch out for are **THE BEST OF COSMOPOLITAN FICTION** (Serpent's Tail) £6.99 - which also includes Walker, Lively, Doctorow and many other names to drop - **SUDDEN FICTION INTERNATIONAL** (Grafton) £5.99 - which includes 60 short stories, and by contrast you could try **HIGH RISK** which is more Burroughs and Acker low-life territory. The biggie for Xmas though is probably **THE MAN WHO LOVED PRESENTS** (Women's Press) £6.95 with seasonal stories from old Mushroom favourites Zoe Fairbairns, Sarah Maitland, Fiona Cooper and others (including Maeve Binchy).

POETRY

***AUTOGEDDON** Heathcote Williams - see the 'Green' section of this catalogue.

***SELECTED POEMS OF ANNE SEXTON** (Virago) £7.99. A friend of Robert Lowell and Sylvia Plath, Sexton could be called the first poet of contemporary women, writing on difficult subjects as no woman before her had dared to write. One of the co-editors of this selection has also just published **ANNE SEXTON: A BIOGRAPHY** (Virago) £20.

***HER BLUE BODY EVERYTHING WE KNOW** Alice Walker (Women's Press) £15.95. Subtitled **EARTHLING POEMS 1965-1990 COMPLETE**, this is Walker's major collection from one of the most honest, powerful and moving writers of our time.

***BENEATH THE WIDE WIDE HEAVEN** ed. Sara Dunn (Virago) £6.99. An important anthology which reflects the diversity of poetic response to the environment over 2000 years and across the world.

***ADRIAN MITCHELL'S GREATEST HITS** Adrian Mitchell (Bloodaxe) £5.95. Adrian Mitchell's poems have graced the pages of progressive movements for many a year. His poems about wars - Vietnam, Ireland, the Falklands, the Gulf and the threat of nuclear war has made him the most eloquent spokesperson of peace campaigns, indeed many other campaigns too. The only poet we know whose work gets given away on leaflets on St. Peter's Gate! Watch out for him at Beeston Poets next year.

***THE BURNT PAGES** John Ash (Carcenet) £6.95. A superbly inventive new collection. "He is a poet of anxiety and of immediacy... his poems have a beautifully evolved personal music" (Elizabeth Jennings).

***A COLD COMING** Tony Harrison (Bloodaxe) £2.95. The author of v. and many others wrote two poems during the Gulf War for the news pages of the *Guardian*, both contained in this slim volume.

MAIL ORDER

Mushroom Bookshop can supply any book listed here (or any book in stock) by mail order. Ring us with your Access or Visa card on 0602 582506, or write enclosing a cheque for the value of the book(s) plus 25 % for postage (excess refunded).

BLACK WRITING

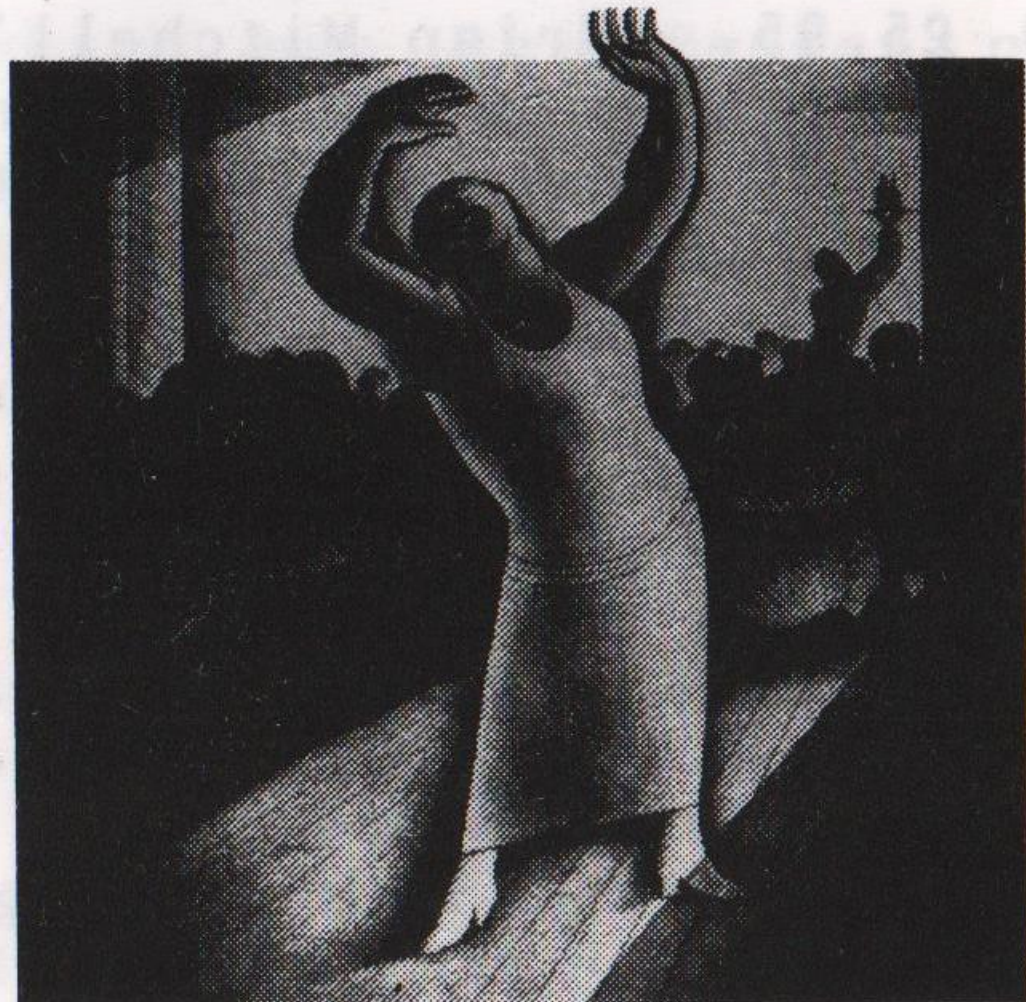
***DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS** Walter Mosley (Serpent's Tail) £6.99. 1948, Los Angeles... and the hero in this period crime fiction is Easy Rawlins, an out of work black war veteran.

***A RAGE IN HARLEM** Chester Himes (Allison & Busby) £4.99. The book of the film - lots more Chester Himes in stock - and speaking of film...

***DIARY OF A YOUNG SOUL REBEL** Isaac Julian and Colin MacCabe (BFI) £10.95. The story of how *Young Soul Rebels* came to be made.

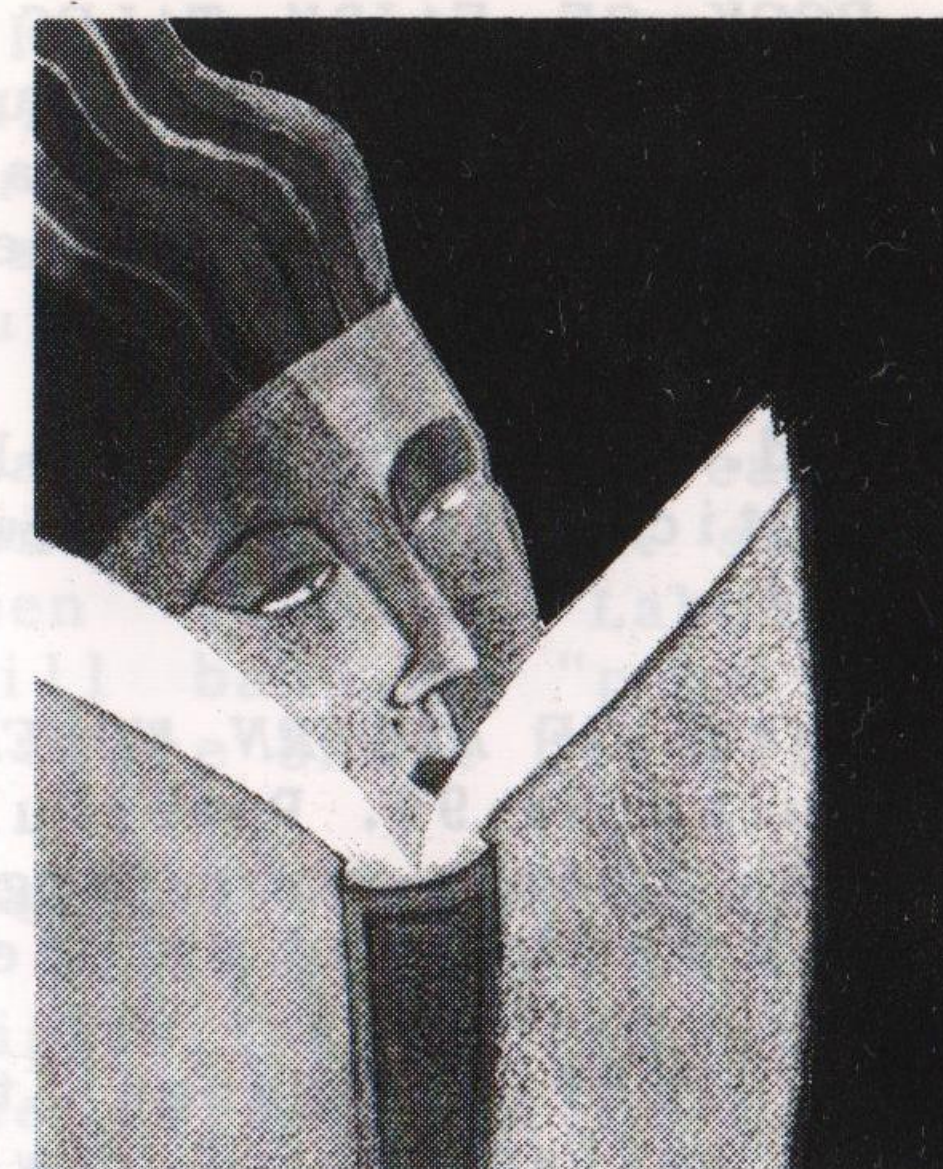
***MOTHERLANDS: BLACK WOMAN'S WRITING FROM AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND S.ASIA** ed. Susheila Nasta (Women's Press) £8.99. The first critical anthology of post-colonial black women's writing.

***MAYA ANGELOU OMNIBUS** (Virago) £16.99. *I Know Why...*, *Gather Together...* and *Singin' and Swingin'...* in one bumper hardback volume.



***IN SEARCH OF MR. McKENZIE** Isha Mackenzie-Mavinga and Thelma Perkins (Women's Press) £6.95. Of their father these two sisters knew nothing, except that he came from the Caribbean, and that they had to find out who he was.

***DEADLY SILENCE: BLACK DEATHS IN CUSTODY** (Institute of Race Relations) £4.00. "Black deaths do not get a good press, especially when they occur in the custody of our custodians. The media leads the public to believe that our guardians can do no wrong. Racism leads them to believe that blacks can do no right." A. Sivanandan.



WOMEN'S FICTION

***LIKE LIFE** Lorrie Moore (Faber) £5.99. "Moore has already written two wonderful books, *SELF-HELP* and *ANAGRAMS*", it says on the back of this book - which is certainly true. The problem is that not many people know about her yet. This surely must change! She's truly original, she's witty, wise and ingenious. I urge you to try this collection of short stories. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

***THE MEN'S ROOM** Ann Oakley (Fontana) £4.99. Reissue of her first novel to tie in with the exhilarating TV series. I wish I'd read this *after* seeing the series. *THAT MAN* was even worse than I'd imagined and so would have added even more spice to the book.

***THE TIGER IN THE TIGER PIT** Janette Hospital (Virago) £4.99. A haunting and accurate exploration of family life, with an entertaining twist - from a writer of remarkable talent.

***HACKENFELLER'S APE** Brigid Brophy (Virago) £4.99. From this well-known author, a novel which moves between fabulism and naturalism and reflects the author's concern with the way humans treat the rest of the animal world.

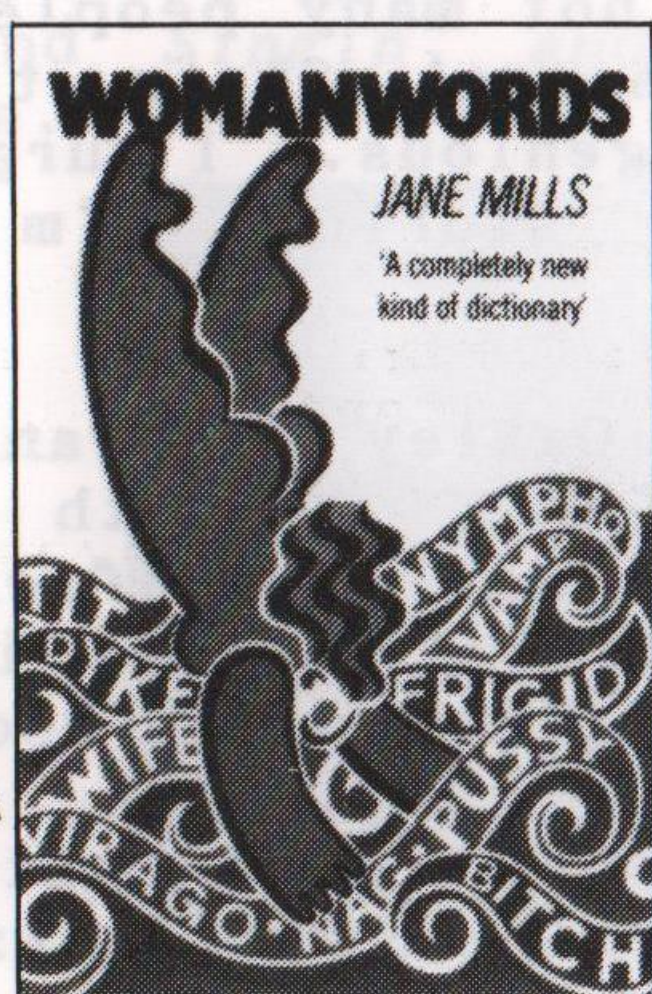
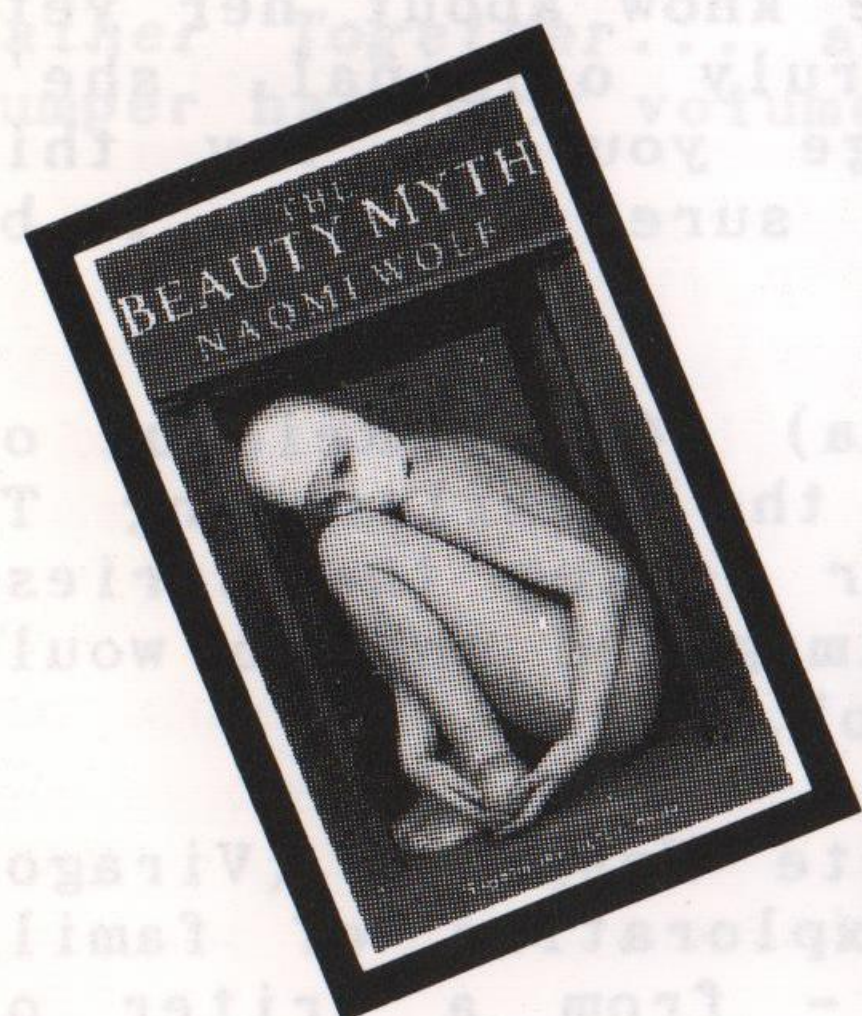
***THAT KIND OF WOMAN** Bronte Adams and Trudi Take (Virago) £6.99. This essential collection of 26 short stories brings together for the first time the women at the forefront of modernism. Rebellious, talented, provocative, they parade their tales of those who take life on their own terms.

***VIRAGO BOOK OF FAIRY TALES** ed. Angela Carter (Virago) £5.99. Following the enormous success of the hardback, the paperback of these lyrical, bloody tales, hilariously funny and ripely bawdy stories from countries around the world is now available.

***EROTICA** ed. Margaret Reynolds £7.99. An anthology of women's erotic writing, somewhat controversial according to Spare Rib.

***PENGUIN BOOK OF MODERN WOMEN'S SHORT STORIES** ed. Susan Hill (Penguin) £5.99. Powerful and enthralling collection by British women including Sara Maitland, Margaret Drabble, Fay Weldon and Jessie Kesson.

***WILDERNESS TIPS** Margaret Atwood (Bloomsbury) £14.99. A magnificent collection of new work. The settings vary but she, as ever, is an incomparable observer of the textures of contemporary life, of the logic of irrational behaviour.



WOMEN'S ISSUES/FEMINISM

***THE BEAUTY MYTH** Naomi Wolf (Vintage) £5.99. This best-selling book is about the coercion of women by the beauty myth. Shere Hite says it's one of the most brilliant books she has seen in ten years. I picked it up one day in a bad mood, read the first four pages and felt much better - invigorated and ready for anything!

***THE CHANGE** Germaine Greer (Hamish Hamilton) £16.99. Controversial as always, Greer weighs up the facts and fabrications of the menopause.

***THE LOONY BIN TRIP** Kate Millett (Virago) £6.99. By the author of *SEXUAL POLITICS* which has just been re-issued, Kate Millett writes, from her personal experience, on the question of madness, mania and depression. A courageous exploration of a very difficult part of her life.

***DEAR CLARE** Clare Short (Radius) £3.99. Dear Clare... this is what women feel about "page 3". A selection of letters from ordinary women to the Labour MP who attempted to introduce a Bill banning "page 3", along with a piece on the issue by Clare Short herself.

***WOMANWORDS** Jane Mills (Virago) £5.99. A fascinating new kind of dictionary. Some 300 women-related key words have been selected and their origin traced. An entertaining and scholarly book for anyone interested in language and the relations between women and men.

***THE ABSENT MOTHER** ed. Alex Pirani (Mandala) £7.99. Restoring the Goddess to Judaism and Christianity... this collection of writings from Jews and Christians stresses the need to recover the spiritual roots of religion.

***SHAKTI WOMEN** Vicki Noble (HarperCollins) £9.99. A unique guide to shamanic healing for women which leads the reader through an individual process of growth and self-mastery.

***NATURAL MEDICINE FOR WOMEN** Julian and Susan Scott (Gaia) £8.99. I really like the feel of this book. It's the only one I know of that talks of different energy levels in relation to women's health. It deals holistically with the whole range of women's needs - mental, spiritual and emotional - throughout life.

LESBIAN WRITING

***CAROL** Patricia Highsmith (Penguin) £5.99. In 1952 Patricia Highsmith had to publish this novel under a pseudonym. Now, for the first time it is out under her own name - it's the story of two women who fall madly in love.

***HATCHING STONES** Anna Wilson (Onlywomen) £4.99. This is a novel and a warning about what lies behind the plausible comfort of new technologies. Is male supremacy inevitable? *HATCHING STONES* shows us what could happen when cloning is not just possible but easy.

***SURPASSING THE LOVE OF MEN** Lillian Faderman (Women's Press) £8.95. At last a re-issue of a book which reconstructs a lost history of women loving women. Drawing on a rich variety of historical sources the author takes a subversive look at the traditional view of lesbianism.

***FIRE! FIRE!** Caeia March (Women's Press) £6.95. In her third outstanding imaginative novel, Caeia March draws the reader into a most intriguing combination of concerns.

***FLYING HART** Claire Macquet (Sheba) £5.99. This finely crafted collection of stories will tighten your breath as they quickly shock with their subtle exploration of the power of sex to explode much of what we see as real and important.



***GIRLS, VISIONS AND EVERYTHING** Sarah Schulman (Sheba) £6.99. This is a funny affectionate portrait of a changing neighbourhood, and a circle of gutsy women holding their own in a crazy world.

***WHAT LESBIANS DO IN BOOKS** Elaine Hobby and Chris White (Women's Press) £7.95. A highly original collection of critical essays on the contribution of lesbians to English Literature - as writers, readers and as characters in fiction. Themes include new approaches to often studied authors, re-reading of ancient myths, celebration of recent writing by black lesbians, theoretical texts and political issues.

***STOLEN GLANCES** Tessa Boffin (Pandora) £12.99. This volume brings together for the first time the work of lesbian photographers and writers from Britain and North America to explore the representation of lesbianism.

***ILLUMINATIONS** Maureen Duffy (Sinclair-Stevenson) £13.95. In this ambitious novel Maureen Duffy shows a broad understanding of the female mind and heart. It is a work of enormous skill and intelligence.

GAY MEN'S WRITING

***IN MEMORY OF ANGEL CLARE** Christopher Bram (GMP) £7.95. Bram's third novel is about the aftermath of AIDS on a young man's circle of friends. It succeeds as an acutely observed comedy of manners and as a profound piece of AIDS writing.

***CONDUCT UNBECOMING** Mike Seabrook (GMP) £7.95. From the author of *Unnatural Relations* we now have a novel about gays and the police. A provocative social comment written by a former policeman.

***AGAINST NATURE** Jeffrey Weeks (Rivers Oram) £9.95. These essays explore a number of inter-related themes, including the personal and cultural impact of AIDS, and the politics and values of the period increasingly described as 'post-modern'.

***WHICH OF US TWO** Colin Spencer (Penguin) £6.99. John Tasker and Colin Spencer met in a Brighton pub in 1957. Their turbulent relationship was bedevilled by personal conflict and for 26 months they poured out an intensity of ardour and accusation in their prolific letters. This book records both sides of the correspondence and is by turns raw and overblown, poignant and frenzied, searingly frank and brutally funny.

***THE BEAR CULT** Chris Preston (GMP) £14.95. A new book of male photography, very hairy indeed.

***HIGH RISK LIVES** Paul Lincoln and Tara Kaufman (Prism) £6.95. Following Clause 28 this book records some of the debates and places the contexts of more recent developments affecting lesbians and gay men. This valuable publication chronicles and analyses the events of a momentous year of protest.

***PEERS, QUEERS AND COMMONS** Stephen Jeffrey-Poulter (Routledge) £7.99. This new account of the struggle for gay law reform investigates why the British political establishment refuses to accept full equal rights for gay men.

***QUEER EDWARD 11** and **MODERN NATURE** Derek Jarman (BFI) and (Century) £12.95 and £14.99. "How to make a film of a gay love affair and get it commissioned. Find a dusty old play and violate it." Comprising of stills from the film.

and from behind the camera, extracts from the script and some of Jarman's own writing, here we have the record of his new film. The second book is a diary which Jarman started on 1st Jan 1989, finishing 20 months later after what had been a crisis year. "Invaluable" says *GAY TIMES*.

***HIDDEN FROM HISTORY** ed. Martin Duberman (Penguin) £8.99. Recent years have seen an explosion of new writing about, and research into, the history of homosexuality and the historical experience of lesbians and gay men. This pioneering collection brings together some of the best of this work.

TWENTY YEARS

1992 is Mushroom Bookshop's 20th year of trading.

During the year a number of events will be organised for adults and children, reflecting the interests of our wide range of customers.

Please put 26th September in your diary as on that day there will be a major event for children, in the afternoon, and for adults, in the evening.

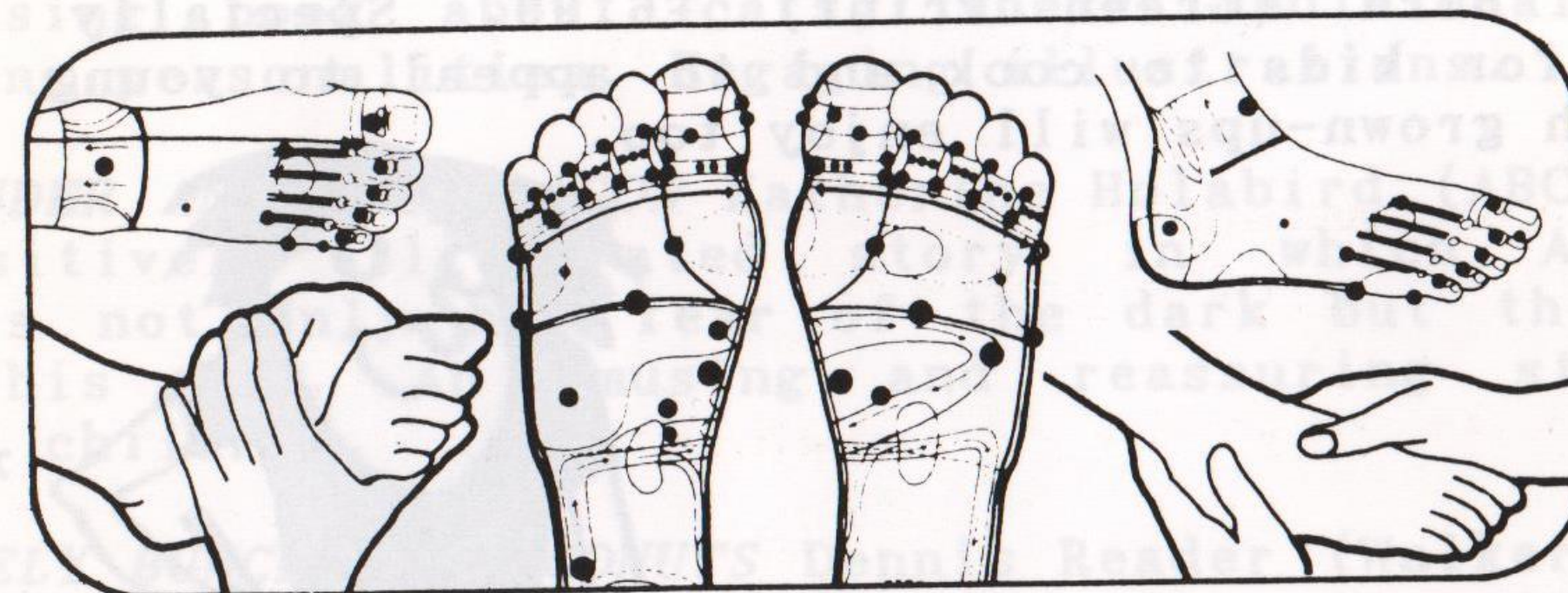
We will be using this birthday to look forward to the future as well as to celebrate our first two decades. We are starting a special mailing list so that we can send out details of all the events well in advance - do add your name to it.



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HEALTH

***THE SHIATSU WORKBOOK: A BEGINNERS GUIDE** Nigel Dawes (Piatkus) £8.95. Shiatsu is easy to learn and no special equipment is needed. Nigel Dawes gives you all the background knowledge you need and shows you simply and clearly how to give your partner a full body treatment.



***Reflexology** Anya Gore (Optima) £5.99. Concentrates on the treatment itself as seen by the patient. In a straightforward way, it answers all your practical questions about this increasingly popular treatment.

***THE HEALING POWER OF ILLNESS** Dethlefsen and Daahlke (Element) £7.55. The authors propose that illness itself is your personal guide to wholeness and healing.

***BODY KNOW-HOW** Jonathan Drake (Thorsons) £7.99. A thoroughly practical, well illustrated and effective guide to understanding and applying the Alexander Technique in everyday activities.

***BACK IN SHAPE** Stephen Hochschuler (Houghton Mifflin) £8.50. Up-to-date advice on how to make your back strong and keep it pain-free.

***INCREASE YOUR ENERGY** Louis Proto (Piatkus) £6.99.. Proto's energy-increasing programme is based on orthodox techniques, including diet and exercise, and recants complimentary therapies. This book may help you overcome fatigue in a natural and rewarding way.

***NUTRITION AND MENTAL HEALTH** Carl Pfeiffer (Thorsons) £5.99. Clearly written, this book proposes moving away from drugs in treating mental illness, towards orthomolecular therapy.

FOOD

***GREEK VEGETARIAN COOKERY** Alkini Chaitow (Thorsons) £6.99. Evocative and mouth-watering selection of dips, soups, raw and cooked salads, main meals, cakes and desserts with wholefood ingredients adding exotic variety to veggie cooking.

***THE SCRUMPTIOUS VEGGIE COOKBOOK FOR KIDS AND OTHERS** Marianne Bird (Green Print) £6.99. Specially created recipes for kids to cook and to appeal to young tastes, but which grown-ups will enjoy too.



***SIMPLE VEGETARIAN MEALS** Rosamund Richardson (Penguin) £4.99. Imaginative, economical and easy to prepare dishes for one or two people. A vast range of recipes with an international flavour - Creole, Malay, Chinese and Middle Eastern among them.

***FRIENDLY FOODS** Ron Pickaski (10-Speed) £12.95. All about preparing 'friendly foods' ie foods that are friendly to our bodies, our purse, our busy lives and our environment. Tantalizing recipes from the everyday to the elegant.

***NEW VEGETABLES ON YOUR BARBECUE** Maggie Black (Foulsham) £2.99. A tasty collection, again of international recipes, which will add zest to your barbecue. Vegetables - either as accompaniments or as a main attraction - plus drinks, nibbles, dressings and marinades.

***THE NOW AND ZEN EPICURE** Miyoko Nishimoto (BPC) £12.95. Inspired by French and Japanese culinary traditions, this book provides a guide to some delicious and gourmet dishes for the most discriminating palate.

CHILDREN'S: PICTURE BOOKS

***JILL THE FARMER AND HER FRIENDS** Nick Butterworth (Walker) £1.99. A bright and cheerful book for young children looking at the jobs that Jill and her friends do. **JACK THE CARPENTER AND HIS FRIENDS** is the companion volume, same price and publication details.

***MRS. MARY MALARKY'S SEVEN CATS** Judy Hindley (ABC) £2.99. An amusing book about cats, their individuality and differing personalities. Engaging illustrations.

***ALEXANDER AND THE DRAGON** Katherine Holabird (ABC) £2.99. A sensitively illustrated story in which Alexander conquers not only his fear of the dark but the dragon under his bed. An amusing and reassuring story for younger children.

***A LOVELY BUNCH OF COCONUTS** Dennis Reader (Walker) £3.50. An amusingly illustrated tale of greed and covetousness. A moral fable, again for younger children.

***BRIGHT EYES, BROWN SKIN** Cheryl Hudson & Bernette Ford (Just Us) £4.50. A simple direct book about feeling good: children pictured are confident and happy with healthy self-esteem and positive self-image. Illustrations are warm and engaging.

***DEAR GREENPEACE** Simon James (Walker) £6.99. A thoughtful and amusing story about a whale's appearance in Emily's garden pond - and her correspondence with Greenpeace to elicit advice.

***SLEEPING NANA** Kevin Crossley-Holland and Peter Melnyczuk (Orchard) £3.50. Beautiful illustrations to a delightfully contemporary folk-tale style of story-telling: the language is sensuous and magical. An S.A.T. reading list selection.



CHILDREN'S: YOUNGER READERS

***ANNELI THE ART HATER** Annie Fine (Mammoth) £2.50. Anneli hated everything to do with art even before a painting almost frightened her out of her wits. Then Anneli finds that art can tell the most extraordinary story...

***ANIMALS MATTER** Blue Peter (Puffin) £2.50. A selection of articles, stories, recipes, poems, pictures and cartoons sent in by Blue Peter viewers in the name of animal conservation. Topics range from saving the elephants to making bird-cake, from vivisection to vegetarianism, from bats to bumble-bees.

***BLACK HOLES AND UNCLE ALBERT** Russell Stannard (Faber) £8.99. The exploding universe, wonky jelly space, black holes that swallow everything up, and how it is that you are made of stardust. This exciting fantasy story is the ideal way to introduce children to Einstein's Theory of Relativity!

***THE DAHL DIARY 1992** (Roald Dahl (Puffin) £4.08. Each month starts with some of Dahl's own diary jottings including facts about his life and detailed nature notes for each month of the year. Characters from his books also put in an appearance but there is plenty of space left for you.

***PICTURE PUFFIN CALENDAR** (Puffin) £4.99. A celebration of art from the world of children's picture books. Delightful illustrations combine perfectly with a practical and easy to use calendar.

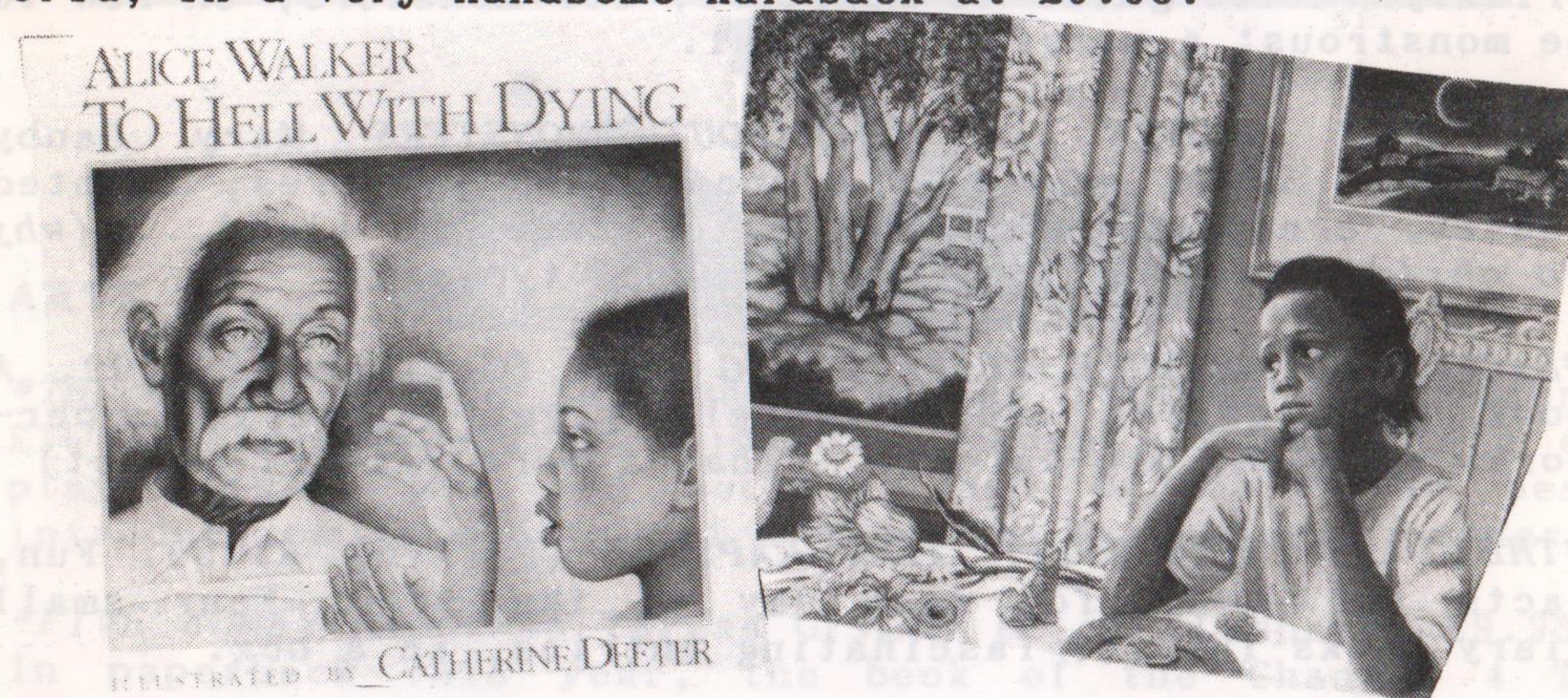
CHILDREN'S: POETRY

***HELEN HIGHWATER** Roger McGough (Puffin) £2.50. Who will save Chucklewick from the evil clutches of BUMM (British Urban Mis-Management)? Join Helen on her amazing journey from Land's End to John O'Groat's in a fast-paced narrative poem by one of today's most popular poets.

***HEARD IT IN THE PLAYGROUND** Allan Ahlberg (Puffin) £2.50. Allan Ahlberg's new collection of poems and songs adds to his continuing portrait of primary school life. Be amazed by the Longest Kiss Contest, shed a tear for the Dog without a Name, and sing - if you're a teacher, *Feeling Low - The Mrs. Butler Blues*.

***MONSTROSITIES** ed. Charles Fuge (Red Fox) £3.50. In this hair-raising collection of poems creep the monsters from the deepest chasm and the darkest crevices. Only the bravest monsterphiles should read on. Poets include Ted Hughes and Roger McGough.

***KINGFISHER BOOK OF CHILDREN'S POETRY** ed. Michael Rosen (Kingfisher) £3.95. Some are by famous poets, others by almost unknown, some are sad and some are funny. Immensely popular with adults and children. Michael Rosen describes the collection as "hundreds of thoughts, dreams and ideas trapped in words for you to read, say or sing." Also edited by Michael Rosen is the companion **KINGFISHER...** collection of poems from all over the world, in a very handsome hardback at £9.95.



CHILDREN'S: OLDER READERS

***TO HELL WITH DYING** Alice Walker (Hodder) £4.99. How do you come to terms with the death of a dear family friend? In this glowing story of love and continuity it is clear that in a special way 'Mr. Sweet' will live forever.

***THE HEARTSTONE ODYSSEY** Arran Kumar (Allied Mouse) £5.00. An exciting adventure story which touches on the universal themes of justice and equality. It challenges attitudes and traditional views about people of different races, colour and religions in an entertaining but powerful way.

***ENVIRONMENTALLY YOURS** Early Times (Puffin) £2.50. A book for young people on environmental issues. Topics such as transport, industry, agriculture, population and energy are covered as well as lists of green organisations and useful addresses.

***ANIMAL KIND** Early Times (Puffin) £2.99. A hard hitting book covering topics such as vivisection, farming, wildlife pets and blood sports. It looks at what humans are doing to animals and what they could be doing to make their lives happier and to lessen their suffering.

CHILDREN'S: HUMOUR

THE PAIN-IN-THE-NECK JOKE BOOK Martyn Forrester (Puffin) £2.50. Jokes about every 'orrible creature imaginable, from vampires to werewolfs, from skeletons to bats, from witches to ghouls - to get you howling and groaning.

***THE MONSTERS HANDBOOK** Ashling O'Hagan (Piccolo) £2.99. A grizzly little guide to monsters, for monsters, on how to be monstrous; a monster's manual.

***MADABOUT GHOSTS** and **MADABOUT MONSTERS** Mary Danby (Piccolo) £2.99 each. More spooks and spectres, haunted houses, creepy stories, jokes to scare you rigid... (why do children like this stuff so much? typist).

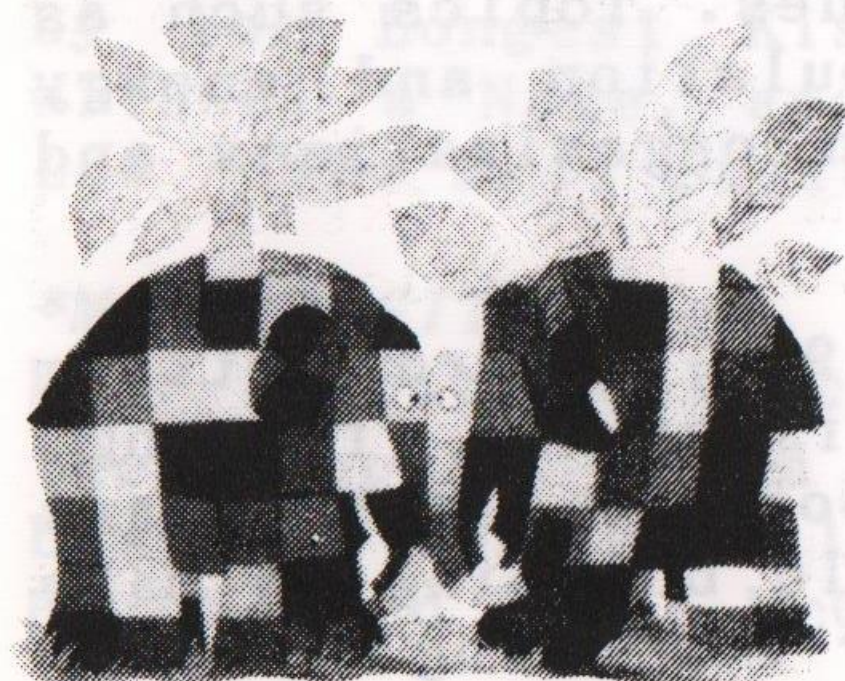
***DICK KING SMITH'S TRIFFIC PIG BOOK** (Gollancz) £4.99. A book on piggeral and doggerel, piggery-jokery, super-porky stories, pig-tales... (that's more like it typist)

***THE DATE-IT-YOURSELF TIME CAPSULE** (Puffin) £3.99. Fun, facts and jokes for each day of the year. Four small diary books full of fascinating entries, in a box.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

***FOLKSONGS FROM AFRICA** ed. Malcolm Floyd (Faber) £4.95. This unique collection brings together 22 of the most memorable and evocative folksongs from Africa's diverse musical heritage. Ideal for children at school or at home.

***FOLKSONGS FROM THE FAR EAST** ed. Peter Gritton (Faber) £4.95. Experience a taste of China, Malaysia and Singapore in this collection of folksongs. There are simple keyboard accompaniments and chord symbols with lively illustrations, an entertaining introduction for children to the rich musical culture of this part of the world.



SPECIAL ORDERS

We can order virtually any book in print — UK, USA, Eastern and Western Europe, and India. At Xmas we can get some books within 48-72 hours. Please order early for Xmas though, some publishers are very slow. We ask for a standard £1 deposit on all customer orders; books in stock can be reserved by phone.



ARTS

***THE SHOCK OF THE NEW** Robert Hughes (Thames and Hudson) £16.95. An enormously enjoyable account of the state of play between art and society, and probably the best introduction to modern art around for the general reader.

***FIVE WOMEN PAINTERS** Teresa Grimes et al (Lennard) £9.95. In paperback this year, the book of the Channel 4 TV series.

***HOCKNEY'S ALPHABET** David Hockney, ed. Stephen Spender (Faber) £25. A unique collaboration between art and literature, on behalf of the AIDS Crisis Trust, in which Seamus Heaney, Arthur Miller, Susan Sontag, Iris Murdoch, Erica Jong and many more have contributed original text to accompany an alphabet of letters drawn by David Hockney.

***THE 'TIME OUT' FILM GUIDE** ed. Tom Milne (Penguin) £9.99. Completely updated edition of this bestselling film guide, much better than dear old Halliwell's...

***IS IT STILL RAINING IN ABERFAN?** Melanie Doel and Martin Dunkerton (Logaston Press) £9.95. A striking exploration of a pit and its people.

***SHIKO MUNAKATA: WOODCUTS** ed. Adam Lowe (Redstone) £11.95. Another beautiful book in a box from Redstone, we now stock their complete catalogue.

***M.C.ESCHER: BOOK OF 30 POSTCARDS** (Magna Books) £2.99. Exactly what it says! Others in the series include PICASSO, ROUSSEAU, GAUGUIN... all £2.99 each.

MUSHROOM MUSIC

Mushroom Bookshop entered the age of the compact disc in the autumn when we began stocking what is probably Nottingham's most comprehensive range of ECM albums on CD (in addition to many on vinyl and a few on cassette). The usual price is £11.99 for CD, £7.99 for album or cassette, but there are variables... Recent and new exciting titles include:

***MISERERE** Arvo Part (CD/LP/MC). Another remarkable album of three pieces by Estonian Part, performed by the Hilliard Ensemble and others. (Higher price though!)

***ALPSTEIN** Paul Giger and Jan Garbarak (CD/LP). Not out at time of writing but the combination of violinist Giger (we have limited stocks available of his *CHARTRES* solo album - vinyl only - at £3.99 by the way) and saxophonist Garbarek promises much.

***STAR** Jan Garbarek (CD/LP/MC/). This new album with Miroslav Vitous and Peter Erskine - the trio scheduled to play in Birmingham in late November - should also be released before Christmas.

***M.R.C.5** Shankar (CD/LP). Another change of direction from Shankar (he of the double violin), this time featuring Zakir Hussain, Vikku Vinayakram and Jan Christensen. A lovely album.

We expect to extend our CD range beyond ECM next year, space and time permitting (finance permitting too writes this typist/book-keeper), but meanwhile we have a developing selection of recent or classic albums on vinyl (some on cassette) in the fields of folk music, world music, women's music, recommended music (Faust, Frith etc.) and a scattering of indie classics (This Mortal Coil, Sonic Youth etc.)... and of course our large range of New Age cassettes including the long-awaited new album by George Winston, *Summer*.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Mushroom Bookshop and our Xmas shop will be open late every Wednesday evening from 27th November until Xmas. Over the holidays we will only be closed the statutory holidays.

MUSIC

***BE MY BABY** Ronnie Spector (Pan) £4.99. An incredible real-life journey down memory lane, starring the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Sonny & Cher, legendary producer Phil Spector and everyone else who survived that non-stop party which began one night in the Peppermint Lounge in 1963.

***THE PEOPLE'S PAST** Edward Cowan (Polygon) £7.95. Re-issue of the striking provocative tribute to the Scottish folk scene past and present.



Val Wilmer Mama Said There'd Be Days Like This

My Life in the Jazz World

Val Wilmer has long been recognised as one of the most important jazz commentators and photographers. This exceptional autobiography not only charts the events of her own fascinating life as a lesbian in an all-male world, but gives an invaluable perspective on jazz history. Rich and entertaining, *Mama Said* is illustrated with the author's own photographs.

(Women's Press) £8.95.

***THE NEW SHOSTAKOVICH** Ian MacDonald (OUP) £8.99. Best biography of the composer available, fusing biography with political analysis.

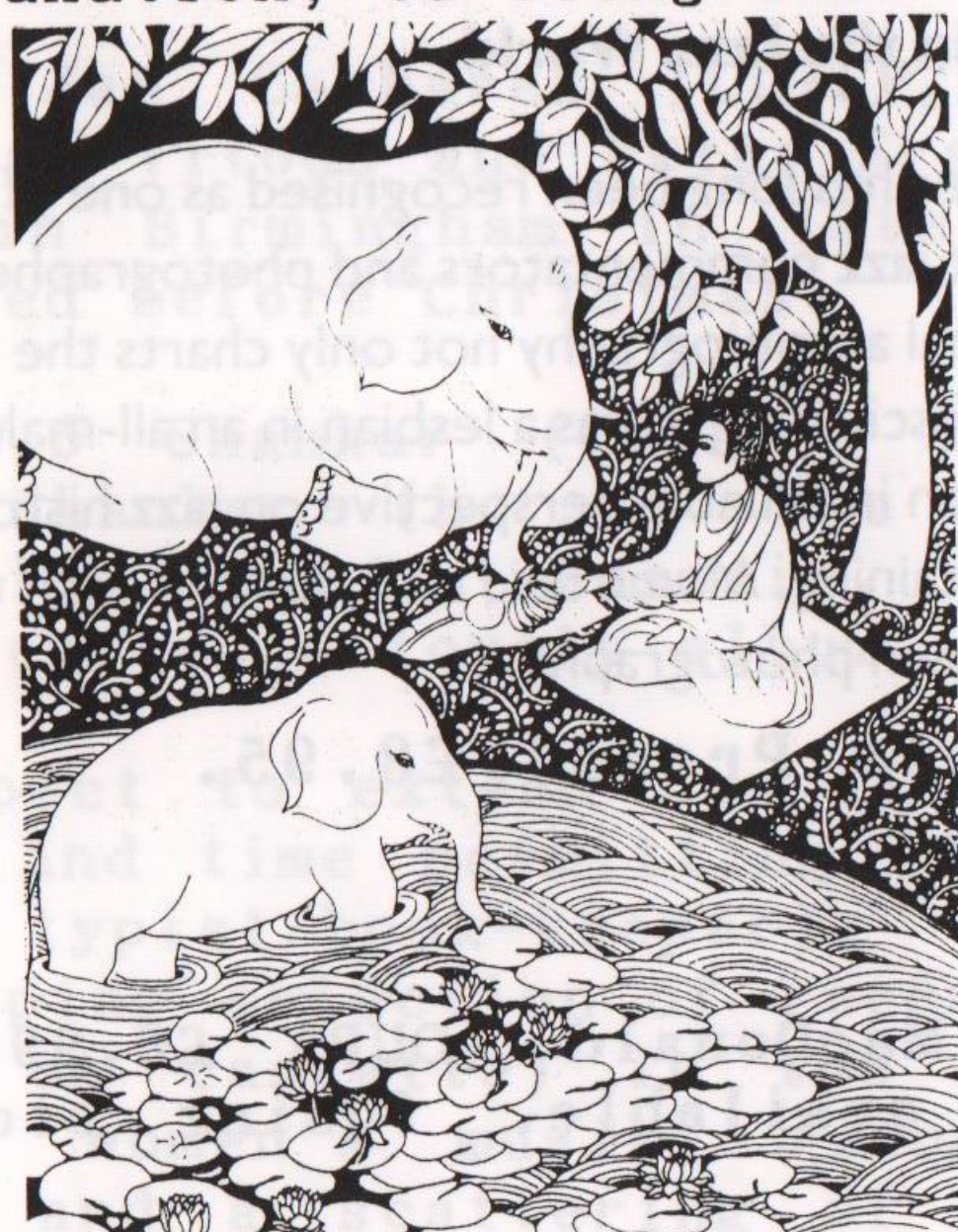
***PENGUIN GUIDE TO COMPACT DISCS AND CASSETTES** (Penguin) £10.99. The largest and most comprehensive survey of recorded classical music ever published. All the key CD and cassette releases between summer 90 and late 91 are now included.

***RIDERS ON THE STORM** John Densmore (Arrow) £5.99. A first account of the Doors by one of the group's members. Densmore remembers how the music grew but cannot forget that it was Jim Morrison who tore himself and the band apart.

INNER LIFE

***CREATION SPIRITUALITY** Matthew Fox (Harper) £8.99. Challenges readers of every religion and political persuasion to unite in a new vision through which we honour the earth and the people who inhabit it as the gift of a good and just creator. Fox, a Dominican priest, calls for Christianity to merge with the struggle for social justice, feminism and environmentalism. Because of this, pressure from the Vatican forced his order to silence him for a year.

***OUR APPOINTMENT WITH LIFE** Thich Nhat Hanh (Parallax) £4.95. A translation and commentary on the *SUTRA ON KNOWING THE BETTER WAY TO LIVE ALONE*, which is the earliest teaching of the Buddha on living fully in the present moment. *THE MIRACLE OF MINDFULNESS* (Parallax) £6.99, by the same author has just been re-issued - a beautifully written guide to meditation, concentration and relaxation, to being awake and fully aware.



***NEW THREE MINUTE MEDITATOR** David Harp (New Harbringer) £7.95. Thirty simple ways to unwind your mind anywhere, anytime. Three minutes could be all it takes.

***THE FINDHORN COMMUNITY** Carol Riddell (Findhorn) £8.95. Charts the development of this successful "New Age" community from its early patriarchal basis to its first hesitant steps into "spiritual democracy" and its evolving relationship with the earth - as well as the new businesses and independent projects springing up around it. (But why are their courses always so expensive?)

***MYTHS TO LIVE BY** Joseph Campbell (Souvenir) £8.95. Ranging from Zen Koans and Indian aesthetics to schizophrenia and walking on the moon, Campbell shows that throughout time and space, myth and religion have followed the same archetypes which cannot be exclusive to any one people, region or religion. A very welcome re-issue.



***ATLANTIS: MYTH OR REALITY?** Murray Hope (Arkana) £5.99. The first mainstream book for a decade on this controversial subject, drawing on all available evidence and hypotheses, and claiming that Atlantis did exist.

***TWELVE HOUSES** Howard Sasportis (Mandala) £9.99. Addresses the need for a clear, up-to-date interpretation of the houses from a modern psychological point of view. It is also a thorough guide to interpreting the planets and signs in the various houses.

***UNDERSTANDING TAROT and UNDERSTANDING CRYSTALS** Jocelyn Almond/Keith Seddon and Neil Irwin (Thorsons) £3.99 each. Both comprehensive introductions to their subjects, values, powers and uses.

***HANDBOOK OF FORTUNE TELLING** Francis Bevan (Angus & Robertson) £5.95. Comprehensive and practical guide to psychic development and self-awareness, with a major section on the tarot, others on numerology and astrology.

also... further titles this year in the *ELEMENTS OF...* series, most of which are clear and readable introductions to the subject, include *ALCHEMY, DRUID TRADITION, EARTH MYSTERIES, FENG SHUI, MEDITATION, MYSTICISM, QABALAH* and *TAOISM* all £4.99 each, from Element the publisher.

PSYCHOLOGY

***BREAKING THE BONDS** Dorothy Rowe (Fontana) £5.99. This internationally renowned psychologist and expert on depression brings together what her 25 years of research have shown her about depression. Rowe believes that we all have the capacity for happiness, hope and freedom.

***THE FAMILY: THEY FUCK YOU UP** ed. Bill Buford (Granta) £6.99. A suitable section for this book? Mikal Gilmore on the execution of his brother, William Wharton on a family of uncles, plus Giorgio Pressburger, Harold Pinter et al.

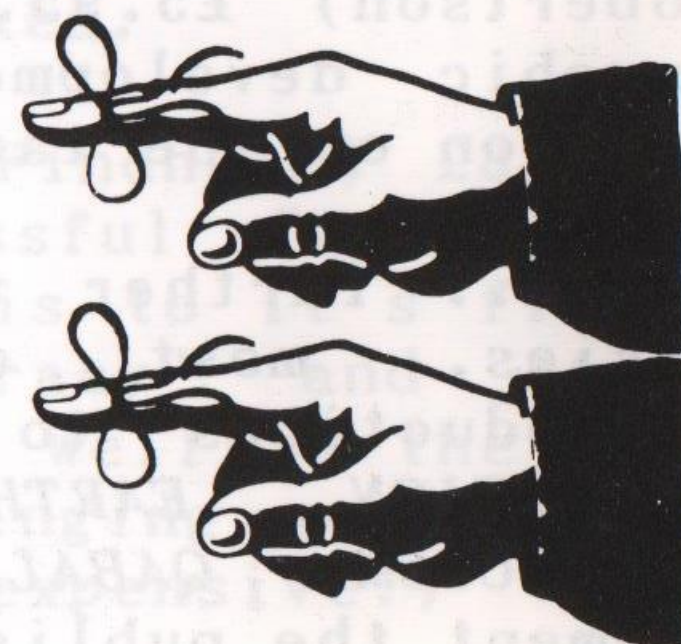
***HYPNOTHERAPY: A HANDBOOK** ed. Michael Heap and Windy Dryden (Open Univ.) £15.99. A handbook intended for professionals concerned with medical and psychological disorders and the counselling of people with behavioural and emotional problems, who wish to learn more about using hypnotherapy in their work.

***BANISHED KNOWLEDGE** Alice Miller (Virago) £5.99. Alice Miller shows us how we can free the injured child within us and achieve liberation.

***DARKNESS VISIBLE** William Styron (Cape) £8.95. Styron takes us on a journey into the realms of his own madness, exploring depression's reality in this ultimately uplifting book.

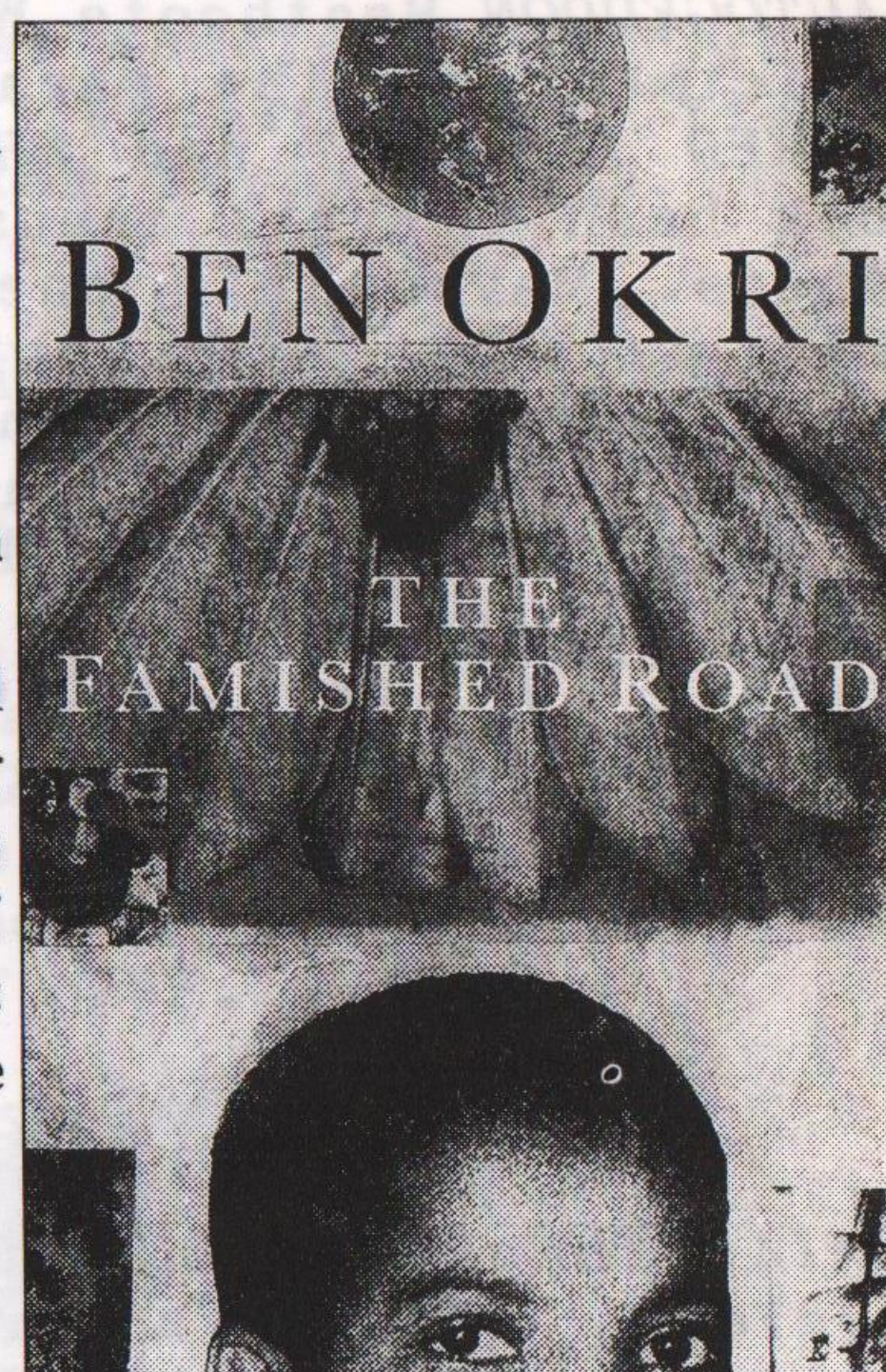
***THE REVEALING IMAGE** Joy Schaverien (Routledge) £14.99. An important and innovative contribution to the literature of art therapy and psychotherapy. *The Revealing Image* explores the effects of pictures and other art objects created within the dynamics of the therapeutic relationship.

***INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCE** Michael Jacobs (Open Univ.) £14.99. An experiential training manual for psychodynamic individual counselling. Packed with illustrative case material, insights and experience.



BOOKER PRIZE WINNER

***THE FAMISHED ROAD** Ben Okri (Cape) £13.99. This Nigerian writer won this year's Booker with this blend of fantasy and realism (thankfully beating Martin Amis!). Hopefully his excellent collection of Nigerian short stories *Incidents at the Shrine* will be rushed back into print.



SELF HELP

***THE ENCOURAGEMENT BOOK** Don Dinkmeyer (Simon & Schuster) £7.99. Lack of confidence and self-esteem are major barriers to fulfilling potential and are often the root causes of problems in learning and in later life. This book will help with proven techniques.

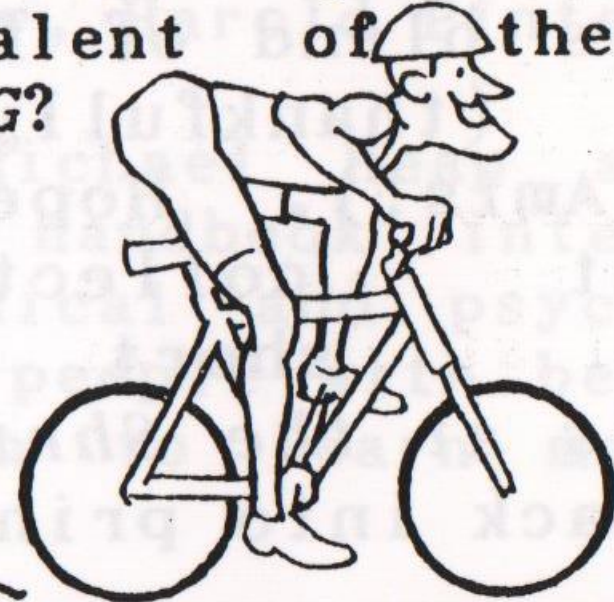
***I'M NOT OK AND YOU'RE NOT OK EITHER** Susan Young (Bloomsbury) £5.99. If you are one of the millions of normal, but neurotic, people who skulk through life riddled with doubts and insecurities...and you know that if in this world you're not worried then you must be out of your mind... then this book is for you. Dare to be the nervous wreck you really are.

***ASSERTION TRAINING; HOW TO BE WHO YOU REALLY ARE** Shan Rees and Roderick Graham (Routledge) £9.99. A wealth of examples and exercises to help you assess and improve your own assertion skills including how to value your own opinions, how to deal with rejection and criticism and how to build self-esteem and confidence.

***CODEPENDENTS GUIDE TO THE TWELVE STEPS** Melody Beattie (Piatkus) £7.99. An important contribution to the growing awareness of codependency and addictive behaviour and the way it can be healed and overcome.

GREEN

***AUTOGEDDON** Heathcote Williams (Cape) £12.99. A wonderful indictment of the paradigm of the car, in the style of *SACRED ELEPHANT* and *WHALE NATION*. Strangely this latest book hasn't (yet) aroused nearly as much interest as the others. Maybe this one is too close to home? Don't let this put you off. *Autogeddon* is a witty and powerful prose poem, entertaining and thought provoking - in other words, a good read. And if it does make us realise that we have to change our lifestyles a little bit, is that so bad? Perhaps help is at hand - is anyone out there writing a car driver's equivalent of the highly successful *EASY WAY TO STOP SMOKING*?



***GAIA: THE PRACTICAL SCIENCE OF PLANETARY MEDICINE** James Lovelock (Gaia) £16.99. This is Lovelock's most challenging book yet. He has further developed the Gaia hypotheses and for the first time combined this with stunning imaginative visuals, greatly clarifying our understanding of the perilous balance between the health and disease of our planet.

***THE BEST OF RESURGENCE** ed. John Button (Green Books) £11.95. A selection from the first 25 years of this thriving magazine. Sane, informative and well-written.

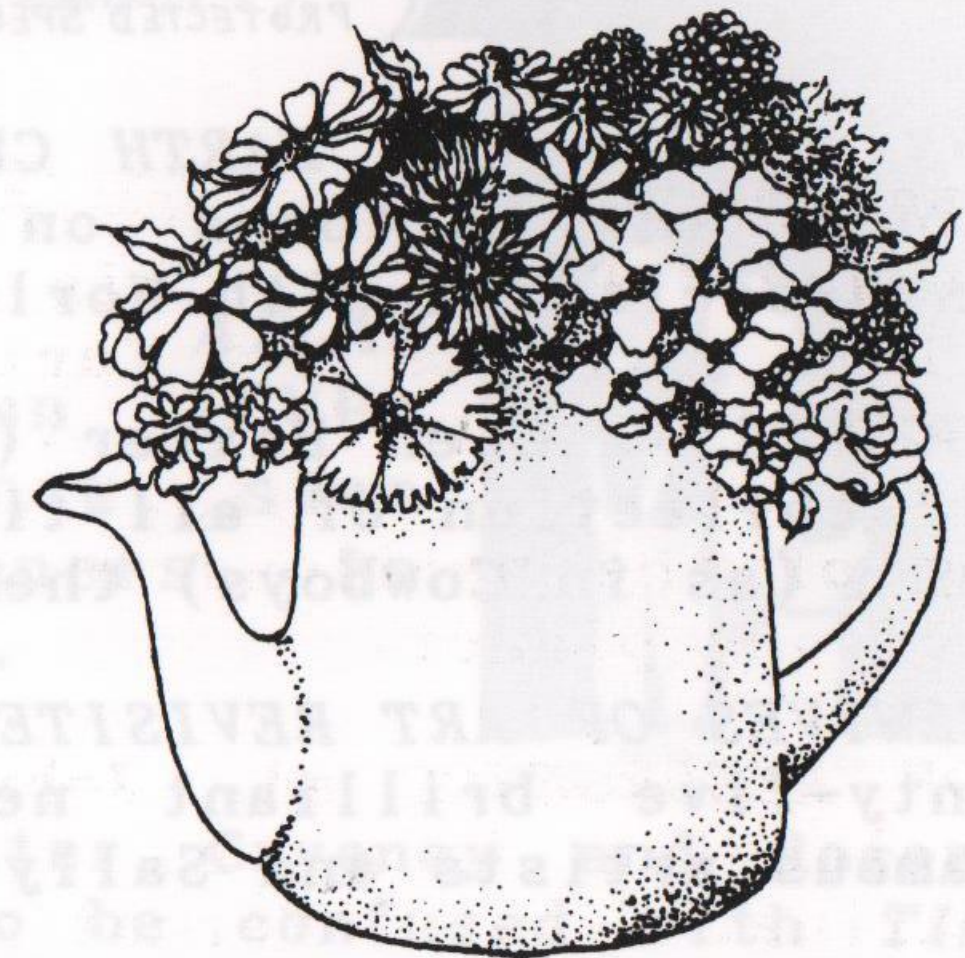
***CHANGING LIFESTYLES** John Seymour (Gollancz) £4.99. The author of the classic *SELF SUFFICIENCY* argues that fundamentally changing our way of life is not just necessary but inevitable, but this need not be daunting and can improve the quality of our lives.

***GLOBAL CONSUMER** Phil Wells and Mandy Jetter (Gollancz) £5.99. Here we move on from the other green consumer guides to concentrate how our vast spending effects the third world and how we can make our purchases to do less damage.

***CARING FOR THE EARTH** (Earthscan) £9.95. Outlines in detail a strategy for a kind of development that both provides real improvements in the quality of human life and conserves the vitality and diversity of the earth. Inspiringly sponsored by organisations worldwide.

***H IS FOR THE ECO-HOME and G IS FOR THE ECO-GARDEN** (Gaia) £4.99 each. Straightforward question and answer books about the personal and environmental safety of everything about the home, from cleaning products to timber treatments, and ecological gardening respectively. *G IS FOR...* is endorsed by the Soil Assoc.

***INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE** Bill Mollison (Tagari) £12.95. How can a rainforest outlive the continent on which the dinosaurs evolved? How can we use this knowledge to keep our planet alive until we evolve into something less destructive? This latest book in the Permaculture series gives eminently practical answers and is a good read as well! (See also *DESIGNING AND MAINTAINING YOUR EDIBLE LANDSCAPE NATURALLY...* Mushroom stocks all the Permaculture books we can find and we are probably the only local stockist of *PERMACULTURE NEWS*.



CHANNUKAH

***THE GOLEM OF OLD PRAGUE** Michael Rosen (Deutsch) £3.99. Popular children's writer Michael Rosen retells the tales of the Golem.

***BROADSIDES** Mordecai Richler (Vintage) £4.99. Richler was shortlisted for the Booker last year with *Solomon Gursky Was Here* (also in stock), but here we have a collection of this excellent Canadian writer's essays and reviews from the last 30 years.

***THE SLOPES OF LEBANON** Amos Oz (Vintage) £5.99. Israel's leading novelist and dove (well, dove-ish) commentator at his most incisive.

***BEYOND THE SLOGANS** ed. Dave Rosenberg (Jewish Socialists' Group) £2.95. A collection of articles from *Jewish Socialist* on Zionism.

HUMOUR



***WHEN HUMANS ROAMED THE EARTH** Chris Madden (Earthscan) £5.99. A book of cartoons on environmental issues, published in association with Worldwide Fund for Nature.

***A BAX OF BOXTERS 2** Glen Baxter (Bloomsbury) £6.80. Glen Baxter's new collection of all-time favourite postcards, with a Western (as in Cowboys) theme.

***GREAT HOUSEWIVES OF ART REVISITED** Sally Swain (Grafton) £5.99. Twenty-five brilliant new pastiches from the studio of famous artists and Sally Swain.

***ISN'T PROGRESS WONDERFUL?** Stan Eales (Grub St.) £7.50. A collection of environmentally friendly cartoons from this regular contributor to Private Eye.

***THE QUEST FOR THE BIG WOOF** Lenny Henry (Penguin) £5.99. A cartoon book where Lenny searches for the Big Woof - comedian-speak for applause.

***YOGA FOR CATS** Traudle and Walter Reiner (Gollancz) £4.99. The perfect solstice present for your cat. No more sleeping all day only to appear at the first sound of the can opener. By following these simple exercises your cat will become sleek, fulfilled and wise.

***THE UNCENSORED BOYS OWN** Dick Beresford (Macdonald) £5.99. Spiffing tales of plucky deeds and unspeakable beastliness.

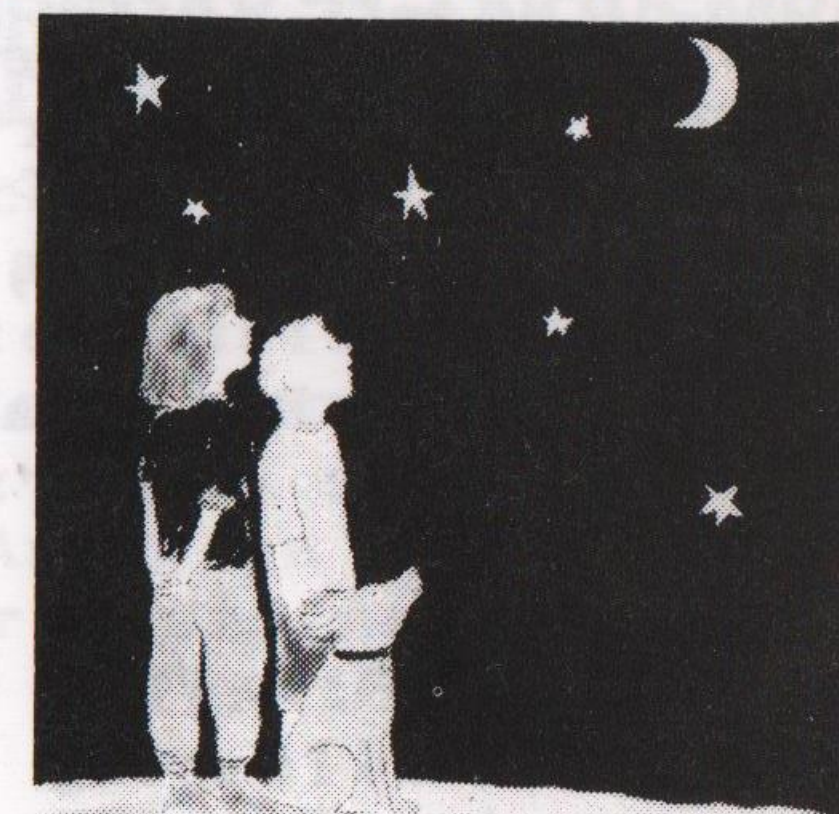
SCIENCE

***THE QUANTUM SELF** Danah Zohar (Flamingo) £4.99. Zohar makes striking use of quantum theory to demand a radical reappraisal of our conventional model of personality. "Physics without fuss" (Jeanette Winterson).

***SUPERSTRINGS AND THE SEARCH FOR THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING** David Peat (Cardinal) £5.99. A wonderful exploration of superstring theory and its potential for explaining... well, almost everything!. Also available by the same author: *EINSTEIN'S MOON* (Contemporary Books) £9.75, on Bell's Theorem and quantum physics.

***THE 'NEW SCIENTIST' GUIDE TO CHAOS** ed. Nina Hall (Penguin) £9.99. A collection of articles on the theory and application of chaos, from economics to animal behaviour. (Due late November.)

***CAMBRIDGE STAR ATLAS 2000.0** Wil Tirion (CUP) £10.95. Superb new star atlas for beginners to practice astronomy.



***THE ARROW OF TIME** Peter Caveney and Roger Highfield (Fontana) £4.99. Not to be confused with *TIME'S ARROW*, this is a unique and accessible search across the scientific disciplines to a unified version of time. John Gribben rates it as more comprehensive and more accessible - and better value! - than *A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME...*

***THE GENERATION GAME** Pat Spillone (Women's Press) £7.95. Genetic engineering and the future of the planet - their challenging and alarming book describes in clear lay language the facts about potentially life-changing global developments about which there is very little public knowledge.

***THE NEWTONIAN CASINO** Thomas Bass (Penguin) £5.99. Post-hippie computer freaks develop a system to rip off casinos and take on Las Vegas to heroic and thrilling effect. "An astonishing and fascinating tale of scientific heroism" says Richard Dawkins.

GENERAL POLITICS

***GIVE ME SHELTER** ed. Michael Rosen (Bodley Head) £5.99. Poetry, prose and pictures which challenge homelessness. Contributors include Farouk Dhondy, Fiona Pitt-Kethley and Posy Simmonds. This publication marks SHELTER's 25th anniversary.

***THE CHATTO BOOK OF DISSENT** Michael Rosen and David Widgery (Chatto) £14.99. A very wide-ranging and unpredictable anthology. Shakespeare rubs shoulders with Nina Simone, Spartacus with Cynthia Paine. (Published 30/11.)

***AGAINST RELIGION** A.N.Wilson (Chatto) £3.99. Fierce polemic against Popes and Ayatollahs.

***BEYOND THE GULF WAR** ed. John Gittings (C.I.I.R.) £5.99. The first serious book to look at the effect of the Gulf War on world politics and the Middle East. Contributors include Abbas Shibli, Richard Falk and Khalil Hindi.

***LEADING LIVES** Rita Wall (Attic) £6.99. No topic is off limits in these conversations with Irish women living in Britain.

***FREEDOM TO GO: AFTER THE MOTOR AGE** Colin Ward (Freedom) £3.50. A challenging and fascinating look at roads, railways, in fact transport policy in general. Very highly recommended. Ward is as always readable and touches on the ways communities and individuals are affected by the world in which ordinary people untidily get in the way of progress.

***NEVER A YES MAN** Eric Heffer (Verso) £16.95. A posthumous autobiography of this carpenter, Christian left winger.

***CUSTOMS IN COMMON** E.P.Thompson (Merlin) £25. A companion to his classic *The Making of the English Working Class*. Here Thompson examines popular culture and practice as the working class came into being.

***IRON JOHN** Robert Bly (Element) £12.95. This benign looking white-haired man with a nice taste in waistcoats has generated considerable controversy (and a fair amount of derision) with his notions of males getting in touch with the wild man within. Visionary? Crypto-fascist? What do you think?

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BILLIG (Loughborough University) will speak on **SCANDAL**

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***TALKING OF THE ROYAL FAMILY** Michael Billig (Routledge) £10.99. Where were you when Chas and Di got spliced? This entertaining book by a local writer explores the British public's mass obsession with the Royal Family.

***IMAGINED COMMUNITIES** Benedict Anderson (Verso) £9.95. What makes people love and die for their nations, as well as kill and hate in their names? Very timely book, full of interest.

BITS AND BOBS

***JUGGLING FOR THE COMPLETE KLUTZ** John Cassidy and B.C. Rimbeaux (Klutz Press) £7.99. Easily Mushroom's best selling 'book'. So what's so great about literature? We also stock *KNOTS*, *MARBLES*, *YO-YOS* and others.

***FOOTBALL WITH ATTITUDE** Steve Redhead (Wordsmith) £7.99. This book from the fanzine world is more Attila the Stockbroker territory than Stanley Matthews. We also have in stock the new *WHEN SATURDAY COMES* annual, *THE LATE TACKLE*. Our sport section is increasing by leaps and bounds, next year the number of titles might even reach double figures.

***WALL-TO-WALL HISTORY: THE STORY OF ROYSTONE GRANGE** Richard Hodges (Duckworth) £9.95. Roystone Grange is a spectacular hill-farm in the White Peaks. This fascinating book examines its archeological history - mediaeval, Roman and pre-historic.