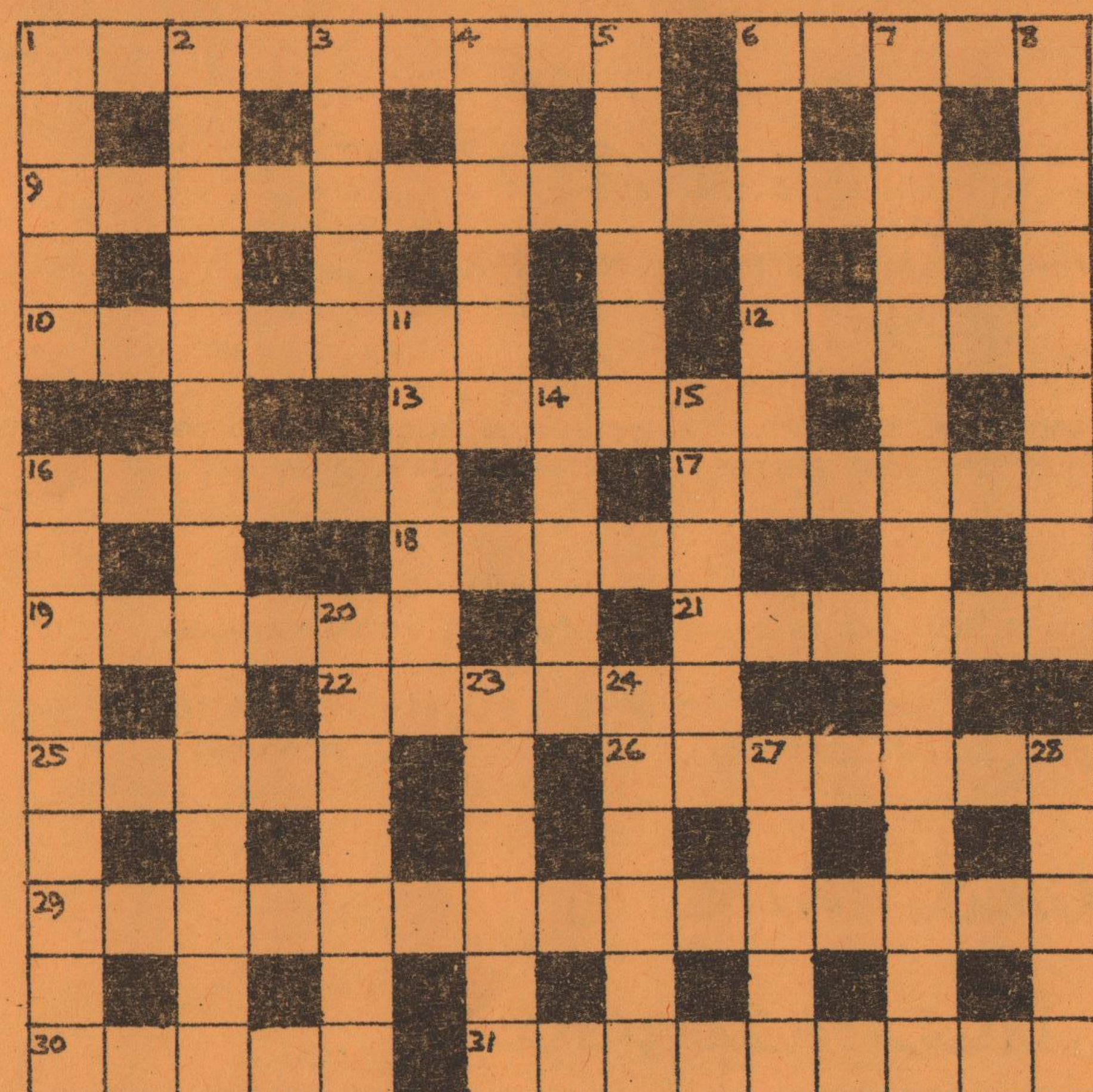


# XMAS CROSSWORD



## Mushroom Bookshop Prize Cryptic Crossword by Keith Leonard

Completed entries with your name and address to Mushroom Bookshop by 6.00pm January 8th. Please mark the envelope **Crossword**. The first correct entry drawn will win a £20 Mushroom Bookshop Voucher. Two runners-up will receive £5 vouchers.

The solution, with notes, will be displayed on our noticeboard after the winners have been drawn. Copies also available by post on receipt of an s.a.e. Note: Chambers English Dictionary may well be found helpful.

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Piano shut loudly - Seles didn't do it (5,4)
- 6) Great changes for Lakeland flower (5)
- 9) Night bird in cave turned back with jewel in range of sight - something done about it, thanks (15)
- 10) Odd pair outside are climbing plant (7)
- 12) One who observes how race appears from terrace? (5)
- 13) Make possible point with winding lane around Beachy Head (6)
- 16) Brandy about - can go backwards (6)
- 17) Juggle a bar or weight (6)
- 18) Back in the forest six evergreens live (5)
- 19) Aquatic animals turn right in set to (6)

- 21) Take part eagerly at first - throw an egg (6)
- 22) Precludes in law directions to new post (6)
- 23) Saw sound located (5)
- 26) Curiously one act involves them first together in Spenser (7)
- 29) Move 12 spaces, moving more than makes up (15)
- 30) Positioned in time, consumed in two days (5)
- 31) Without shoes as slipper, perhaps, gets wrongly laced (9)

### CLUES DOWN

- 1) Take hold of unsteadily, perhaps go without hope (5)
- 2) Where Mushroom began the task, shortly Greek writer is translated (9,6)
- 3) Washerman starts doing heavy or bulky items (5)

- 4) Inland, interminably, is all lowland (6)
- 5) I'm up before feathered creature turns over part of leaf (6)
- 6) Writer holds printers' measure more environmentally sound (7)
- 7) A kind of wave wrecked ice cream tent - go left (15)
- 8) Substitute tent a real shambles (9)
- 11) No one escapes from recession depression (6)
- 14) Bizarre aim, work mate (5)
- 15) Not the earliest Los Angeles trial (6)
- 16) This is Criminal Records Office's emblem of authority and power (9)
- 20) Impoverished creed loses energy - due shake up (7)
- 23) Were full and emptied (6)
- 24) Saddles juries (6)
- 27) Circle within cast adapted opera (5)
- 28) Relieved unlimited desalted returns (5)

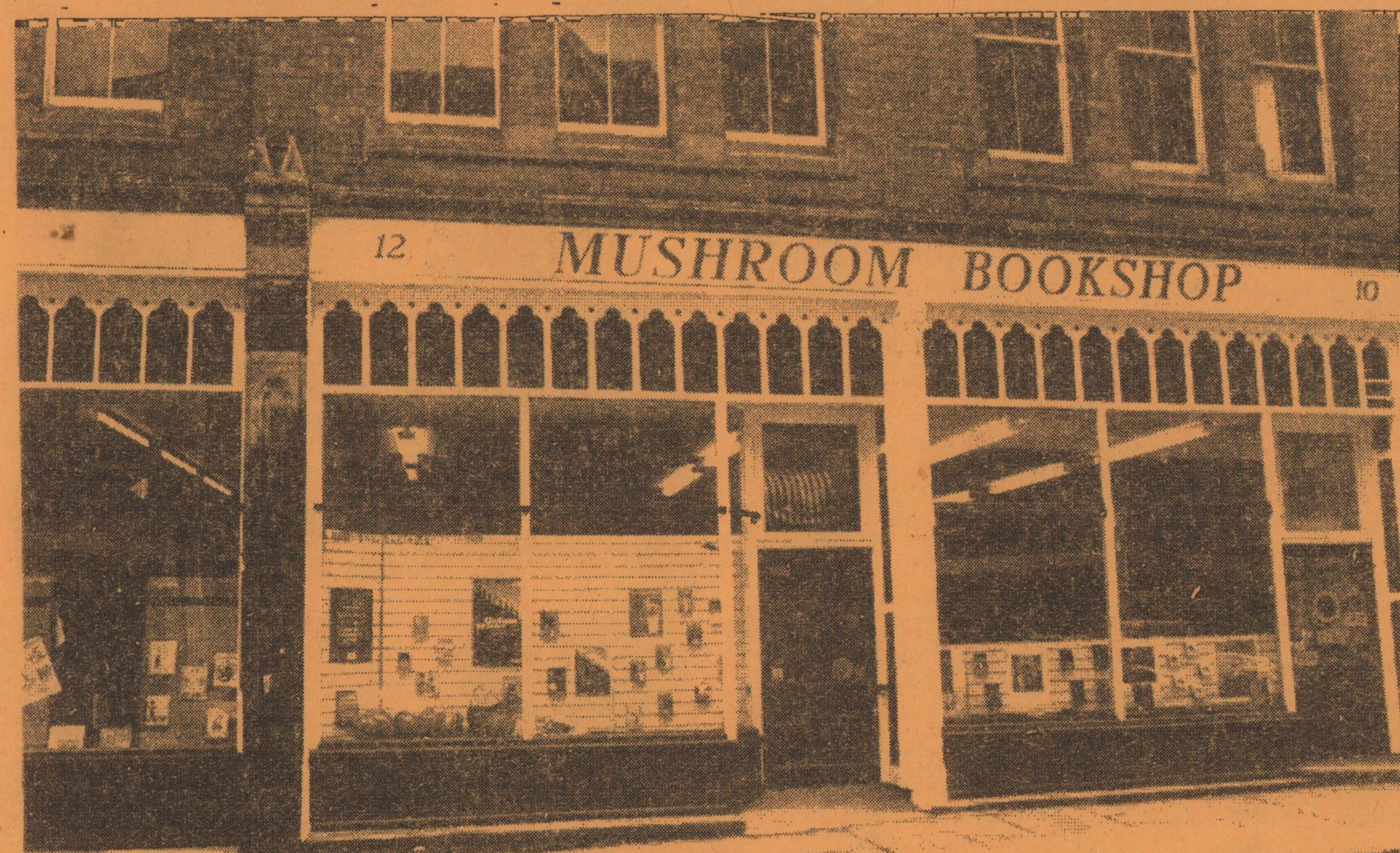
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## GOES UNDERGROUND

Following Next to Mushroom, 39 Steps from Mushroom and 10 Seconds from Mushroom... Mushroom Goes Underground. From Friday 13th November (why not?) our cellar is open for alternative Christmas cards, diaries, right-on bric-a-brac from the usual list of third world charities and fair-trading groups, campaigns and assorted malcontents. We will also be expanding our book stock. Those who saw our cellar previously will be relieved to know that there has been extensive building work done on it! Troglodytes welcome!

# TWO DECADES



Mushroom Bookshop is now twenty years old. Few would have imagined in 1972 that the small shop then in Arkwright Street would have survived a year let alone have kept going, and kept growing. We would like to thank all those customers, individual and institutional, and all the former Mushroom workers who have made this possible.

During 1991/92 Mushroom has been trying to spend its way out of the recession! Our new children's area, built out into what was a very unpleasant alleyway has enabled us to expand our coverage of books for children, especially multi-cultural. The shopfront has been tidied up and repainted and those attractive leaded windows exposed. Inside, a new heating system has been installed (which should be a relief to all) and having had a full year of computerisation we are now better able to control our stock. The turnaround time for customer orders and for restocking has been improved, again thanks to our computer. Book sales over the counter (though not sadly to libraries) have increased in the last year, which we are very pleased with. Having security equipment may have added a percent or two! Finally we have after years of talking about it finally excavated our cellar and from 13th November Mushroom Goes Underground for sales of Christmas goods and to allow more space for books.



**Inside: Xmas reading  
recommendations: good books for  
children: crossword: literary quiz**

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



# LITERARY QUIZ

This is Mushroom Bookshop's Xmas Quiz. There's a £20 Mushroom voucher to the first correct entry picked out of a hat on 9th January, and two runner-up vouchers of £5 each. The winner will be notified by post. Entries please to Mushroom Bookshop, marked Quiz. Thanks to Kate Marsden for producing the first draft of the quiz.

- 1) Which books begin:
  - a) "The news that Harry Perkins was to become Prime Minister went down very badly at the Athanaem."
  - Answer:.....
  - b) "Dear God, I am fourteen years old. I have always been a good girl. Maybe you could give me a sign letting me know what is happening to me."
  - Answer:.....
  - c) "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen."
  - Answer:.....
  - d) "A spectre is haunting Europe, the spectre of communism."
  - Answer:.....
- 2) What have the following people got in common?
  - a) Brian O'Nolan, Myles na Gopaleen, Flann O'Brien
  - Answer:.....
  - b) Coffin Ed Johnson, V.I. Warshawski, Spenser, Marlowe
  - Answer:.....
- 3) Which countries do/did the following come from?
 

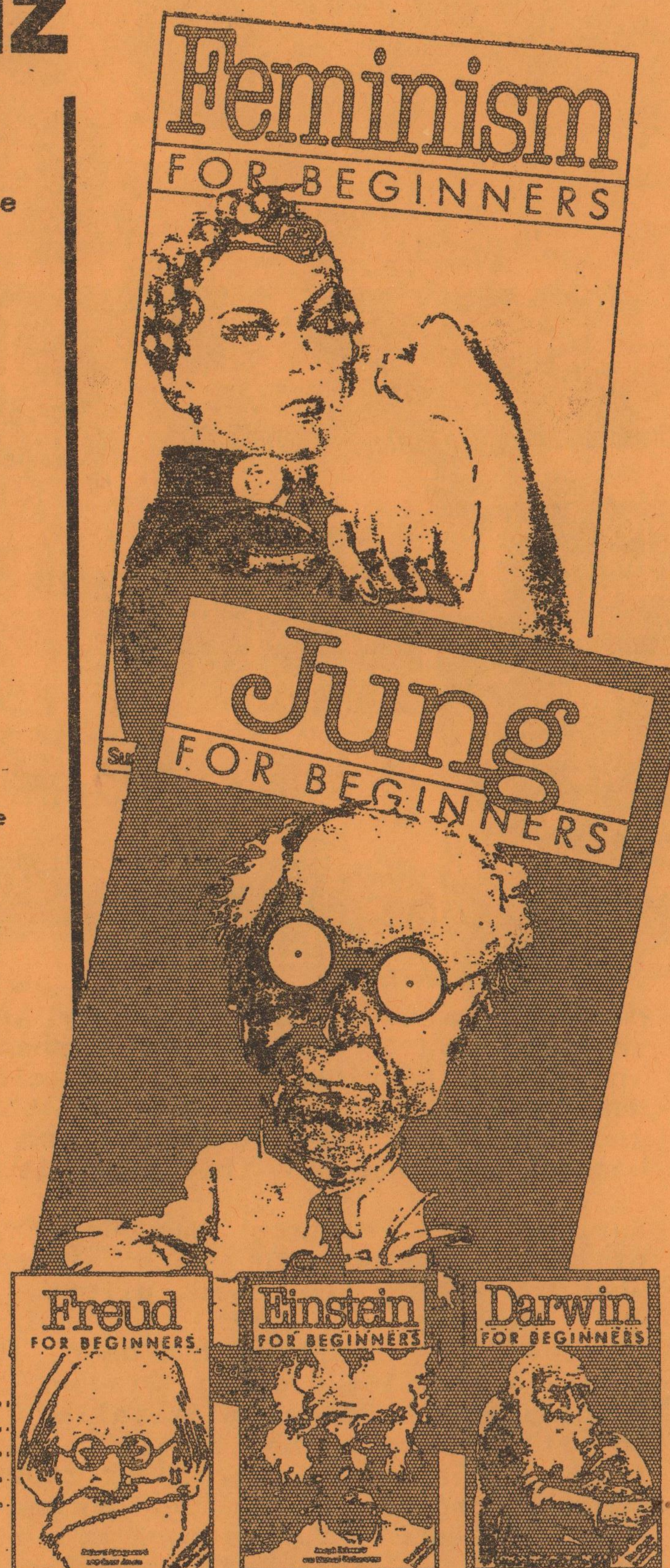
Victor Jara.....	Margaret Atwood.....
Primo Levi.....	Timothy Mo.....
Milan Kundera (recent history notwithstanding).....	
Isabel Allende.....	Amos Oz.....
- 4) Complete these titles
 

The Well of.....	The Bell.....
The Jewel.....	The People of the.....
- 5) Match the following:
 

a) Alice	Bronte	
Adrienne	Livia	
Audre	Lord	
Arthur	Walker	
Anne	Koestler	
Armistead	Rich	
Anna	Maupin	
b) Irish Citizens Army	Joe Hill	
Industrial Workers of the World	Oliver Tambo	
The Diggers	Keir Hardy	
African National Congress	Gerald Winstanley	
Independent Labour Party	James Connolly	
- 6) Name:
  - a) An anarchist prince.....
  - b) A pacifist count.....
  - c) A prisoner MP.....
- 7) Where is: Darkover.....
- 8) What colour is the wallpaper.....  
the eye.....the color.....  
the shift.....

## The small print.

Judges decision is final, no correspondence, answers will appear on our noticeboard in due course. Or send an sae if desperate. Workers and ex-workers of Mushroom Bookshop cannot take part or bribes.



■ Standard format 210 x 140 mm, 176 pages, black-and-white illustrations throughout, £7.99 paperback

■ Publication  
October 29, 1992

**Feminism for Beginners** cuts through the myths surrounding the subject and provides a timely guide to the stormy history of the women's movement and the challenges still confronting women throughout the world today.

## INSIDE NEWS

On 1st October Mushroom Bookshop became Mushroom Bookshop Limited. How will this effect you as a customer? It won't. We are now a registered workers' co-operative (ICOM Yellow Rules) after 20 years of having a rather hybrid structure. The new format gives greater protection to the Mushroom workers if we were to go bankrupt (not that we plan to do so) and gives us better legal rights, eg. to state benefits and tidies up our tax affairs. So don't panic if you see the word Limited here and there. Mushroom remains under workers' control as it has done for 20 years.

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## 1992 TOP TEN

The list below is Mushroom's best selling books up to October this year.

- 1) FEEL THE FEAR AND DO IT ANYWAY  
Susan Jeffers (Arrow) £4.99.
- 2) YOU CAN HEAL YOUR LIFE  
Louise Hay (Eden Grove) £6.95.
- 3) A WOMAN IN YOUR OWN RIGHT  
Anne Dickson (Quartet) £5.95.
- 4) COURAGE TO HEAL  
Eileen Bass (Cedar) £7.99.
- 5) PARACHUTE GAMES  
(Peace Pledge Union) £1.95.
- 6) WOMEN ON TOP  
Nancy Friday (Hutchinson) £8.99.
- 7) FAMISHED ROAD  
Ben Okri (Arrow) £5.99.
- 8) MY SECRET GARDEN  
Nancy Friday (Quartet) £5.95.
- 9) THE BEAUTY MYTH  
Naomi Wolff (Vintage) £6.99.
- 10) DRAMA OF BEING A CHILD  
Alice Miller (Virago) £4.99.

Best selling gay book: STRIPPING PENGUINS BARE by Michael Carson, best selling political book: AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X, childrens: THE ANTI-COLOURING BOOK, cookery: THE VEGAN COOKBOOK...

## DISTANT VOICES



On the political front this has been a very poor year for books. In fact on the political front this has been a very poor year. But we won't go into that. Dissenting writers are few and far between, but we do have John Pilger. In his new collection *Distant Voices* (Vintage, £6.99) Pilger writes in his usual ascerbic style about the Gulf War, Disneyland and other recent horrors. Sometimes Pilger adopts unlikely heroes (as in his recent praise for *Militant*) but mostly he acutely dissects the world around us. Not a cheerful book, but essential reading.

Labour Party members will be rushing to read **DEFEAT FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY** by Mike Marqusee and Richard Hefferman (Verso, £9.95) which is published in November. Leaving aside that the writers are from a group called *Labour Briefing* who have been as unsuccessful as it's possible to be in politics this book looks at how Labour under N.K. lost its policies, its members, its credibility, its finance and the election. Sounds pretty careless if true. Still, as Labour is still some 3,000 times bigger than *Briefing*, plus it has an MP or two...



# RECOMMENDED READING

\* WOMEN ON TOP Nancy Friday (Arrow) £5.99. New, more afford-able edition of Nancy Friday's up to date volume of women's sexual fantasies. Due 1/11

\* THE GOOD FAIRIES OF NEW YORK Martin Millar (Fourth Estate) £5.99. Cult novelist Millar's latest. Thistle Fairies Heather and Morag have one too many and wake up in New York. Those familiar with Millar will know that adventures ensue.

\* OFFICIAL POLITICALLY CORRECT DICTIONARY (Grafton) £4.99. This will either be a Mushroom runaway bestseller or we'll take one look and send them straight back... Look for the huge piles, or a complete absence. Due 5/11

\* DARING TO SPEAK LOVE'S NAME Elizabeth Stuart (Hamish Hamilton) £7.99. This was the book SPCK got cold feet about publishing, a gay and lesbian prayer book. Words and liturgies to express lesbian and gay experience, to mourn and to celebrate.

\* ROSE ELLIOTT'S VEGETARIAN CHRISTMAS (HarperCollins) £14.99. Festive f. and d. from the most popular veggie author.

\* CONJURING TRICKS (Charles Letts) £4.95. Amuse your friends, indeed, bore them silly with this little handbook of subtle sleight of hand. Also available in the same series is the unfortunately-titled JUGGLING (Pocket Edition). Presumably for men only.

\* THE RAMAYANA RETOLD £3.95. Beautifully illustrated and produced version of Hindu scripture.

\* TRAVELLING CAT IN IRELAND Frederick Harrison (Grafton) £5.99. Cheesy and Pugwash, of Guardian fame, go to Ireland in the camper van. Two travelling moggies whose ambition was to rid Ireland of all small furry things and to unravel the mysteries of the tide.

\* WILDERNESS TIPS Margaret Atwood (Virago) £5.99. Short stories by this Canadian writer whose books are so popular with Mushroom customers.

\* A WOMAN'S EYE ed. Sarah Paretsky (Virago) £6.99. Twenty-one of the best female investigators are included in this selection including Amanda Cross, Liza Cody and Gillian Slovo. Sarah Paretsky has a new V.I.Warshawski GUARDIAN ANGEL (Penguin) £4.99. Ignore the recent Paretsky film, stick to her books. If you like feisty P.I.s, you'll love Warshawski.

\* BENJAMIN BRITTEN Humphrey Carpenter (Faber) £20. A biography which recognizes and explores the gay threads running through Britten's life and music.

\* THE CHANGE Germaine Greer (Penguin) £6.99. Like or loathe, you cannot ignore Greer. This is certainly the most talked about book on the menopause. Due 29/10

\* DEFYING GRAVITY Roger McGough (Viking) £14.99. The title comes from a poem describing the early death of an old friend. Not all the poems are so sombre and McGough displays his usual verbal sparkle. An intriguing cover too.

\* ANCIENT FUTURES: LEARNING FROM LADAKH Helena Norberg-Hodge (Rider) £8.99. A surprising and encouraging entrant in our recent monthly "top tens". Ladakh, wild, beautiful, extremes of climate, few resources yet no-one went unfed, the community was strong and the status of women was high. And then came "development". And now the turn back towards sustainability and rebuilding what was lost.

\* FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAFE Fannie Fagg (Vintage) £5.99. A gentle, poignant and humorous love story. Catch the film if it comes round again.

\* INVERSIONS ed. Betsy Warland (Open Letters) £11.99. Writings by 'dykes, queers and lesbians' including Sunita Namjoshi, Jane Rule, Anne Cameron, Sarah Schulman, Irene Klepfisz et al.

\* CAKES MEN LIKE Benjamin Darling (really...) (Chronicle) £5.95. Classic of culinary delights from times past, guaranteed to bring bliss to the man in your life. Ideal OUTHOUSE raffle prize, wedding present etc.

\* COWS OF OUR PLANET Gary Larsen (Warner) £5.99. More bovine fun. The entire Larsen Far Side Gallery collection will be ready for viewing.

\* HER BLUE BODY EVERYTHING WE KNOW Alice Walker (Women's Press) £9.99. The only full collection of Alice Walker's poetry, 1965-90.

\* WE HAVE THE MELON Greg Woods (Carcenet) £6.95. Local boy makes good with this superb collection of gay poetry. Whitman fans will recognize the title.

\* PHILIP MORO PRESENTS... £7.95. Thirty-two b & w postcards of "the naked man" cropping up in strange places such as by the Robin Hood statue, on a religious procession etc. Possibly the oddest item on this list.

# CHILDREN

## MULTICULTURAL

\* SOUTH NORTH EAST WEST ed. Michael Rosen (Walker) £12.99. Animal stories from Botswana, ghost stories from Jamaica, family stories from India... all beautifully illustrated by artists such as Michael Foreman, Satoshi Kitamura and Nicola Bayley. Royalties to Oxfam.

\* SAMMY'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP Odette Elliott (Deutsch) £7.99. Christmas Eve drags on endlessly for an imaginative, excited little boy. A story for any child who's had to wait for Christmas.

\* TIME FOR TELLING ed. by Mary Medhcott (Kingfisher) £8.95. Fifteen lively tales from storytellers around the world, with strong female images, ideal for reading aloud.

\* MAGIC SKATEBOARD Enid Richemont (Walker) £2.99. A sizzling pacy adventure in which Danny lends his skateboard to a mysterious woman and is given magical powers.

\* NO HICKORY NO DICKORY NO DOCK John Agard and Grace Nichols (Puffin) £2.99. A new and very different collection of nursery rhymes which provides a fresh and exciting alternative to traditional collections.

\* RANTERS, RAVERS AND RHYMERS Farrukh Dhondy (Lions) £3.50. Ranting, raving, rhyming and revolutionary poets from Black Britain, Africa, the Caribbean and the Indian sub-continent gathered together in this unusual anthology.

## YOUNGER CHILDREN AND PICTURE BOOKS

\* SAM'S SURPRISE David Pelham (Cape) £4.99. Ingenious, humorous and cleverly-designed semi-pop-up book-in-a-box in which Samantha discovers that revenge can be very sweet indeed when she gives her big brother and his friends a gift full of mouth-watering surprises.

\* MOTHER GAVE A SHOUT: POEMS BY WOMEN AND GIRLS ed. by Susan Steele and Morag Styles (Lions) £2.99. Delightful anthology of amusing, mysterious and reflective poems; life-affirming tales for all to read or listen to.

\* MY DAD'S A FIRE-EATER Roger McGough (Puffin) £2.99. A colourfully illustrated tongue-in-cheek tale of heroics; an amusing story in which dad braves impossible odds to put out the fire that engulfs the local hospital.

\* DULCIE DANDO FOOTBALL PLAYER Sue Stops (Hippo) £2.99. The best footballer in school happens to be a girl; she finds though that she is not selected for the team - all of whom are boys. Talent and skill will out, however, and given the chance she shows them all that true ability knows no boundaries.

\* THE BLUE BOY Martin Auer and Simone Klages (Gollancz) £3.99. An anti-war pictorial tale, sensitively drawn and movingly told. It is a story pleading for unity and reconciliation - leaving behind the bullets, bombs and hatred they represent.

\* MAN Raymond Briggs (MacRae) £9.99. He is hairy where the Snowman was smooth, grabs where Father Christmas would give and is only a fraction the size of Fungus the Bogeyman, otherwise he's typically Briggsian. A tape is also available, read by Michael Palin (£4.99).

\* WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury (Walker) £3.99. A beautifully illustrated little book full of laughter, fun and excitement. Entertaining to read aloud or alone.

\* YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS MAGIC SHOW Marvin Miller (Hippo) £3.99. A detailed activity book full of instructions for the making of incredible magic tricks. Hours of fun and well explained. Will appeal to any budding magician, performer or entertainer.

## OLDER CHILDREN

\* JUNIPER Monica Furlong (Corgi) £2.99. Full of mystery and women's power, this haunting fantasy charts the path one Celtic girl takes in her search among ancient wisdoms for her destiny.

\* HAUNTING CHRISTMAS TALES (Hippo) £4.99. It's Christmas Eve and a group of friends have gathered round a fireside. Warmed by intimacy the friends begin to tell tales, tales that will haunt you long after you have closed this book... Authors include Joan Aitken, Robert Swindells and Nottingham writer (THE FOGGIEST) Dave Belbin.

\* MIND THE GAP Michael Rosen (Scholastic) £4.99. What was Michael Rosen doing standing naked in a cupboard? What is a shlump? Who says you can't kiss with your mouth shut? Answers to these questions and more can be found in this challenging and explosive book of poems.

\* CAN YOU HEAR? ed. by John Foster (Piper) £3.50. From Chief Seattle to Spike Milligan, John Masefield to John Agard, this is an inspired and varied collection of poems old and new. Another Oxfam 50th anniversary publication.

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# DAUGHTERS OF AFRICA

This is the year for Black Women. Standing above all is *Daughters of Africa* (Cape, £30). Edited by Margaret Busby - herself well known as a Black Publisher - this is a massive anthology which covers the whole of Africa, the diaspora and from ancient Egypt to modern times. This massive book (1000 pages) contains prose, poetry, autobiography and non-fiction. £30 is, well, £30, but you will find yourself dipping into this work for years to come. £23.01 cheaper is another excellent anthology *Breaking Ice* (Vintage) which is a good introduction to African-American writing, men and women. Terry McMillan is the editor. She also has a new book out of her own, *Waiting to Exhale* (Doubleday, £14.99) which has been getting rave reviews. Alice Walker, Gloria Naylor and (closer to home) Joan Riley all have new novels out this year (*Possessing the Secret of Joy*, *Bailey's Cafe* and *A Kindness to the Children*). Toni Morrison also has a major novel out, *Jazz* (Chatto, £14.99) which is a fictional portrayal of Black American urban

## Praise song for my mother

You were  
water to me  
deep and bold and fathoming

You were  
moon's eye to me  
sunrise to me  
rise and warm and streaming

You were  
the fishes red gill to me  
the flame tree's spread to me  
the crab's leg/the fried  
plantain smell  
replenishing replenishing  
Go to your wide futures you said.

Grace Nichols  
(from *Daughters of Africa*)

life in the 1920s. Also from Toni Morrison is *Playing in the Dark: whiteness and the literary imagination* which examines race in Willa Cather, Melville, Hemingway and other white American writers.

## MUSIC

Mushroom's range of interesting music develops apace... We're now Nottingham's first official ECM dealer, stocking every new release and a comprehensive range of back-catalogue items from this unique label. Recent wonderful albums include Keith Jarrett's *Vienna Concert*, Jan Garbarek's *Ragas and Sagas*, John Surman's *Adventure Playground* and the lesser-known David Darling's exquisite *Cello*. To complement the sometimes ethereal pleasures of ECM we've also started stocking a range of CDs from the acclaimed specialist blues label JSP, including *Addressing the Nation with the Blues* from Byther Smith, the Chicago blues artist who took the Old Vic by storm in October. Our world music has expanded to include Klezmer/Yiddish music (including the Klezmatics' *Rhythm and Jews*) and a few awesome albums of Orthodox chants from Russia and Bulgaria. We also stock *Wire* (the magazine of jazz and new music) and Folk Roots.

One of this year's bestsellers is *Songs of the Humpback Whale*. On that subject New World have just issued their *Whales and Sounds of the Sea* on CD, along with *Ocean Waves* and others. We stock almost all the New World new age music on cassette and CD as available. Other new age/ambient titles added to our stock during the year include Nigel Shaw's albums from Seventh Wave and Gabrielle Roth's shamanic dance albums from Raven Recording. Keith, who is largely responsible for the music selection, welcomes feedback from customers. Should we start stocking titles from our folk/roots/world music/women's music/'recommended' sections on CD? Should we try and keep a decent range of LP's as long as possible or go over almost completely to CD and cassette as most shops are doing? Over to you!

\* TEENAGE VEGETARIAN SURVIVAL GUIDE Anouchka Grose (Red Fox) £3.50. All you need to know about becoming a vegetarian.

\* YOUNG PERSON'S ACTION GUIDE TO ANIMAL RIGHTS Barbara James (Virago) £3.99. One of the best introductions to animal welfare issues for young people.

## GREEN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

\* CAPTAIN ECO AND THE FATE OF THE EARTH Jonathon Porritt and Ellis Nadler (Dorling) £6.99. Winner of the 1992 Earthworm book award. A powerful story for everyone who cares about the future of our planet.

\* A MILLION WAYS TO A FAIRER WORLD Written by children for children (Puffin) £2.99. Articles, poems, games, puzzles, drawings... as well as simple practical statements and ways to help raise awareness of the needs of the world. Royalties to Oxfam.

\* MY FRIEND WHALE Simon James (Walker) £3.99. A lovely gentle picture book, a sensitive introduction to the plight of whales. Two other green books for children by the same author are DEAR GREENPEACE and SALLY THE LIMPET.

\* YOUNG VEGETARIANS A-Z Debra Shipley (Hippo) £2.99. From Alfalfa to Zucchini, with over 30 mouth watering recipes, practical information and advice too. a guide that is essential for all young veggies.

\* YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST'S DIARY (Two-Can) £5.95. Facts about what we are doing to our planet, ideas for environmental action, activities and fill-in sections. Full colour pictures throughout, plus addresses and year planner..

women have finally realised there is  
only one source of true happiness  
chocolate mousse



From *Never give up* by Jackie Fleming (Penguin)

## MUSHROOM SERVICES

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