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**FEDERATION  
OF RADICAL  
BOOKSELLERS**

**LIST OF  
SHOPS**

**1987**

Services offered: bookstalls for conferences,  
etc., library supply, university bookstalls  
(students' union) course bookshops (teachers/  
lecturers), children's bookstalls, playgroups  
and primary schools.

Federation of Radical Booksellers  
c/o  
Housmans  
5 Caledonian Road  
London  
N1 9DX

This booklet is primarily a list of the shops which are members of the Federation of Radical Booksellers. A statement of the aims of the Federation is given below and then follows the list of shops, each one with a brief description of the shop. After that comes some more information about the Federation and finally, space willing, there'll be an index.

#### AIMS OF THE FEDERATION OF RADICAL BOOKSELLERS

- 1 The Federation of Radical Booksellers aims to promote the distribution of a wide range of non-sexist, non-racist literature committed to radical social change.
- 2 It is believed that the work of individual members can be enhanced by the mutual aid and support facilitated by the collective efforts of the Federation.
- 3 Members are not expected to distribute any profits for personal gain beyond a fair living wage for shop workers.
- 4 The Federation is committed to encouraging non-hierarchical, non-sexist, non-racist working practices.

ACORN BOOKSHOP

Address: 17 Chatham Street, Reading RG1 7JF

Phone: 0734 584-425

Hours of opening: 10am to 6pm Tue to Sat.

Location: Under the multi-storey car park between Chatham Street and Oxford Road.

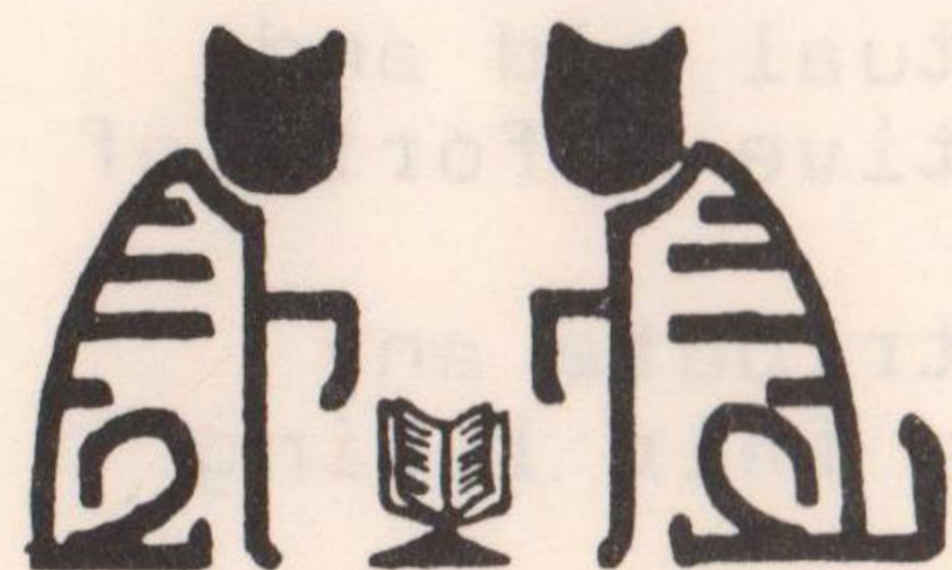
Services offered: Provides stalls for meetings, conferences, demos. Mail order, library supply, make badges. Have duplicating, electrostencil cutting and photocopying facilities and litho printing up to A3 (cheapest for miles!).

Special areas of stock: Women, lesbian/gay, peace/non-violence, vegetarianism/cookbooks, energy, drugs, anarchism and situationism, non-sexist, non-racist childrens books, local, imports.

Other goods sold: Cards, badges, recycled paper, records, tradefare tea and coffee.

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**Durham Community Co-operative.**



**ALLEYCAT BOOKS**

**85A, New Elvet, Durham, DH1 3AQ**

**Telephone: Durham [0385] 61183.**

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Hours of opening: 10am to 5.30pm Mon to Fri,  
10am to 5pm Sat

Location: Down the Alleycat next to Prontaprint.

Services offered: Bookstalls for conferences etc., library supply, university bookstalls (students' union) course books (certain teachers/lecturers), children's bookstalls- playgroops and primary schools.

Specialist areas: Feminist nonfiction and fiction, gay fiction, minority rights, nonsexist/nonracist children's, periodicals, antinuclear power and arms, thirld world, cookery.

Other goods sold: Badges, postcards and greeting-cards, posters.

In general: Alleycat books is run entirely by volunteer workers. It is now the only radical bookshop in the northeast of England. In addition to the immediate aim of filling the gaps in this area, it intends in the longer term to provide an outlet for local writers and publishers.

Birmingham Womens Bookshop Collective

Address: c/o 119 Anderton Park Road, Moseley,  
Birmingham B13 9DQ

Phone: 021 449-7729 or 449-2023

Services offered: Bookstall, individual and institutional orders, information on women's events/services.

Special areas of stock: New titles in fiction/non fiction from women's publishers, pamphlets, magazines.

Other goods sold: Jewellery and postcards.

In general: The idea for a women's bookshop and café in the West Midlands first began to take shape in 1984. Since then, our group of three women have produced a business plan which describes our intention to offer a wide range of women's publications and book services, with a vegetarian café as a prominent part of the

business. We are committed to the politics of promoting the work of all women marginalised by existing book services and to running a successful business.

In 1985 we began trading as a regular bookstall and now have plans to expand our service, whilst still prioritising our search for shop premises. This autumn 1986 we shall register as a workers co-operative and operate from an office. We shall increase our stock and its accessibility to individuals and supply to institutions. Our services will include a mail order system, booklists around different topic areas of concern to women, the publication of information packs on current women's issues and we shall handle some distribution of local publications.

## **BLACKTHORN BOOKS COOPERATIVE LTD**



Address: 70 High Street  
Leicester

Hours of opening: 9.30am  
to 5.30pm Mon to Sat

Location: City centre.

Services offered: Bookstalls, supply to libraries and other institutions, mail order, booklists, public noticeboard.

Special areas of stock: Sexual politics, marxism, anarchism, Afro-Caribbean writing, gay writing, race and education.

Other goods sold: Jazz, folk, feminist and African records, posters and postcards, badges and jewellery, book tokens.

Access for the disabled: As the bookshop is on the street level there is access for the disabled, but it is difficult to get to other parts of the building. Assistance will always be given where possible.

In general: Blackthorn Books started about nine years ago as a one-person business run with the help of friends, and is now a workers' co-operative run collectively by three fulltime workers. We share a building with Leicester Socialist Centre and Bread and Roses vegetarian café.

## **BOOKMARKS**

Address: 265 Seven Sisters Road  
LONDON N4 2DE

Phone: 01 802-6145

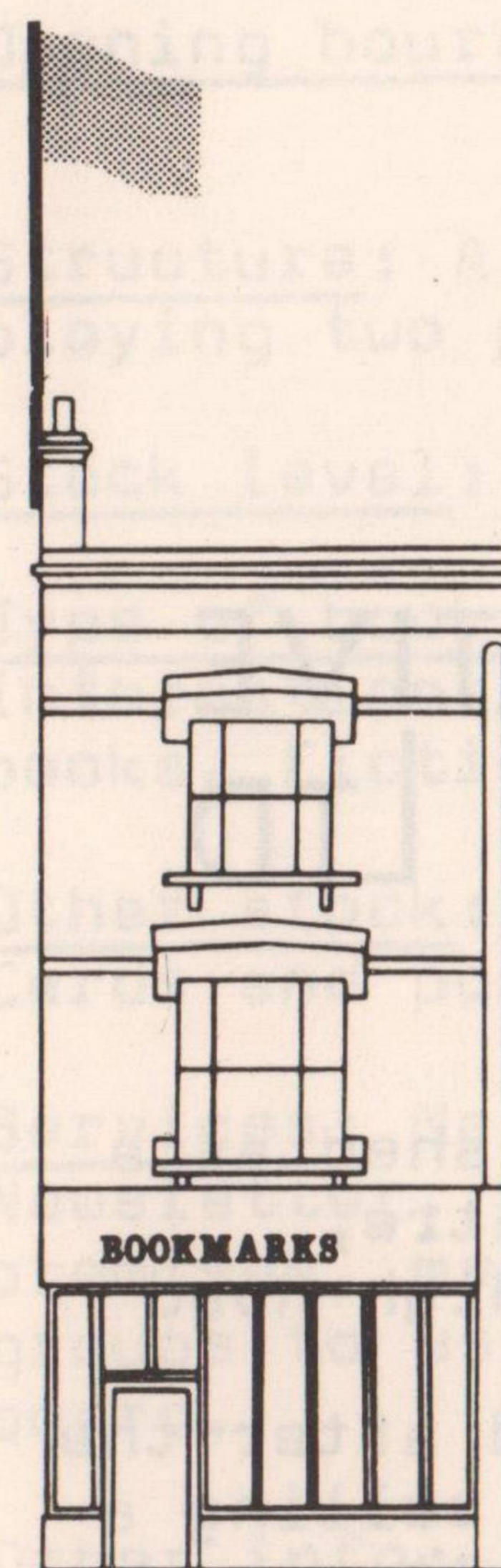
Hours of opening: 10am to 6 pm  
mon to sat (till 7pm on weds)

Location: Near Finsbury Park tube station

Services offered: book tokens, bookstalls for meetings, library supply, book club and mail order.

Special areas of stock: Trade union studies, labour history, socialism, international politics, novels, social studies, childrens books and other general sections.

Other goods sold: Posters, badges, a wide range of periodicals and second hand books.



Publications: Numerous books as Bookmarks and pamphlets as Socialist Workers Party plus posters, badges, cassettes etc.

In general: Started in 1967 as mail-order service for SWP (then IS) branches. Opened as shop in Sept 1973. We operate as a general bookshop for the locality with an extreme specialisation in books for socialists and trade unionists, We run the Bookmarx club- a socialist bookclub, and the Trade Union Bookservice- a mail order service. We act as publishers and principal bookshop for the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and provide bookstalls both for their branches and at major conferences and meetings.

# BRENT BOOKSHOP COOPERATIVE LTD

Phone: 01 902 0655

Brent Community Bookshop is established as a bookstall/shop at the Triangle Theatre,  
269 Kilburn High Road  
London NW6.

It is open most evenings before and after the performance & during the interval, selling a range of books, postcards & badges. It also provides bookstalls for events in the borough of Brent.

The long term aim is still permanent bookshop premises but there seems to be no immed-

iate prospect of this.

The Triangle Theatre bookstall is staffed by volunteers (in return for two free tickets for the performance) and more volunteers are always welcome. Anyone interested should phone the number given above.

## CACTUS COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP LTD.

Address: 3 Howard Place, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 4NN

Phone: 0782 285044

Opening hours: 10am - 6pm Tues to Saturday  
(later Thursdays)

Structure: A worker co-operative (currently employing two people).

Stock level: 2,500 publications (still growing)

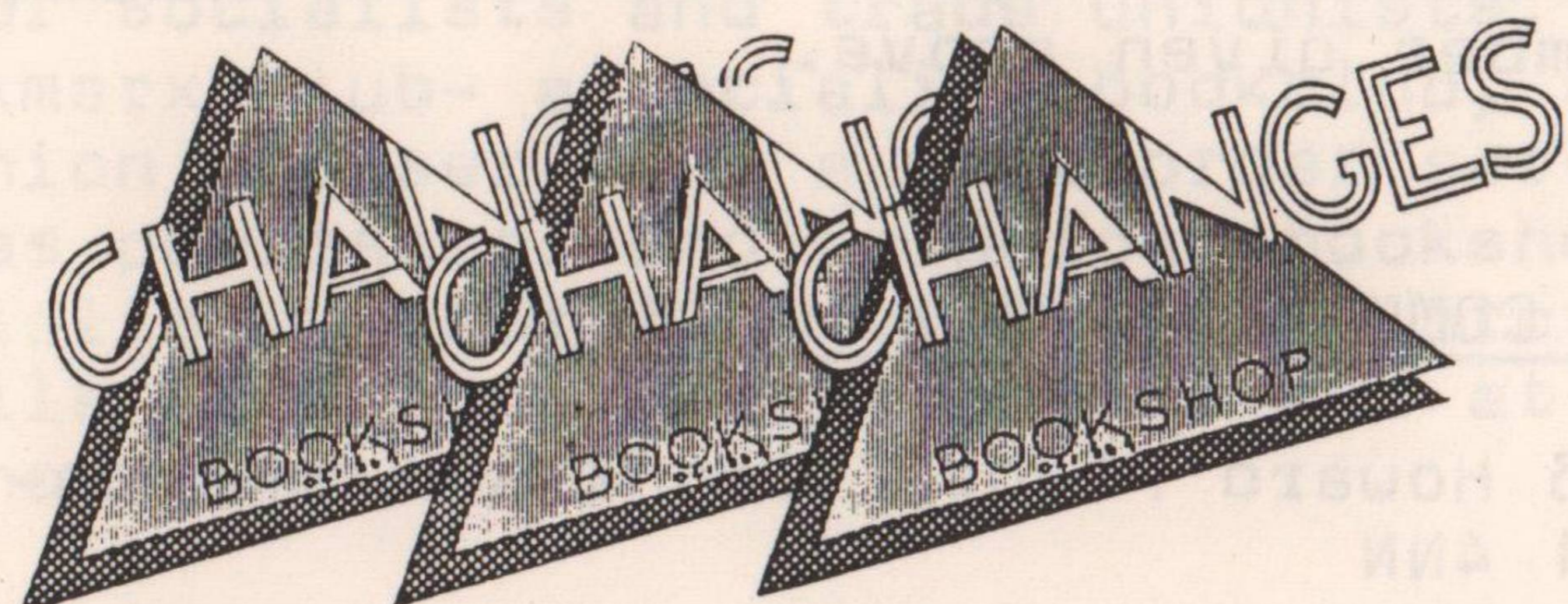
Type of books: Social studies, Women's studies, International studies, Environment, Children's books, Fiction (includes women and gay).

Other stock: A craft section (hand-made items). Cards and postcards.

Services: Mail order, library supply, booklist Newsletter. There is a wholefood cafe on the premises, meeting rooms available for voluntary groups to use (one room is women only). Noticeboard.

Other info: Cactus opened the shop in late September 1985 and so is still developing in terms of stock and services. We hope to continue increasing the stock level and also to offer a range of craft items. Catalogues and info wel-

comed from suppliers of books, crafts, cards etcetera.



Address: 340 West Princes Street, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow G4 9HF

Phone: 041 357 3631

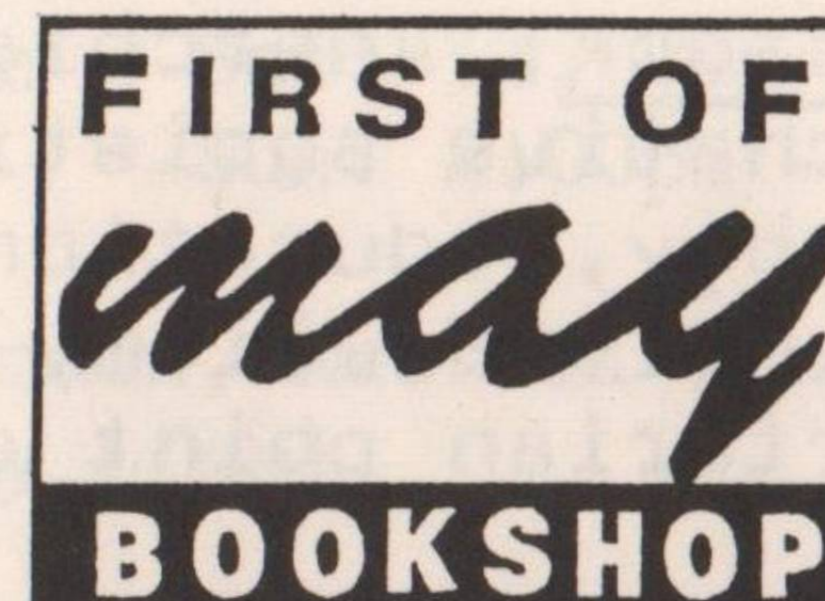
Opening hours: 10am - 6pm Mon to Saturday

Services offered: book tokens accepted, book stalls, library supply, box nos. for worthy causes, booklists (send SAE)

Stock: feminism, lesbian & gay, rights, Irish, socialism, anarchism, international politics

Other goods: postcards, posters, badges, records

In general: An independent bookshop running since 1986. An all volunteer co-op.



Address: 43 Candlemaker Row Edinburgh EH1 2QB

Phone: 031-225 2612

Hours of opening: Mon-Sat 10am to 6pm

Location: Off George IV Bridge, near Grassmarket. Buses 2, 23, 27

Services offered: Mail order, library supply, book tokens, booklists, meeting room, notice-board and information.

Access: Poor. Step down into shop. Part of shop, including toilet and meeting room is upstairs.

Special areas of stock: Socialism, feminism, housing, media, third world, scottish, welfare rights.

Other goods sold: Badges, cards, posters, T-shirts, records, tapes, jewelery and Campaign coffee.

In general: The First of May has been open for nearly ten years. We are an open collective of about ten voluntary and paid workers.

#### FREEDOM PRESS BOOKSHOP

Address: in Angel Alley, 84 b whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QX

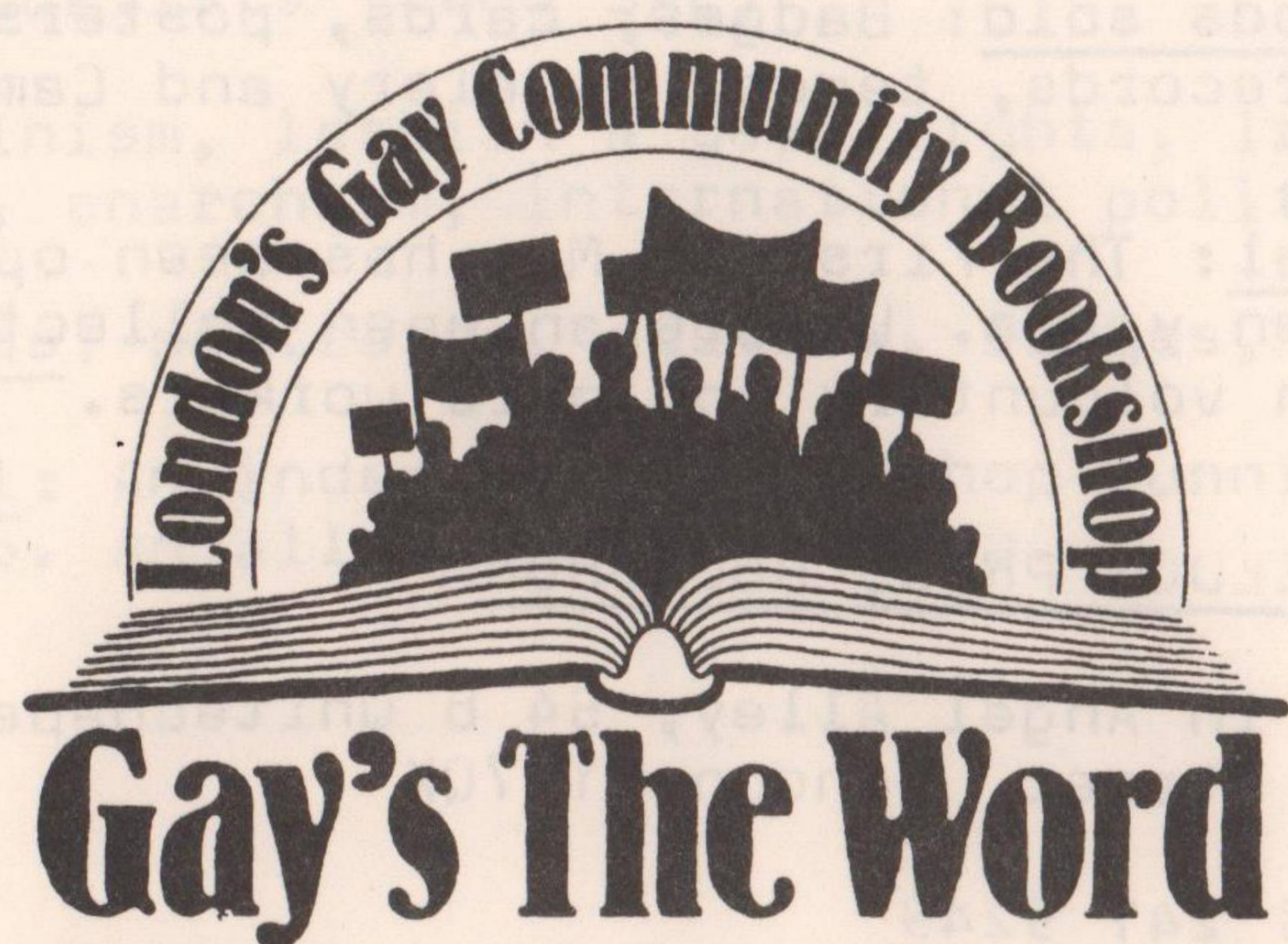
Phone: 01 247 9249

Hours of opening: 10am - 6pm Tues to Saturday  
10am - 4pm Saturday

Location: Aldgate East tube (whitechapel Art Gallery exit).

Special areas of stock: Anarchism and related subjects, eg, alternative societies, anti-militarism, art, ecology, education, feminism, fiction, poetry, individualism, peace movement, work, from a libertarian point of view.

In general: Freedom Press was founded in 1886 and has published anarchist books ever since, (stock list with trade terms available on request), also the monthly journal Freedom and the new quarterly The Raven (from January 1987) Freedom Press Bookshop, staffed by unpaid volunteers, is the specialist shop for anarchist literature and tries to stock everything in print in the English language (with the exception of some very expensive academic monographs) with a selection of foreign books and periodicals. It is situated on the first floor up a staircase with a right-angled bend, making disabled access very poor, but the staff will cheerfully give every possible assistance.



Address: 66 Marchmont Street, London, WC1N 1AB.

Phone: 01-278-7654

Hours of Opening: Mon - Sat: 11.00am - 7.00pm  
Sun: 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Location: Central London, Russell Square underground (Piccadilly Line)

Services Offered: Mail order; Library supply; Bi-monthly newsletter; Book Tokens; Bookstalls; Community notice board; Weekly lesbian discussion group.

Special Areas of Stock: Lesbian, gay and feminist books, periodicals, etc.

Other Goods Sold: Badges, cards, records, cassettes, second hand books, jewellery, tea, coffee.

In General: Gay's The Word has been open for 7 years, and in June 1986, celebrated a victory when H.M. Customs & Excise returned most of the books they had siezed from the shop during "Operation Tiger", the raid in 1984, and dropped the charges they had brought against the directors and one member of staff of the shop. Since then, Gay's The Word has been able to offer a far wider range of stock - being now able to import more titles from America. There are plans to expand the shop in 1987 - including developing and opening the basement area.

Disabled Access: Front door: 41½" wide.

Small step at back of shop: 2¼" deep.

Toilet: not wheelchair accessible.

# GRAPEVINE RADICAL + COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP

Address: Unit 6, Dales Brewery, Gwydir Street  
Cambridge CB1 2LJ

Phone: 0223- 618 08

Hours of opening: 10am to 6pm Mon to Sat

In general: Grapevine started as part of a squatting campaign in Sept '79. We have survived the demolition of premises twice and after a short homeless period we secured stable premises in the Dales Brewery complex in Dec '84. With an influx of enthusiastic new workers earlier in 1986 we are now running better than ever.

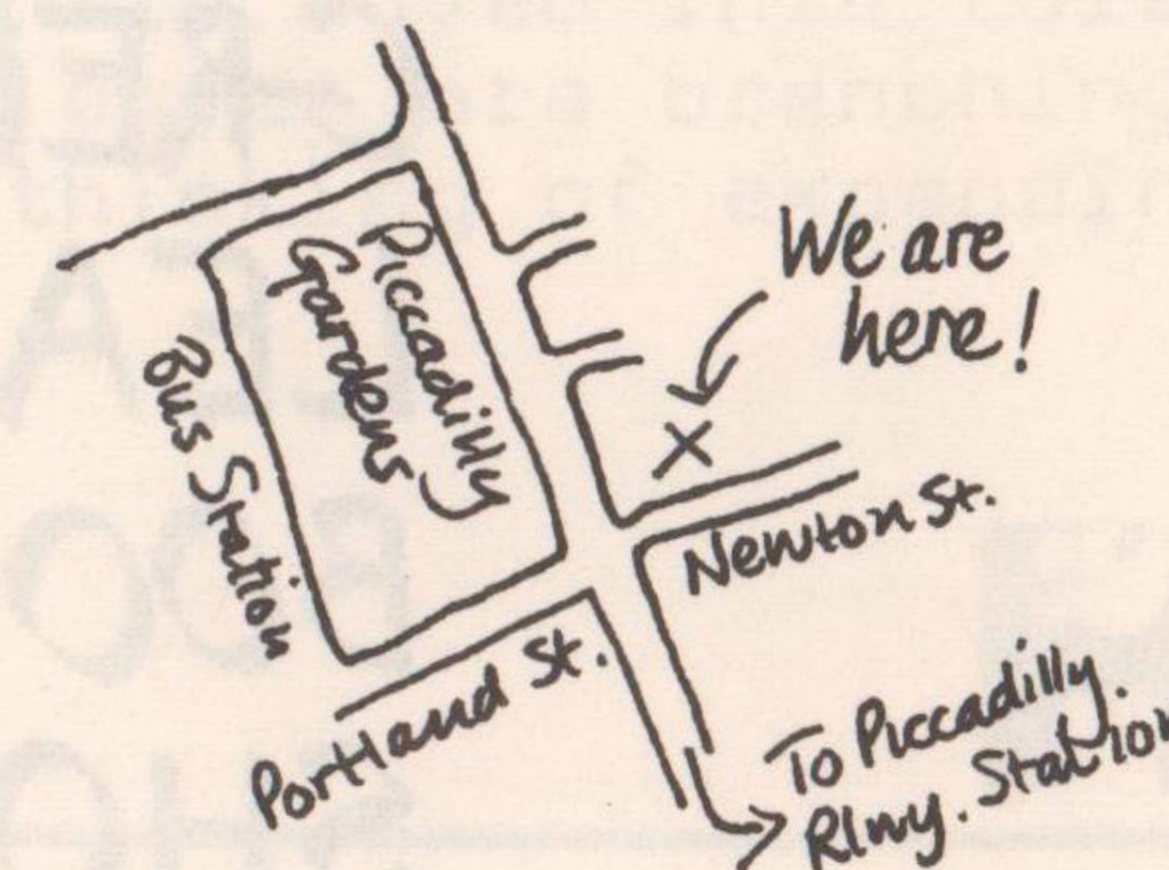
The shop has always been run on a collective basis entirely by volunteers and is now a registered co-operative.

Grapevine appears regularly at local fairs and events as well as fairs in East Anglia. As well as stocking radical political/alternative literature we have a range of community self-help and rights guides. We deal with book tokens and do library supply and institutional orders but not mail order. Our specialist areas include: Feminist fiction/politics, international, gay + lesbian fiction/politics, anti-sexist, anti-racist childrens books, marxism, over 100 magazines, newspapers and periodicals and a unique LP-collection of African and Latin American resistance music and feminist groups.

... We give free cups of coffee to browsers and feel that the shop is an important resource for the local community as well as being a radical bookshop.

# GRASS ROOTS BOOKS

of manchester limited



Address: 1 Newton Street, Manchester M1 1HW

Phone: 061 236-3112

Hours of opening: 10am to 6pm Mon to Fri,  
10am to 5.30 Sat.

Location: City centre, just off Picadilly  
Gardens.

Services offered: Mail order and bookstall services. (Groups can take their own books or we can do them.) Library supply service based on a regularly produced "Community Information Booklist". We also encourage librarians to come and take books and pamphlets directly from stock.

Access: We are down a flight of stairs, help is available.

Goods sold: We specialise in feminist, socialist, alternative, black and third world books, pamphlets and papers. Also cards, badges, posters, jewellery, campaign T-shirts and all sorts of "radical ephemera".

Description: We are a workers co-operative, run collectively by (presently) eight women workers. We would describe ourselves as a feminist, socialist, black and anti-imperialist bookshop. The shop also aims to be an information exchange for women's and left groups in Manchester city centre and also for individuals: ie free notice-board space, selling tickets for benefits etc etc. (And anything else which fits in with the shop.)



# GREEN LEAF BOOK SHOP— CO—OP

Address: 82 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB

Phone: 0272 211-369

Hours of opening: 9am to 6pm Mon to Fri,  
10am to 6pm Sat

Location: 5 min. from main bus station. 10 min.  
from Broadmead shopping centre and Park Street.

Services offered: Mail order, book tokens, book-  
stalls, library supply and free noticeboard.

Special areas of stock: Feminism, health and  
alternative medicine, psychology, vegetarian and  
vegan cookery, organic gardening, environmental  
issues, politics, fiction etc. etc.

Other goods sold: Records and tapes, postcards,  
posters, magazines.

General information: We set up as a co-operative  
under the ICOM rules in 1982, with help from the  
Urban Centre for Appropriate Technology. At present  
there are four women working part-time on a paid  
basis. The coffee corner that started in the back  
of the shop has meanwhile expanded into the base-  
ment as the Green Leaf Cafe Co-operative (an  
independent Co-op), serving vegetarian lunches  
and snacks. In 1985, they also started a whole-  
food shop, Greens & Beans, two doors up from  
the bookshop. The headquarters of the Soil

Association have also recently moved into Colston  
Street - and so the green leaves are branching  
out, and we, too, are now thinking of expanding.

## Housmans



5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX tel 01 837 4473

Address: 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX

Phone: 01 837 4473/4

Opening hours: 10am - 6pm Mon to Friday  
10am - 1pm  
1-30 - 5pm Saturday

Location: Two minutes walk from Kings Cross stat-  
ion.

Services offered: book tokens, book stalls, lib-  
rary supply, mail order.

Stock: pacifist and anti-militarist, anti-nuclear  
and ecology, feminist and gay, anarchist and soc-  
ialist, fiction, periodicals.

Other goods: stationery, postcards, posters,  
stickers, badges, small record section

In general: Housmans is part of the Peace News  
empire, as are the magazine Peace News and the  
whole-food shop Peacemeal which is directly op-  
posite Housmans in Caledonian Road. Housmans runs  
a distribution service and also does pacifist  
publishing including the Peace Diary.

# INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOP

Address: 69 Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2LH

Phone: 0742 737722

Hours of opening: 9-30am - 5-30pm Mon Tues Fri  
Sat  
9-30am - 8-00pm Wed  
10-30am - 5-30pm Thurs

Location: City Centre, near Town Hall, Crucible Theatre and Central Library.

Services offered: book tokens, book stalls, library supply, disabled access, customer orders, book bar, childrens corner.

Other goods sold: posters, cards, stationery, wrapping paper.

In general: workers co-operative aiming to propagate left-wing literature in as many areas as possible, particularly encouraging those in the labour movement and community groups to use the facilities we provide.

Address: 38 Mannamead Road,  
Devon PL4 7AF

'IN  
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IN OTHER WORDS  
now at:-  
72 Mutley Plain  
Plymouth  
PL4 6LF  
0752 663889

Phone: 0752 663889

Hours of opening: 9-30am - 5-30pm Mon - Sat

Location: Mutley is a secondary shopping centre north of the main centre and within walking distance of it. We're at the north end of Mutley Plain.

Services offered: bookstalls anywhere in Cornwall or Devon, mail order - no booklists as yet but books sent anywhere by post. Book tokens. Some library supply.

Special areas of stock: Feminism, gay and lesbian politics, black studies, health and healing food, growth, general/socialist politics, psychology, astrology, New Age spirituality, nuclear issues and ecology, fiction, poetry and childrens books.

Other goods sold: badges, cards and postcards, car stickers, T shirts, recycled paper goods, posters; other ephemera include marbles, mobiles, candles, incense, jewelry, Traidcraft tea and coffee. LEFAX suppliers.

Wheelchair accessible.

In general: we're a women-run bookshop, currently a partnership but helped enormously by volunteers. Future plans include increasing paid staff & continuing to be collectively run. We're hoping to move to better premises soon, but the phone number will be the same and we'll only be a short distance from current premises. Watch this space!

Tea and coffee available at low prices

# JUST BOOKS

7 Winetavern St.  
SMITHFIELD Ph 225426  
BELFAST BT1 1JQ

JUST BOOKS is run as a co-operative and has been in existence for eight years now.

**OPENING HOURS:** 10 00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.  
Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat. (Closed all day Wed.)

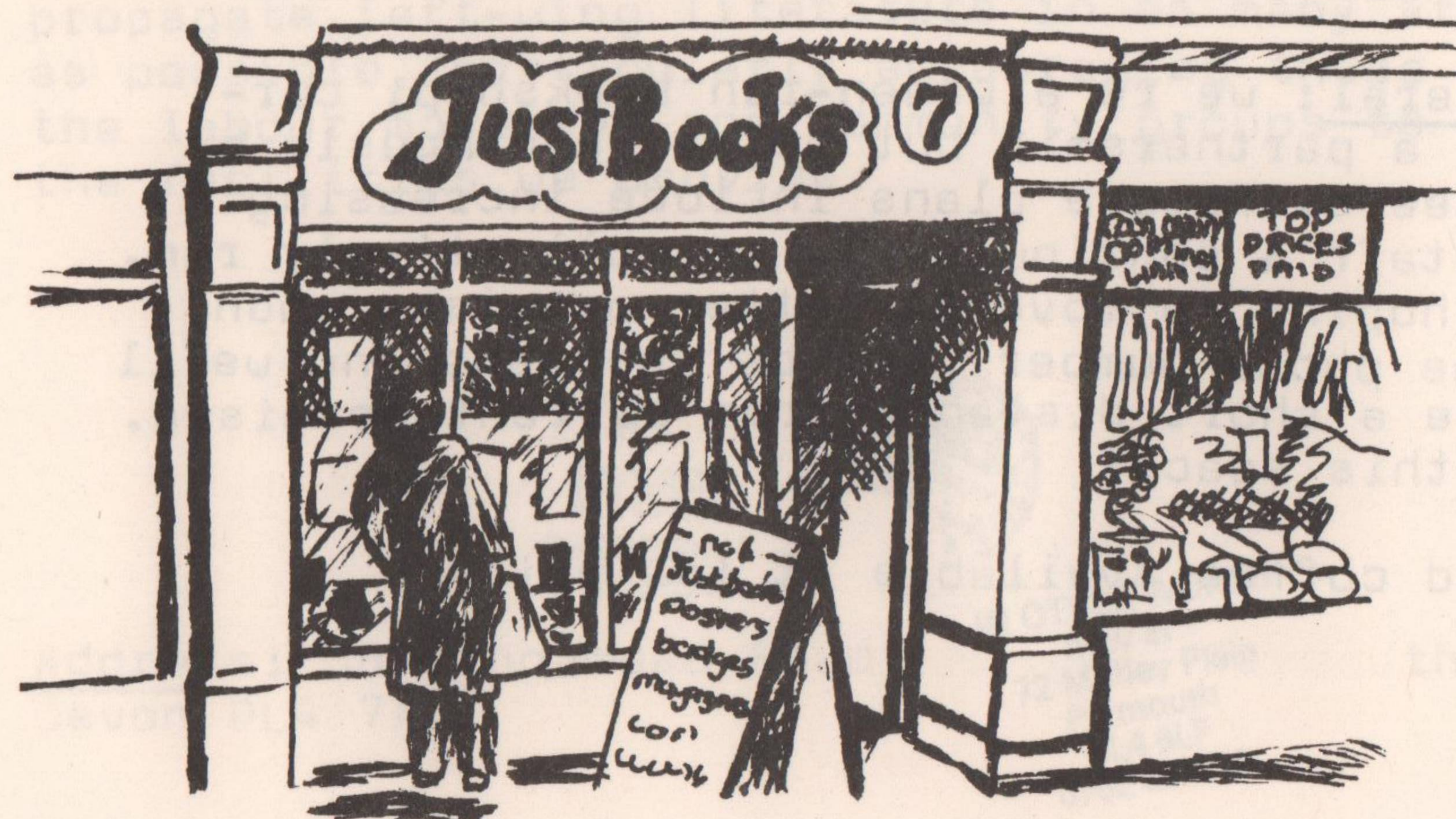
**LOCATION:** The old Smithfield area of Belfast opposite the new market building, below the Shankill and the Falls.

**SERVICES:** Mail order, bookstalls, library supply, Prisoners' Book Service (1/3 off publisher's price)

**SPECIALITIES:** Anarchism, Ireland, feminism, lesbian & gay literature, socialism, international politics, media.

**OTHER GOODS:** Posters, badges, earrings, postcards, magazines pamphlets, papers, Irish Language cassettes, small stock of feminist & alternative records.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Postcards, cards, catalogue of books on Ireland (other catalogues to follow).



# LAVENDER MENACE

WEST & WILDE  
(ex Lavender Menace)  
are now at  
25a Dundas Street  
Edinburgh EH3 6QQ  
(same phone no.)

**Address:** 11a Forth Street

**Phone:** 031 556 0079

**Opening hours:** 10am - 6pm Mon - Saturday  
2pm - 6pm Sundays (Festivals & Xmas only).

**Location:** off Broughton Street, just north of St James centre.

**Services offered:** mail order, comprehensive book ordering service including booksearch, bookstalls, library supply, book tokens, readings, noticeboard, local information, UK and European distributors for THE BODY POLITIC, wholesale service to UK and European bookshops.

**Areas of stock:** lesbian, gay and feminist across the range.

**Other goods sold:** cards, records and tapes, badges.

**In general:** Lavender Menace Bookshop began as a small bookstall in 1976 in the former gay centre in Edinburgh. We eventually left to pursue our own stocking policy in 1980. By August 1982 we had opened on our present site with the financial help of the lesbian and gay community and friends. Two full-time, two part-time and four volunteer workers now run the shop. Our presence helps lesbian and gay men to come out in their own way, especially we think, by our extensive mail order service. We publish LAV-

ENDER LESBIAN LIST six times a year and BOOKS FOR MEN four times a year, providing perhaps the only link to the lesbian and gay community for a considerable number of customers. We are presently developing a UK and European wholesale service based on our distribution of THE BODY POLITIC and plan to move shortly to accommodate the growth in trade.

### MACHYNLLETH QUARRY BOOKSHOP

Address: National Centre for Alternative Technology, Llwyngwern Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 9AZ

Phone: 0654 2400

Hours of opening: 10am - 5-30pm (winter)  
10am - 6pm (summer)

Services offered: mail order

Special areas of stock: Solar, wind and water power, other renewable energy sources and 'alternative' technologies, energy policy, philosophy of alternatives, wholefoods, organic growing, crafts, environment, buildings, development.

Other goods sold: Various campaign badges etc., posters, recycled stationery, toys, animal-free cosmetics, trees and herbs, herb and flower seeds, organic gardening sundries etc.

Publications: Booklist, Alternative energy strategy for the UK, Ten Years at the Quarry, recipe books, annual reviews, information sheets etc.

In general: The bookshop is part of the National Centre for Alternative Technology, providing

information services for its visitors. The two co-ordinators and several part-timers share the tasks and are responsible to meetings of all NCAT staff. Our trade varies with the season, being sustained in winter by residential course members and by mail order. As well as maintaining the best stock of books on AT in the UK, including many US and small publisher titles, we have a wide range of non-technical but relevant books to appeal to the casual visitor, eg non-sexist childrens books, and novels. Our non book items are chosen to either promote the Centre (re-usable envelope labels, T shirts etc etc) or other campaigns, or else to encourage people to practice any ideas they've picked up from their visit.

### MUSHROOM

Address: 10 Heathcote Street, Nottingham NG1 3AA

Phone: 0602 582506

Hours of opening: 10am - 6pm Mon to Saturday

Location: Heathcote Street lies between Lower Parliament Street and Goosegate in Hockley, 5 minutes walk from the city centre.

Services offered: book tokens, library and institutional supply, bookstalls at meetings, can order any book in print, noticeboard, Open University stocklist, Xmas catalogue (send large SAE), US imports.

Special areas of stock: gay writing, feminism, inner life and spirituality, war and peace, politics, fiction, childrens, vegetarianism, poetry, holistic healing.

Other goods sold: cards, ear-rings, posters, badges, joss sticks, tarot cards.

Publications: Anti-nuclear songbook, Making Non-violent Revolution, From Protest to Resistance, The Direct Action Movement Against Nuclear Weapons, It'll Make A Man Of You - A Feminist View Of The Arms Race, Housing is Freedom: Housing Is Theft, Knitting and Picketing.

Access: Ramp, with wheelchair access to most of the shop.

In general: The shop started in 1972 and is collectively run by 5 full time workers. Mushroom is the second largest radical bookshop outside London and the only independently run bookshop in Nottingham city centre. With Mushroom Books Events Group we organise regular women author evenings. We work with many groups in Nottingham committed to radical social change. We try to make the shop interesting and accessible to all kinds of people and think that radical bookselling (and politics) should be fun!



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Address: 100 whitechapel, Liverpool L1 6EN

Phone: 051 708 7270

Hours of opening: 10am - 5-30pm Mon to Friday  
10am - 5pm Saturday

Location: Very close to city centre, but on a street with little passing trade away from main shopping area. 5 minute walk from Lime Street station, 5 minute walk from Polytechnic.

Services offered: Mail order, book stalls, library supply, tea and coffee for customers on Saturday, exhibition space, information mailing about events, notice-board.

Special areas of stock: Wales and Ireland and Celtic studies, prisons, feminism and gay liberation, labour history, anti-nuclear issues, vast selection of pamphlets and journals/magazines etc.

Other goods sold: badges, jewelry, posters, post-cards, T shirts, records.

Publication: Divided Sisterhood by Carol Riddell, a critical review of Janice Raymond's The Transsexual Empire.

In general: Started in 1974. We have expanded vastly and moved to larger premises since then, while the workforce has grown from 1 person to 4 women (nearly always all paid). We are collectively run and independent of any organisation. We are involved in a local Co-operative Development Agency. We aim to provide a wide range of radical and feminist literature in a shop with a friendly atmosphere. We also aim to pay ourselves a living wage, liberate all the peoples of the world and stop the roof leaking.

Access: wheelchair access to nearly all the shop. no disabled access to toilets.



## OCTOBER BOOKS

Address: 4 Onslow Road, Southampton SO2 0JB

Phone: So'ton (0703) 224-489

Hours of opening: 10am to 6pm Mon to Sat

Location: Just to the north-east of city centre. Onslow Road is an extension of Portswood Road nearer the city centre. Near Royal South Hants Hospital (signposted as R.S.H.), next door to a wholefood shop.

Services offered: Bookstalls, booktokens, access for the disabled. S.O.R. services to campaigns, radical groups in the South Coast area. Mail order. A selection of "new + bestselling titles" - Booklists are produced in a number of topic areas.

Special areas of stock: Non sexist children's books, feminist, socialist/radical politics, gay books.

Other goods sold: Posters, badges, stickers, records, radical bric-a-brac.

In general: We're a mixed socialist/feminist collective registered as a co-operative. We've one poorly-paid full time worker and rely on volunteers' help and ideas to keep us going. We've just celebrated our ninth birthday. We're not just a bookshop but also a campaigning resource centre for local groups.

## READING MATTERS

Address: 10 Lymington Ave, Wood Green, London N22 6JA.

Phone: 01-881 3187

Hours of opening: 10am - 5.30pm. Closed Sun, Mon.

Location: Wood Green, next to Sainsburys.

Services offered: Book Tokens, mail order (for our own publications), bookstalls, schools and library supply, meeting space, writers' group, local history group, postal box numbers, community newspaper, publishing project, duplicating facilities:

Special areas of stock: women's fiction, feminism, black studies, Asian fiction and non-fiction, and especially children's books (including Afro-Caribbean, Turkish, Greek, Bengali, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu), education, worker-writers.

Other goods sold: Badges, posters, cards etc

Publication: "Spinning Tops Around the World"

In general: Reading Matters first opened in December 1980 and is a project centred around a community bookshop serving east and central Haringey (Wood Green and Tottenham). A major aim of the project is to provide non-sexist, non-racist books in an area where they are generally unavailable.

For activities see services offered above.

Address: 68 Charing Cross  
Road, London,  
WC2H 0BB

Phone: 01 836 7906

Hours of opening: 10-30am - 6-30pm  
Mon to Saturday

Location: At the south end of the  
Charing Cross Road. Nearest tube is  
Leicester Square.

Services offered: book tokens, mail order,  
library supply, conferences, book stalls,  
noticeboard, search for out of print books,  
credit cards accepted, books ordered special-  
ly for customers.

Events: During the year we run a programme of  
events and readings at the shop, usually two per  
month between February and November. Please phone  
the shop for information and access details.  
(Access partial).

Special areas of stock: Feminist books, women  
writers, lesbian fiction and non-fiction, writ-  
ing by black women and women of colour, sexual  
politics, biography, spirituality, health, the  
arts, women's music. We have just started a  
second-hand section. We also stock many journals  
and pamphlets. We import books from the USA.

Other goods sold: records and tapes, tee-shirts,  
post cards, rubber stamps.

In general: Silver Moon opened on 31st May 1984.  
We recieved a start up capital grant from the GLC  
which paid for the building work at our premises.  
Since opening we have been financially indepen-

# SILVER MOON

women's bookshop

dent. Silver Moon is collectively run and is  
registered as a company limited by guarantee.

Our aim is to make feminist thought and women's  
writing central, easily and permanently avail-  
able.



## SINGLE STEP CO-OP

Address: 78a Penny Street, Lancaster LA1 1XN

Phone: 0524 63021

Opening hours: 9-30am - 5pm Mon to Saturday  
except Friday, 9-30am - 5-30pm

Services offered: mail order and library supply  
book tokens and bookstalls, wholefood shop and  
vegetarian cafe.

Specialist subject areas: feminism and womens  
writing, astrology, mysticism, religions, the  
occult, left and sexual politics, anarchism,  
third world, alternative health and wholefood  
cookery, second hand books.

Other goods sold: badges, postcards, periodicals and alternative medicines.

In general: Single Step has been in existence as a bookshop in one form or another since 1977. In 1981 it merged with the wholefood shop that shared its premises to form one large co-operative. The shop is attempting an ambitious expansion plan that will see a much better appointed shop and will open a vegetarian restaurant on the premises. The shop is a little hard to find being in a little yard of its own outside the central shopping area. We are only two minutes walk from the pedestrian precinct and we like to think that the effort put into finding us is worthwhile! We're at the top of Penny Street, next door to the Chinese take-away.



**Sisterwrite**

**A Women's Co-operative Bookshop  
190 Upper Street, London N1.**

Phone: 01 226 9782

Hours of opening: 10am - 6pm Mon to Saturday  
10am - 7pm Thursday

Services offered: library orders, special orders, bookstalls, sale or return, 10% to womens groups schools and libraries. World-wide mail order service.

Booklists: monthly booklist of new titles.

Available on subscription, send one pound and SAE for backlists.

Bibliographies: childrens books, young women, health, black women.

Book tokens: We sell book tokens as well as our own Sisterwrite gift voucher which enables you to purchase any item for sale in the bookshop and craftshop.

Specialist subject areas: feminist books, books by and for women, writing by black women, women of colour, Irish & Jewish women, older & young women, women with disabilities. Other sections include health, history, lesbian fiction and non-fiction. Wide range of other sections include health, history, womens liberation, language and literary criticism, lives, poetry, art music and media, patriarchy and religion. Huge selection of fiction by women.

Gallery and craftshop: First floor. Exhibits and sells postcards, badges, posters, paintings, sculpture, pottery, T shirts, giftcards, photographs, jewelry and much more. Mail order service

Tower Hamlets Arts Project

Address: 178 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Phone: 01 247 0216

Opening hours: 10am - 5-30pm Tues to Friday  
10am - 5pm Saturday

Services offered: book tokens, book stalls, library supply

Stock: local history & writing, Afro and Caribbean history & writing, Bengali language, youth work

Other goods: postcards & posters

In general: THAP publishes local history & writing and organizes exhibitions of East End photographs. THAP also runs video & drama workshops. The video group meets on Thursdays at 6pm, the writers group on alternate Thursdays at 8pm.



### MORE SHOPS

Other bookshops which are in the Federation but for which a full listing was not available are:-

Books For A Change 52 Charing Cross Road  
London WC2N 4EZ

Bookworm 16 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6PW  
0504 261616

Centerprise 136 Kingsland High Street, London  
E8 2NS 01 254 9632

Freewheel 52 King Street, Norwich 0603 21209

Full Marks 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS2 3TY  
0272 40491

One World 17 Quadrangle, York YO1 2LW

One World Centre (NI) 4 Lower Crescent, Belfast  
BT7 1NR 0232 241879

### Further Thoughts

The core of the FRB is the shops that are members but the FRB extends beyond them. For example, Womens Press, publishers of upwards of 50 new titles each year, are associate members. Other members (or associate members) are the distributors who get the books from the publishers to the shops. These are:-

#### Bookspeed

48a Hamilton Place, Edinburgh, EH3 5AX  
031 2254950

#### Concord Books

9 North Road, West Bridford, Nottingham  
0602 816049

#### Third World Publications

151 Stratford Road, Birmingham, B11 1RD  
021 7736572

#### Turnaround

27 Horsell Road, London N5 1XL  
01 609 7835

Also associated with the FRB is Radical Bookseller, a magazine that appears 8 times a year. (Send a large SAE to Bookmarks, address given before, for a sample copy). Radical Bookseller includes the listing of radical books compiled by the London Labour Library who are at :-

Unit 118  
Highbury Workshops  
London N5 2EE  
01 354 0430

To get a publication listed, send them a copy.

Finally, if you want to know anything more about the FRB, write to the address given at the front of this booklet.

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