

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Mushroom Bookshop's Christmas/Yuletide catalogue. This list represents a selection from our stock which we think is interesting, worthwhile or a good read. Mostly we sell paperbacks but the shop also stocks records, badges, joss, ear-rings, postcards and a lot more—drop in and see us.

As well as individuals we supply libraries, reading groups, schools and institutions. Please ask for details. We also stock a limited range of text books. Whilst we welcome recommendations—lecturers please, please contact us first so we can get the books in. This year we've increasingly worked with schools, and provide displays of books especially on race and gender.

1987 has been our 15th year—we're grateful to those many customers who've helped us get this far. For the shop it was a reasonably good year—we've increased to 6 workers (in part to cope with the work now, in part in preparation for essential changes we'll have to make eg computerisation to keep up with changes in the trade).

Sadly, we've lost some friends in the book trade—notably First of May Bookshop (Edinburgh), and the magazines Women's Review and Outwrite. It's less and less possible for the smaller bookshops (radical and commercial) to survive and even harder for small magazines. But politics change, economics change (though the government goes on and on and on . . .) Still let's not get too depressed! Our colleagues at West and Wilde Bookshop (formerly Lavender Menace) have moved to an exciting new shop in Edinburgh's Old Town and there's talk of a new shop in Newcastle. So there's some good news.

This year the main areas of expansion in the shop have been black writing, gay writing and psychology. We're especially glad there are now more black children's books being published. Hilary Trengrouse and Lisa Shaw have joined the collective with Lisa Carlisle leaving in the summer. Oh yes, and we collected our very own bit of legal action, being prohibited from selling, distributing or making known the contents of a rather dull book called "One Girl's War"—the pre-1945 reminiscences of an unremarkable MI5 officer. In the year of Spycatcher anything was possible.

Best wishes for 1988.

Mo Cumming, Ross Bradshaw, Keith Leonard, Kate Marsden, Lisa Shaw and Hilary Trengrouse.

Mushroom Bookshop Collective.

MUSHROOM BOOKSHOP is at 10-12 Heathcote Street, Nottingham NG1 3AA (tel 0602-582506). The shop is 5 minutes from the city centre, in Hockley—ring us if lost.

MUSHROOM BOOK EVENTS

Mushroom Book Events Group has had a good year with lots of exciting authors coming to Nottingham. The spring series included Zoë Fairbairns, Eva Figs and Maureen Duffy. In the autumn the Group ran a series of talks on women's history with speakers Mary Stott, Amrit Wilson and Jill Liddington. Due to its success there'll be a similar series next autumn. The year's highlight though was a rare British visit from Jane Rule ("Desert of the Heart" etc)—a lovely evening for everyone who attended.

Plans for next spring include a new series of women fiction writers—the first visits are:

MARION MOLTENO (Jan 28th)

ALISON FELL (March 1st)

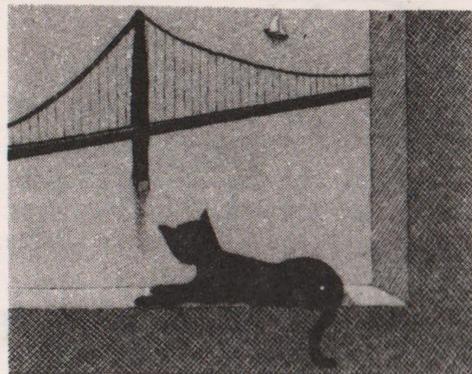
with Kathy Page, Merle Collins and Maggie Gee to follow.

Mushroom Book Events Group would like to thank all those who came along and helped to make the evenings enjoyable—we hope to see you again in 1988.

FICTION



- ★ *THE OLD DEVILS* Kingsley Amis (Penguin) £3.95. Winner of the 1986 Booker Prize, now in paperback.
- ★ *STARING AT THE SUN* Julian Barnes (Picador) £3.50. Dazzling new novel from the author of "Flaubert's Parrot". "Undoubtedly much too good to win the Booker Prize" (Punch).
- ★ *CONTINENT* Jim Crace (Picador) £2.95. New in paperback, a winner of three prizes including the 1986 Guardian Fiction Prize, a remarkably original book which "has the accomplished inevitability of an important debut" (TLS).
- ★ *MOMENTS OF REPRIEVE* Primo Levi (Abacus) £3.50. Also new in paperback, another fine work from the author of "The Periodic Table" (Abacus, £3.99) and "If Not Now, When?" (Abacus, £3.95), who died earlier this year. This new paperback returns, 40 years on, to the Auschwitz of "If This is a Man" (see the politics section of this catalogue).
- ★ *THE WRENCH* Primo Levi (Michael Joseph) £9.95. A meditation on the seriousness and joy of work, and another dimension of Primo Levi's immense talent. Hardback only at the moment.
- ★ *THE REAL LIFE OF ALEJANDRO MAYTA* Mario Vargas Llosa (Faber) £3.95. "A brave, superbly written work . . . [he] deserves his place among the best Latin American writers" (New Society).
- ★ *SLAVES OF NEW YORK* Tama Janowitz (Picador) £3.95. Fresh, shrewdly observed, wittily accurate set of stories.
- ★ *MILK, SULPHATE AND ALBY STARVATION* Martin Millar (Fourth Estate) £4.95. Meet Alby—ugly, paranoid, prey to a variety of peculiar obsessions, he dodges everything that inner-city life can throw at him and comes up . . . well, scowling. If enough people buy this book the author will move out of Brixton and write his next novel on a word processor.
- ★ *DEMON BOX* Ken Kesey (Methuen) £3.95. Long-awaited new book from the author of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". Kesey is a unique stylist and storyteller, and gives much to celebrate here.
- ★ *HEARTBREAK HOTEL* Gabrielle Burton (King Penguin) £3.95. "Does more for women (not to mention literature) than anything I have read for a decade. A novel to take us into the next century, heads high and flags flying" (Fay Weldon).
- ★ *MONKEYS* Susan Minot (Flamingo) £3.50. "It's wonderful what she's done here—gone so deep, so terribly deep into family life, and done it so quietly" (Alice Munro).
- ★ *GABRIEL'S LAMENT* Paul Bailey (King Penguin) £3.95. "The best novel yet by one of the most careful fictional craftsmen of his generation" (Guardian). "Touching, beautifully paced and sustained, and quite unforgettable" (Literary Review).
- ★ *AN INSULAR POSSESSION* Timothy Mo (Picador) £3.95. Like the Paul Bailey book, this large, beautifully written narrative unfolding of the story of the foundation of Hong Kong was a 1986 Booker short-listed title.
- ★ *LILIAN'S STORY* Kate Grenville (King Penguin) £3.95. The New York Times Book Review said of this Australian's first novel ". . . [it] has an uncompromising vision behind it, and is told with honesty and virtuosity".
- ★ *WHITES* Norman Rush (Paladin) £3.50. Much praised (by Nadine Gordimer and J.M. Coetzee, among others) book of short stories exploring life in Botswana, especially in the decaying white colonial community.



* *THE GOLDEN GATE* Vikram Seth (Faber) £3.95.
 'Although we have been spared, so far, the Great American Novel, it is good to know that the Great Californian Novel has been written, in verse (and why not?): *The Golden Gate* gives great joy'

Gore Vidal

- * *AUGUST IN JULY* Carlo Gébler (King Penguin) £3.50. Very honest and brilliant second novel about a Polish exile.
- * *MOON TIGER* Penelope Lively (André Deutsch) £9.95 hardback only. This year's Booker Prize winner.
- * *THE STONE AND THE FLUTE* Hans Bemann (Penguin) £4.95. An 850-page epic fantasy about self-discovery, magic, mystery and myth.
- * *BLOOD OF AMBER* Roger Zelazny (Sphere) £2.50. The seventh Amber novel.
- * *WIZARDRY AND WILD ROMANCE* Michael Moorcock (Gollancz) £5.95. Must be the four hundredth book by Moorcock—illustrated too.
- * *DANGEROUS VISIONS* (ed) Harlan Ellison (Gollancz) £6.95. New one-volume paperback of one of the most-prized SF anthologies of them all.
- * *THE CHILD IN TIME* Ian McEwan (Cape) £10.95. An exploration of time and timelessness, full of wonder at contemporary physics and the relativity of individual experience. Has just won the Whitbread fiction award. Hardback only.
- * *A PERFECT SPY* John Le Carré (Coronet) £3.50. "The best English novel since the war" (Observer), on which the current TV serial is based.

SCIENCE

- * *PANDAEMONIUM* Humphrey Jennings (Picador) £3.95. An inspired documentary film-maker has assembled a quirky, delightful treasure-chest of contemporary observations and opinions on the Industrial Revolution. "Stimulating to mind and imagination . . . you will be illuminated and enriched" (Lindsay Anderson).
- * *IN SEARCH OF THE BIG BANG* John Gribbin (Corgi) £5.95. Witty and highly informative guide to our evolving understanding of the mysteries of cosmic creation. Gribbin, author of the acclaimed "In Search of Schrödinger's Cat" and others, shows that at the earliest moments of creation both General Relativity and quantum physics are needed to describe what was going on.
- * *FROM ONE TO ZERO* Georges Ifrah (Penguin) £8.95. A fascinating journey through the history of numbers world-wide, with intriguing digressions into geography, trade, religion and many other areas of social interchange.
- * *THE MAYAN FACTOR* José Argüelles (Bear and Co) £8.95. Artist, poet, visionary historian, author of "Mandala", José Argüelles explores the concept of the Mayan Calendar and its implications for us and our planetary existence.
- * *THE POWER OF LIMITS* György Doczi (Shambhala) £11.95. The joining of unity and diversity in the discipline of proportional limitations creates forms which are beautiful to us because they embody the principles of the cosmic order of which we are a part. The author suggests that the union of complementary opposites may well be a way to extend the universal harmony of form to psychological and social realms.
- * *SCIENCE AS CULTURE* pilot issue and issue no 1 (Free Association Books) £5.95 each. Wide-ranging new quarterly journal on science, technology and medicine as they relate to the rest of life, exploring the ways in which science is involved in shaping the values which contend for influence over the wider society.

COUNTRYSIDE



- * *THE COUNTRYSIDE WE WANT: A MANIFESTO FOR THE YEAR 2000* (ed) Charlie Pye-Smith & Chris Hall (Green Books) £6.50. Just out in November this book is bound to become a classic on environmental matters. Enhanced by photos by Fay Godwin, a group of people—the 1999 committee—have looked at all the problems of the countryside.
- * *THIS LAND IS OUR LAND* Marian Shoard (Paladin) £5.95. Subtitled "The Struggle for Britain's Countryside". Marian Shoard explains in this fascinating book who owns the land and why we the landless are prevented access to some of the most beautiful parts of the country.
- * *RETURN OF THE WILD* Tony Croft (Friendly Press) £5. Tony Croft compares the state of the British countryside with the world wide rural crisis and tries to answer some of the pressing problems involved.
- * *SACRED COW: THE FOLLY OF EUROPE'S FOOD MOUNTAINS* Richard Cottrell (Grafton) £6.95. The crazy system of CAP with its milk lakes and food mountains is exposed. The book also highlights the EEC's destruction of third world economies and bureaucratic double think. This leads Richard Cottrell to call for an end to all forms of state support for agriculture.
- * *FORESTS OF BRITAIN* Thomas Hinde (Abacus) £4.95. Forests past and present, forests of grandeur and small copses. A travelogue of forests throughout Britain with an interesting section on the Midlands.
- * *THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE* Oliver Rackham (Dent) £8.95. A beautiful book on the story of human achievements and mistakes written in the landscape throughout the centuries.
- * *CITY WILDSpace* Bob Smythe (Hilary Shipman) £6.95. The first detailed guide to nature sites in the urban areas of England, Scotland and Wales.
- * *QUANTUM CARROT* Branton Kenton (Ebury) £5.95. A new concept in small scale organic gardening using Gaiculture.



ANIMALS

- * *BEYOND THE BARS. THE ZOO DILEMMA* (ed) Virginia McKenna, Will Travers & Jonathan Wray (Thorsons) £5.99. Have zoos outlived their usefulness, did they have any use at all, and what is their future? Several fascinating arguments set in the context of our continual destruction of the natural wildlife.
- * *MILITARY ABUSE OF ANIMALS* (BUAV) £1.20. Everyone ought to read this horrifying pamphlet on how we abuse animals in our preparation for warfare. Discover what animals have to suffer before humans start to kill each other.
- * *CHRISTIANITY AND THE RIGHTS OF ANIMALS* Andrew Linzey (SPCK) £5.95. Andrew Linzey criticizes the christian tradition on its attitude to animals and provides a convincing theological basis for increased moral sensitivity towards animals.
- * *CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF ANIMALS* E.P. Evans (Faber) £4.95. Caterpillars tried for theft, sparrows prosecuted for chattering in church, a sow accused of murder. Find out how absurd the human race is in this book of actual trials that have taken place. Can we really take ourselves seriously after reading this?
- * *THE COMPLETE HEDGEHOG* Les Stocker (Chatto) £6.95. *Everybody* likes hedgehogs. This book answers all the questions you may have on them.

BLACK WRITING: CREATIVE WRITING

- * *WATCHERS AND SEEKERS* (ed) Rhonda Cobham and Merle Collins (Women's Press) £3.95. A major new anthology of prose and poetry by Black British women. "The images are of dreams, of visions, of hurt, of anger, of hope and of certainty of success in the struggle against racism".
- * *WAITING IN THE TWILIGHT* Joan Riley (Women's Press) £3.95. Leicester-based Joan Riley portrays "the forgotten and unglamorous section of my people".
- * *A WICKED OLD WOMAN* Ravinder Randhawa (Women's Press) £4.95. A first novel, set in an Asian community in Britain. Kulwant wanders through life, an isolated single old woman doing what she pleases.
- * *BELOVED* Toni Morrison (Chatto) £11.95 hardback. A novel of slavery—too painful and powerful to describe. Read it yourself. All Toni Morrison's paperbacks usually in stock.
- * *BLACK WOMEN TALK POETRY* (Blackwoman Talk) £3.50. "These are the words . . . words of resistance . . . claiming what is ours."
- * *SPUNK* Zora Neale Hurston (Camden Press) £4.95. Hurston grew up in the all black township of Eatonville, Florida, going on to become a leading figure in the Harlem literary renaissance. Hurston died in 1960, these short stories being written between 1925 and 1942.
- * *YOU CAN'T GET LOST IN CAPE TOWN* Zoë Wicomb (Virago) £3.95. Short stories of a coloured woman returning to South Africa—her experiences combine memory and present. Zoë recently left Nottingham and she is well known to many Mushroom customers.
- * *SARĒ MARĒ* S.K. Walker (Pandora) £3.95. A strange tale of living and dying in the India unknown to tourists. The author came to Britain in the '50s, studying at Nottingham University.
- * *ANGEL* Merle Collins (Women's Press) £4.95. A novel about three generations of Grenadian women, culminating in the American invasion. An excellent first novel.
- * *INCIDENTS AT THE SHRINE* Ben Okri (Corgi) £3.50. Harsh, strong stories from England and Nigeria.
- * *PAUPER, BRAWLER AND SLANDERER* Amos Tutuola (Faber) £3.95. Funny, rhythmic tales drawing on Yoruba folk tradition.
- * *YATRA: THE JOURNEY* Nina Sibal (Women's Press) £5.95. Impossible to describe, as vast as India itself—this book is a journey.
- * *ANTHILLS OF THE SAVANNAH* Chinua Achebe (Heinemann) £10.95 hardback. A novel, set in Africa, of people's ability to survive under oppression. Achebe's first novel for 20 years, and the book that should, perhaps, have won the Booker Prize. All his paperbacks normally stocked.

BLACK WRITING: NON-FICTION

- * *ALL GOD'S CHILDREN NEED TRAVELLING SHOES* Maya Angelou (Virago) £3.95. The 5th volume of the amazing Maya Angelou's life story. Here the author returns to Africa, but finds the joy of being black in a black country is tarnished by official sexism and an accident to her son. All the other volumes of her autobiography plus "And still I rise" (poetry) always in stock.
- * *THE HISTORY OF MARY PRINCE* (ed) Moira Ferguson (Pandora) £3.95. Mary Prince was the first Black British woman to escape from slavery—this book, first published in 1831, caused a storm.
- * *THE SCARLET THREAD* (Virago) £3.50. Sita (a pseudonym) travels to England for an arranged marriage which doesn't work. At 19 and with two young children Sita escapes from marriage and begins life afresh as a single woman.

- * *WOMEN OF PAKISTAN* (ed) Khawar Mumtaz and Farida Shaheed (Zed) £7.95. This is the story of women's resistance to the current Zia dictatorship, focusing on the work of the Women's Action Forum.
- * *A READER'S GUIDE TO WEST INDIAN AND BLACK BRITISH LITERATURE* David Dabydeen and Nana Wilson-Tagoe (Rutherford) £7.95.
- * *LANGUAGE IN A BLACK COMMUNITY* Viv Edwards (Multilingual Matters) £8.95. An interesting, if academic, book studying the use of language by Black youth in Britain.
- * *THE MAKING OF THE BLACK WORKING CLASS IN BRITAIN* Ron Ramdin (Gower) £8.95. An essential historical reference book—over 600 pages. "A major work of research" (West Indian News).
- * *PRECOLONIAL BLACK AFRICA* Cheikh Anta Diop (Lawrence Hill) £6.95. Diop's project has been to reconstruct African history and the black contribution to civilisation. His latest work covers education, architecture, politics and economics prior to the Western invasion.

It's nice of Mrs Thatcher
to think we might be
hurt by
sanctions!



COSATU, South Africa's largest non-racial trade union, says that disinvestment or the threat of it is an essential and effective form of pressure on the South African government to end apartheid.

POLITICS: OVERSEAS

- * *A CUP OF COFFEE WITH MY INTERROGATOR* Ludvik Vaculik (Readers International) £3.95. Samizdat short essays from Prague.
- * *THE AYATOLLAH AND I* Hadi Khorsandi (Readers International) £3.95. Satire from Iran.
- * *THE GREENING OF AFRICA* Paul Harrison (Paladin) £4.95. Harrison pinpoints the causes of African famines and droughts and points the way for those ventures which can end the human and environmental tragedies.
- * *BIKO* Donald Woods (Penguin) £4.95. "Steve may be dead but his struggle continues". Ntsiki Biko.
- * *POSTCARD FROM NICARAGUA* Steve Simpson (Ryburn) £2.95. Letters and diary notes from a British volunteer.
- * *HEROES* John Pilger (Pan) £4.50. Pilger is one of those few journalists who can rouse people to think and to act. This vast selection from his writings around the globe would rather be forgotten by the fools and charlatans he exposes.
- * *OLIVER TAMBO SPEAKS* (Heinemann) £3.95. Collected speeches and material from the leader of the African National Congress.
- * *NICARAGUA: THE PRICE OF INTERVENTION* Peter Kornbluh (IPS) £5.95. Reagan's war against the people of Nicaragua—the most useful book to date.

POLITICS: LABOUR MOVEMENT

- ★ *GATEWAY TO SLAVE LABOUR* Frank Swift (Straight Left) 30p. For jobs, not JTS.
- ★ *LABOUR'S NEXT MOVE FORWARD* (Fabian Society) £2. After the defeat—what now? A selection of ideas from the “soft” left.
- ★ *THE HITCH-HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE LABOUR PARTY* Eric Preston (ILP) 50p. Calling at Class Analysis, the Third Road and all stops to the promised land, or socialist renewal at any rate.
- ★ *A HISTORICAL GLOSSARY OF BRITISH MARXISM* John Moorhouse (Pauper's Press) £2.95. A mind boggling whirlwind tour through the further reaches of . . .
- ★ *THE FAR LEFT IN BRITISH POLITICS* John Callaghan (Blackwell) £7.95. This book on the other hand is a more academic study of the four main British Trotskyist groups.
- ★ *A TASTE OF POWER* (ed) Maureen Mackintosh and Hilary Wainwright (Verso) £7.95. How the GLC (RIP) brought the concept of popular economic planning back to local government, re-introducing the old notion of municipal socialism
- ★ *LABOUR: A TALE OF TWO PARTIES* Hilary Wainwright (Hogarth) £5.95.
- ★ *SOLIDARITY FOREVER* Deborah Shaffer and others (Lawrence and Wishart) £6.95. An oral history of “The Wobblies”—a militant direct action union—the IWW.
- ★ *DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS: THE TOWN HALLS RESPOND* David Blunkett and Keith Jackson (Hogarth) £6.95. In the face of right wing attacks on local authorities, this book argues for a more open, democratic and accountable local authority system.
- ★ *TURN LEFT AT LAND'S END* Alan Dalton (Red Boots) £2.95. A walking book with a difference—interviewing the people beyond the tourist map. Excellent.
- ★ *ANARCHY: A GRAPHIC GUIDE* Cliff Harper (Camden Press) £5.95. Harper is the foremost illustrator of anarchist themes still living. This book is his version of anarchist history.
- ★ *THE RAVEN* (Freedom) £2.50. A new, quarterly, book-format journal of anarchist ideas and history.
- ★ *A DECADE OF ANARCHY* (ed) Colin Ward (Freedom) £5. An anthology from the now famous magazine *Anarchy* which flourished in the '60s and early '70s—wide ranging, practical.

POLITICS: IRELAND AND BRITAIN

- ★ *TEN MEN DEAD* David Beresford (Grafton) £3.95. The most thorough examination yet of the 1981 Hunger Strike.
- ★ *ERROR OF JUDGEMENT* Chris Mullin (Poolbeg) £3.95. Six Irish people convicted of the biggest murder in British history—this book shows their innocence. Their release will be a sensation, and will come.

POLITICS: THE FAR RIGHT

- ★ *IF THIS IS A MAN/THE TRUCE* Primo Levi (Abacus) £3.95. Primo Levi died this year. With his novels and this autobiographical work he stands as one of the foremost European writers. This book covers his years living in, and journey back from concentration camps.
- ★ *MAUS: A SURVIVOR'S TALE* Art Spiegelman (Penguin) £5.95. A never to be forgotten strip cartoon/memoir/novel/documentary of a Jewish survivor of Nazism.
- ★ *MALE FANTASIES* Klaus Theweleit (Polity) £8.95. This book analyses the views of the proto-Nazi Freikorps of German officers' attitudes to women, fighting and war, showing the inter-relation of racism, anti-communism and flight from the feminine.

POLITICS: PEACE ACTION

- ★ *PEACE TOGETHER* (ed) Clive Barrett (James Clarke) £3.95. A celebration of the 50th birthday of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.
- ★ *REMEMBER AND DISARM* (Peace Pledge Union) £1.50. This pack gives the story behind the white poppy.
- ★ *PEACE AND WAR* (Peace Pledge Union) £2.50. An educational pack for schools, includes teachers' notes and details of 50 participatory activities for teachers and students.
- ★ *CND SCRAPBOOK* (ed) Joan Ruddock (Optima) £9.95. Just that, a scrapbook of photos, cuttings, leaflets etc of CND from start to date.
- ★ *A LIFE IN PEACE* Andrew Rigby (Prism) £9.95 hardback. A biography of Wilfred Wellock, bringing back from obscurity the once-famous figure of Wellock—MP, pacifist, journalist, theoretician and pre-cursor of the alternative society.
- ★ *NONVIOLENCE AND LIBERATION* (Peace Pledge Union) 95p.



HUMOUR

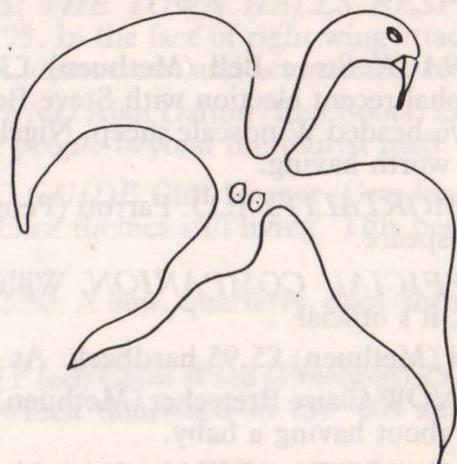
- ★ *IF . . . BOUNCES BACK* Steve Bell (Methuen) £3.95. Celebrate the year of the condom and the triumphal recent election with Steve Bell. All your usual favourites are here—Dr Death, the two-headed Windscale sheep, Nigel etc, etc. The book which makes the Conservative Party worth having.
- ★ *IMITATIONS OF IMMORTALITY* E.O. Parrott (Penguin) £4.95. Parody at its best—you too can write Shakespeare.
- ★ *THE ARCHERS—OFFICIAL COMPANION* William Smethurst (Weidenfeld & Nicholson) £4.95. Well, it's official.
- ★ *BARMY* Victoria Wood (Methuen) £5.95 hardback. As seen on TV . . .
- ★ *WHERE'S MY BABY NOW* Claire Bretecher (Methuen) £4.50. The annual Bretecher—this time one long strip about having a baby.
- ★ *THE THOUGHTS OF BETTY SPITAL* (Yorkshire Arts) £2.95. Betty Spital—pensioner, activist and radical granny—has been in more political campaigns than you've had veggie quiches. This woman is at the forefront of the campaign to legalise Youthenasia—a pensioner's right to choose which of her or his offspring to have put down. An inspiration to us all.
- ★ *LET'S HURRY UP AND GET THIS RELATIONSHIP OVER . . . SO I CAN GET ON WITH DECORATING THE HALLWAY* (Bristol BroadSides) £2.95. A book of love poetry.
- ★ *THE SILENT MIAOW* Paul Gallico (Pan) £4.95. A manual for kittens, strays and homeless cats on how to win a way into a household, and how to establish total and unquestioned sovereignty.
- ★ *HOW TO LIVE WITH A NEUROTIC CAT* Stephen Baker (Grafton) £2.95. Amongst other important issues, remarks on the difference between humans and cats eg some of us can barely touch our toes and have difficulty with shoelaces whereas all cats can tie (and untie) shoelaces—but mostly prefer to go barefoot.

Incidentally, when checking for other *essential* cat books this year there is *THE ESSENTIAL CAT*, full of lovely black and white pictures plus the *CAT EMPIRE*. Many more books on cats in stock.



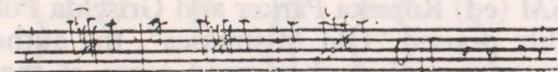
POETRY

- * *THE FABER BOOK OF TWENTIETH CENTURY WOMEN'S POETRY* ed Fleur Adcock (Faber) £4.95. A major anthology which demonstrates the richness of women's contributions to 20th-century literature, providing generous selections from the work of both acknowledged and little-known women poets from all over the English-speaking world.
- * *GOOD NIGHT, WILLIE LEE, I'LL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING* Alice Walker (Women's Press) £2.95. Women's Press continues the good work of issuing Alice Walker's hard-to-find books of poetry in the UK. "Alice Walker's language moves among griefs, loves, hopes, with the discrimination of a gazelle or antelope picking its way among sharp rocks" (Denise Levertov).
- * *LEFT OUT IN THE RAIN* Gary Snyder (North Point Press) £5.95. This substantial new collection, subtitled "New Poems 1947-1985", charts the evolution of the poet and the man through a generous selection of work which, by chance or design, has not appeared in any of his previous books.
- * *COLLECTED POEMS* Tomas Tranströmer (Bloodaxe) £6.95. Perhaps the poetry book of the year—thirty years' work from Sweden's most important poet (an inspiration to, among others, Norwegian saxophonist Jan Garbarek, eg "It's OK to listen to the Gray Voice") in an immaculate translation by Robin Fulton. "Poems are active meditations, they want to wake us up, not put us to sleep"—Tomas Tranströmer.



- * *THE HAW LANTERN* Seamus Heaney (Faber) £3.95. Another superb collection from the author of "Station Island" and many others.
- * *SELECTED POEMS* Marina Tsvetayeva (Bloodaxe) £6.95. This comprehensive selection, translated by David McDuff from the definitive Russica text of the poet's work, includes complete versions of all her major long poems and poem cycles. A fine book (as usual from Bloodaxe), but the cover takes some getting used to . . .
- * *COLLECTED POEMS 1947-1980* Allen Ginsberg (King Penguin) £9.95. Brand new in paperback is this huge and well-reviewed tome from one of the greatest figures in twentieth century American poetry. "Howl" and everything else you'd expect is included.
- * *EARLY RIPENING* selected and introduced by Marge Piercy (Pandora) £5.95. A new book of contemporary women's poetry, again featuring both established names (eg Adrienne Rich) and lesser-known ones (eg Sharon Olds).
- * *DANCING THE TIGHTROPE* (ed) Barbara Burford, Lindsay MacRae and Sylvia Paskin (Women's Press) £2.95. Subtitled "new love poems by women", this collection allows women to give their own version of the joy and wonder, angst, anger and lust we feel as we fall in and out of love, live happily ever after and break up the next day.
- * *MELTING INTO THE FOREGROUND* Roger McGough (Penguin) £3.95. His first book for adults for some considerable time, and well worth the wait. "McGough has done for British poetry what champagne does for weddings" (Val Hennessy).

- * *FIVEMILETOWN* Tom Paulin (Faber) £4.95. A dramatic new collection which continues and deepens Paulin's exploration of the Northern Irish predicament.
- * *THE FLY* Miroslav Holub (Bloodaxe) £5.95. Almost a "selected poems" from the Czech poet and scientist, described by Tom Paulin as "a magnificent, astringent genius" and by A. Alvarez as "one of the sanest voices of our time". Also in stock his most recent collection "On the Contrary" (Bloodaxe, £4.95).
- * *VISITING LIGHT* Jean Earle (Poetry Wales Press) £3.95. Just announced as the winter Poetry Book Society Choice, a book in which the ordinary world shines with almost luminous intensity under the attention of her language and imagery.
And finally some first collections well worthy of note:
- * *THE WAY WE LIVE* Kathleen Jamie (Bloodaxe) £4.95. "At 25 Kathleen Jamie is the most outstanding young woman poet now writing in Britain" (publisher's blurb). Quite a claim, but read the book and you'll see why Bloodaxe make it.
- * *BROKEN MOON* Carole Satyamurti (OUP) £4.95. From the winner of the 1986 National Poetry Competition.
- * *SHADOWS OF MY MAKING* Mahendra Solanki (Lokamaya Press) £2.95. A slim but disturbing collection from a local author.
- * *THE TREE CALENDAR* Hilary Llewellyn-Williams (Poetry Wales Press) £3.95. A lyrical and sensuous collection fusing together nature, Welsh legend and history, paganism and the world of human relationships. The author won the Cardiff International Poetry Prize this year.
- * *BOUNDLESS FUNCTION* Arthur Gibson (Bloodaxe) £5.95. This new book has been described as "a totally new kind of literature" and its author as "the last Renaissance man" and "a genius or madman". You could even win £250 for unravelling what on earth it all means—see the book for details.
- * *THE HURRICANE* Gwyn Parry (Poetry Wales Press) £2.95. A celebration of the landscapes and seascapes of North Wales, and an examination of humanity's misuse of the earth.



MUSIC

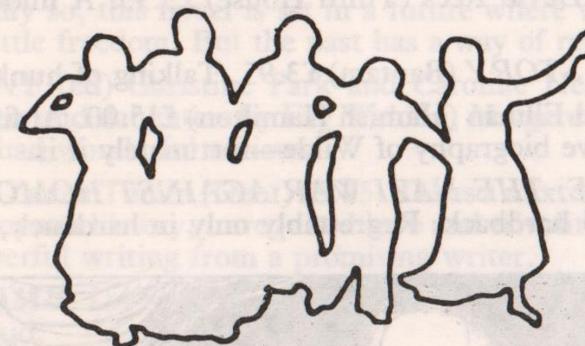
- * *MUSIC, MYSTICISM AND MAGIC* Joscelyn Godwin (Arkana) £6.95. Spanning over 2000 years, this book explores music as much more than entertainment or an emotional stimulus.
- * *HOW THE MUSIC BUSINESS WORKS* Norena Ann Davies (Harvester) £4.95. A book for hopeful musicians, showing how to "make it" in the music business.
- * *MAKING A LIVING AS A ROCK MUSICIAN* Kim Ludman (Kogan Page) £4.95. Well, the title explains itself really!
- * *DICTIONARY OF COMPOSERS* Eric Gilder (Sphere) £4.99. Short biography of hundreds of composers, along with a detailed chronology of all their works.
- * *STORMY WEATHER* Linda Dahl (Quartet) £5.95. Anecdotes and analysis of a century of women's experience in, and contributions to, jazz.
- * *MAHLER REMEMBERED* Norman Lebrecht (Faber) £6.95. Using previously unpublished material, reveals much of the character of Mahler and is thus a valuable aid to understanding his music.
- * *SIMON RATTLE: THE MAKING OF A CONDUCTOR* Nicholas Kenyon (Faber) £12.95 hardback. The first biography of this very gifted (and very pretty) young conductor. Worth buying for the pictures alone!
- * *RAVEL REMEMBERED* Roger Nichols (Faber) £6.95. Recollections and revelations of Ravel and his music.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND ARTS

- * *TEN YEARS AFTER—VIETNAM TODAY* Tim Page (Thames and Hudson) £15.95 hardback only. The photographic reportage in "Tim Page's Nam" greatly impressed and moved many people. Here he returns, ten years on, to bring us an up-to-date picture of a remarkable land of extremes and great gentleness.
- * *THE ARRIVANTS* The Race Today Collective (Race Today) £6.95. This pictorial essay on blacks in Britain documents thirty years of trying to establish an identity and a social position in a strange land.
- * *A GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND* John Davies (Cornerhouse) £8.95. This book, finely printed with 38 duotone images (each varnished to ensure the best possible photographic reproduction) looks at the continued transformation of Britain's industrial, semi-rural and urban landscape.
- * *MEDIEVAL BRIGANDS* Peter Gardner (Redcliffe Press) £8.95. The book's title derives from Douglas Hurd's description of the "hippie" convoy as "a band of medieval brigands who have no respect for law and order and the rights of others". This collection of photographs puts a more sensitive and human view.
- * *TROUBLED LAND* photographs by Paul Graham (Grey Editions) £8.95. Subtitled "The Social Landscape of Northern Ireland".
- * *PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTING* Gene Nocon (Planet) £14.95 hardback only. A method of printing devoted to the production of exhibition quality black and white prints which works equally for amateur and professional darkrooms using equipment and materials that are already there. This is the book Gene Nocon wishes he had when he first started in photography.
- * *NOW SHEBA SINGS THE SONG* Maya Angelou with art by Tom Feelings (Virago) £6.95. Beautiful book of drawings of Black women made over twenty-five years, together with a poem in which the author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" gives these women their sound, their voices.
- * *FRAMING FEMINISM* (ed) Rozsika Parker and Griselda Pollock (Pandora) £9.95. In this sequel to their highly praised "Old Mistresses", the authors use new strategies to provide contemporary women with both a vivid sense of the impact of the women's movement on art and a compelling record of the variety and significance of feminist art practices.
- * *LOOKING ON* (ed) Rosemary Betterton (Pandora) £7.95. Developing original and exciting connections between visual arts and the media, this book brings together some of the most important feminist writings on the different ways in which images of women continue to influence commonly-held perceptions of femininity and female sexuality.
- * *EISENSTEIN AT WORK* Jay Leyda and Zina Voynow (Methuen) £9.95. A unique collection of sketches, notes, letters, photographs covering every phase of the career of one of the most influential of film-makers.
- * *PHOTOGRAPHY/POLITICS: TWO* (ed) Patricia Holland, Jo Spence and Simon Watney (Comedia/Photography Workshop) £12.95. A collection of essays, working papers and photoprojects which reflect a wide range of current debates around photographic education and practice, sustaining and developing the expansive definition of photography and politics which characterised "Photography/Politics: One".
- * *THE GLASTONBURY FESTIVALS* Lynne Elstob and Anne Howes (Gothic Image) £9.95. A colourful history in photographs and words from the simple gatherings in the early 1970s to today's Glastonbury CND Festivals which regularly attract close to 100,000 people.
- * *MASKS* Christos Kondeatis (Pan) £7.50. Ten fantastic masks, easy to assemble and great fun to make, drawn from the history and mythology of many lands. Full instructions are included—all you need is glue.

PSYCHOLOGY

- * *COMPULSION* Robin Blake (Boxtree) £5.95. Published to tie in with the TV series, it examines many kinds of compulsive behaviour and suggests solutions.
- * *LIFESTREAMS* David Boadella (RKP) £5.95. An introduction to biosynthesis—a method of body-oriented psychology. Describes how birth (and pre-birth) affects our psyche.
- * *THE USE OF PLEASURE: THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY VOL 2* Michel Foucault (Peregrine) £6.95. An account of the emergence of Christianity from the ancient world and its link with sexuality. Rich and provocative.
- * *THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ROMANTIC LOVE* Robert A Johnston (Arkana) £4.95. Using myths and legends, this book explores the origins and meaning of romantic love.
- * *THE LITTLE BOOK OF HUGS* Kathleen Keating (Angus & Robertson) £3.50 hardback. A lovely little whimsically-serious book about hug therapy—guaranteed to promote health and happiness, or at least a smile as you read it.
- * *WOMEN DREAMING* Brenda Mallon (Fontana) £3.95. A woman's guide to dream interpretation.
- * *ETERNITY'S SUNRISE* Marion Milner (Virago) £5.50. Sequel to "A Life of One's Own" and "An Experiment in Leisure", this explores a way of keeping a diary as an aid to heightening perception and awareness.
- * *THE DRAMA OF BEING A CHILD* Alice Miller (Virago) £3.95 & *FOR YOUR OWN GOOD* Alice Miller (Virago) £4.95. Two important and perceptive books showing how violence and cruelty in society have their roots in conventional childrearing and education along with punishment and coercion.



- * *BIRTH AND RELATIONSHIPS* Sondra Ray (Celestial Arts) £6.95. Shows how the type of birth you had affects personality and relationships.
- * *AN IMAGE DARKLY FORMING* Bani Shorter (RKP) £5.95. Examines how women are initiated into becoming themselves through the use of instinctive ritual.
- * *TAKING CARE* David Smail (Dent) £5.95. Argues that to alleviate human distress we have to abandon therapy and learn instead to *take care* of the world and each other. Local writer.
- * *ASSERT YOURSELF* Gael Lindenfield (Thorsons) £3.99. A self-help guide to improving self-esteem, coping with criticism and communicating effectively with others.
- * *HYPNOTHERAPY: A PRACTICAL HANDBOOK* Hellmut Karle (Free Association) £9.95. Aimed at practitioners, using clinical experiences, this provides a basis for early stages of training, but is also a reference source for the experienced.
- * *BEYOND FEAR* Dorothy Rowe (Fontana) £4.95. Dorothy Rowe is the sort of writer who makes you think, "Yes, why didn't I think of that so clearly myself". Her latest book shows how unresolved fear has profoundly negative effects on our lives, and how we can break this pattern to discover greater happiness.

GAY WRITING

- * *THE NORMAL HEART* Larry Kramer (Methuen) £3.95. The playscript of the recent Playhouse performance—a both funny and tear-jerking play on the arrival of, and the response to, AIDS within the New York gay men's community.
- * *HETEROSEXUALITY* (ed) Gillian Hanscombe and Martin Humphries (GMP) £4.95. "Why are some people so stubbornly attracted to the opposite sex? What exactly is heterosexuality and what causes it? Can it be cured?" This book is certain to become the established authority on the subject.
- * *THE EUROPEAN GAY REVIEW VOL 2* £4.95. James Kirkup, Noël Greig and others contribute to this scholarly annual.
- * *THE FAMILY OF MAX DESIR* Robert Ferro (Arena) £2.95. A novel exploring the dilemmas of a young Italo-American man torn between the love of his family and his lover—his family rejecting his gayness.
- * *QUEER* William Burroughs (Picador) £2.95. From the homosexual underworld of the '40s in Mexico City.
- * *THE DARKER PROOF* Adam Mars-Jones and Edmund White (Faber) £3.95. The human realities behind the AIDS crisis.
- * *MAURICE* E.M. Forster (Penguin) £3.95. The book of the film.
- * *THE LAST OF ENGLAND* Derek Jarman (Constable) £10.95 hardback. This book opens with the author discovering he is HIV positive and shifts back and forth between adolescence and making the film of the same name.
- * *THE ORTON DIARIES* Joe Orton (Methuen) £4.95. Outrageous, macabre.
- * *TWOS AND THREES* David Rees (Third House) £3.95. A middle aged hunk meets some young men.
- * *ROCK HUDSON: HIS STORY* (Bantam) £3.95. Talking of hunks . . .
- * *OSCAR WILDE* Richard Ellman (Hamish Hamilton) £15.00. At fifteen quid this has to be a massive and definitive biography of Wilde—fortunately it is.
- * *THE PINK TRIANGLE: THE NAZI WAR AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS* Richard Plant (Mainstream) £9.95 hardback. Regrettably only in hardback, this book should be read by all anti-fascists.



LESBIAN WRITING

- * *LONG TIME PASSING: LIVES OF OLDER LESBIANS* (ed) Marcy Adelman (Alyson) £4.95. Absorbing and entertaining stories and essays about a wide spectrum of lesbians' lives.
- * *SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE PRIME OF LIFE* Dodici Azpadu (Onlywomen Press) £2.95. A story of the "moral choices to be made around family, long past the much-documented crisis of coming out" (Cynthia Rich).
- * *GOAT SONG* Dodici Azpadu (Onlywomen Press) £3.50. "Written in the form of a Greek tragedy, Goat Song elevates the gritty details of urban lesbian life into significance".

- * *GIRLS, VISIONS AND EVERYTHING* Sarah Schulman (Seal Press) £7.95. A lesbian version of "Street Car Named Desire" (!), this is a story of a neighbourhood of women in New York.
- * *THEME FOR DIVERSE INSTRUMENTS* Jane Rule (Talon Books) £6.95. Short stories by the author of "Desert of the Heart" and . . .
- * *MEMORY BOARD* Jane Rule (Pandora) £4.95. Story of two elderly lesbians and the events that occur when the estranged twin brother of one re-enters their lives. We're sure all who saw Jane Rule on her Nottingham visit will want to read this book.
- * *THE QUESTION SHE PUT TO HERSELF* Maureen Brady (Crossing Press) £5.95. Short stories by an author whose writing is powerful and evocative, yet easy to read. Try it.
- * *JUMPING THE CRACKS* Rebecca O'Rourke (Virago) £3.95. One of the first lesbian thrillers. On a late London evening, Rats finds a Rolls with a body slumped inside . . .
- * *LOVE, DEATH AND THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS* Marilyn Hacker (Onlywomen Press) £4.95. A passionate story of a love affair between two women from meeting to parting, written in the form of linked sonnets.

WOMEN'S FICTION

The big boom in women's publishing this year is feminist thrillers, both recent writing and rediscoveries. Most are published by Pandora (look out for the black covers with chequered sides). Among the best of these are "Amateur City" and "Murder at Nightwood Bar" by Katherine Forest, but the others should make good holiday reading.

- * *THE HANDMAID'S TALE* Margaret Atwood (Virago) £3.95. Shortlisted for the Booker prize, and deservedly so, this novel is set in a future where women have rigidly defined narrow roles and little freedom. But the past has a way of reasserting itself . . .
- * *CLOSE COMPANY* (ed) Christine Park and Caroline Heaton (Virago) £4.95. Short stories about mothers and daughters by Fay Weldon, Margaret Atwood, Alice Walker and many others. Has had wonderful reviews.
- * *STALIN'S SHOE* Zdena Tomin (Dent) £3.95. Takes a mixture of politics, personal pain, recent Eastern European history, unrequited love and frivolity and sets these on a Welsh mountainside. Powerful writing from a promising writer.
- * *LATER THE SAME DAY* Grace Paley (Penguin) £3.95. Short, intense stories, wonderful read aloud.
- * *THE INJURED PARTY* Susan Fromberg Shaeffer (Pavanne) £3.95. Iris, on returning from hospital, withdraws to bed for days on end, hardly communicating with her family. Only upon the arrival of a dying former lover does she revive and piece together her life.
- * *ARKY TYPES* Sara Maitland and Michelene Wandor (Methuen) £3.95. A novel in letter form. Haven't read it, but it looks fun.
- * *THE SECRET SELF VOL. 2* selected by Hermione Lee (Dent) £4.95. At last, the follow up to the very popular first volume of short stories. Includes Stevie Smith, Fay Weldon, Nadine Gordimer, Alice Munro and many others.
- * *THE BOOK OF FEARS* Susan Kerslake (Ragweed) £4.95. Frightening, haunting and unforgettable short stories.
- * *IN THE LAND OF DREAMY DREAMS* Ellen Gilchrist (Pavanne) £2.95. Witty and varied collection of short stories.
- * *THE SEVEN AGES* Eva Figs (Flamingo) £3.95. A story of women's history, heard through the mind of a modern English midwife.
- * *THE SHRAPNEL ACADEMY* Fay Weldon (Coronet) £2.50. Another sharp and witty novel from Fay Weldon.
- * *BOY BLUE* Stevie Davies (Women's Press) £3.95. Story of the experience of a woman in wartime Britain. Explores the spiritual cost to both sexes of the warrior ethos.

- * *THE JOURNEY* Anne Cameron (Spinsters/Aunt Lute) £5.95. Story of a woman alone in the wild Canadian west, by the author of the wonderful "Daughters of Copper Woman".
- * *WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO* Joanna Russ (Women's Press) £3.50. Science fiction which challenges notions of natural behaviour between women and men.
- * *HER MOTHER'S DAUGHTER* Marilyn French (Heinemann) £10.95 hardback. Powerful and enthralling new novel from the author of "The Women's Room" and "The Bleeding Heart".
- * *THE PERFECTIONISTS* Gail Godwin (Pavanne) £2.95. Skilful and engrossing first novel, though published after several others, by this writer who deserves to be better known.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

- * *A WOMEN'S HISTORY OF SEX* Harriett Gilbert and Christine Roche (Pandora) £5.95. Here we follow the beleaguered path of women's experience of sex and find some signs that we're finally coming through.
- * *RE-MAKING LOVE: THE FEMINIZATION OF SEX* Barbara Ehrenreich, Elizabeth Hess, Gloria Jacobs (Fontana) £3.95. An original look at how women's experience of sex has been changed by the sexual revolution.
- * *CONTRACEPTION: A PRACTICAL AND POLITICAL GUIDE* Rose Shapiro (Virago) £4.50. Asks and answers some fascinating questions about the place contraception plays in our lives, as well as giving detailed and practical information on all contraceptive methods.
- * *WOMEN'S HEALTH: A SPARE RIB READER* Sue O'Sullivan (Pandora) £5.95. A fascinating collection of writings on women's health drawn from nearly 20 years of Spare Rib.

FEMINISM

- * *WRITING FOR THEIR LIVES: THE MODERNIST WOMEN 1910-1940* Gillian Hanscombe and Virginia Smyers (Women's Press) £6.95. A candid and detailed analysis of a network of women writers who were at the forefront of literary experimentation early this century and whose lives were considered to be as avant-garde as their work.
- * *FLOWERS IN HELL: AN INVESTIGATION INTO WOMEN AND CRIME* Barney Beardsley (Pandora) £5.95. This book challenges our most fundamental assumptions about what is crime and what makes a woman commit crime.
- * *GLANCING FIRES: AN INVESTIGATION INTO WOMEN'S CREATIVITY* Lesley Saunders (Women's Press) £5.95. Another ground-breaker. The contributors explore the connections and contradictions between their work—as writers, artists, singers, dancers, teachers—and their lives.
- * *ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF FEMINISM* Lisa Tuttle (Arrow) £6.95. A concise reference guide in which all aspects of the feminist movement, both past and present, are discussed, often giving a refreshing new slant on traditional words and concepts.
- * *THE MOTHER KNOT* Jane Lazarre (Virago) £4.95. An intensely personal tale of one woman's experiences of motherhood, which also reaches out to embrace experiences that all women share.
- * *THE JOKE'S ON US: WOMEN IN COMEDY FROM MUSIC HALL TO THE PRESENT* Morwenna Banks and Amanda Swift (Pandora) £5.95. A first—the celebratory study of British women working in comedy, based on interviews with more than 80 performers.
- * *SOLIDARITY* and *WORKING FOR EQUALITY: WOMEN HISTORY MAKERS* (MacDonald) £4.95 each. These 2 books break new ground in the teaching of history through their focus on the role that women have played in shaping our lives. Wonderful photographs and text.

- * *A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO JOBS IN FILM AND TELEVISION* Anne Ross Muir (Pandora) £6.95. The film and television industry is, like so many others, male-dominated. This is a long overdue attempt to enable women to gain knowledge and insight—and ultimately employment—in the media world.
- * *THE ROCKING OF THE CRADLE AND THE RULING OF THE WORLD* Dorothy Dinnerstein (Women's Press) £5.95. "The male-female collaboration to keep history mad". Dorothy Dinnerstein proposes that as women, we are active agents in our own difficulties and that by acknowledging our part in the situation, we have the possibility of changing it.
- * *MONUMENTS AND MAIDENS: THE ALLEGORY OF THE FEMALE FORM* Marina Warner (Picador) £5.95. Why do we see so many and varied forms of the female figure all around us, on coins, stamps, buildings . . . ? A witty and invigorating analysis reveals some interesting answers.
- * *THE EYE OF THE STORY* Eudora Welty (Virago) £5.95. A sympathetic insight into the aims and methods of specific women writers heightened by the author's profound understanding of the "fear and joy" promised by all literary endeavour.
- * *WOMEN TALKING: AN ANTHOLOGY FROM THE GUARDIAN'S WOMEN'S PAGE* Mary Stott (Pandora) £5.95. A vivid record of women's lives, reflections and concerns across the generations, by the former editor of The Guardian's Women's Page.



WOMEN AND SPIRITUALITY

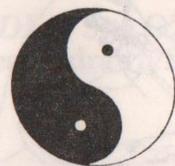
- * *MATRIARCHAL MYTHOLOGY IN FORMER TIMES AND TODAY* Heide Güttner-Abendroth (Crossing Press) £1.95. A rather long title for a short pamphlet. Interesting information on the transformation from matriarchal religion to patriarchal religions and what gods/goddesses carried on in various forms.
- * *THE I CHING OF THE GODDESS* Barbara G Walker (Harper & Row) £9.95. From the author of "Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets" (H&R). Barbara Walker once again sets about the task of reclaiming women's spiritual history, this time within the context of the I Ching.
- * *CIRCLEWORK* Shan (House of the Goddess) £5.95. A handbook of basic ritual in the style of Dianic witchcraft.
- * *DISPOSSESSED DAUGHTERS OF EVE: FAITH AND FEMINISM* Susan Dowell & Linda Hurcombe (SPCK) £7.50. A book for feminists both within the church and those who have rejected the church. This book challenges the role the church has allocated to women.
- * *WOMEN OF THE CELTS* Jean Markale (Inner Traditions International) £10.95. Interesting examination of celtic myths and religion and the position of women in celtic society.

TAROT AND I CHING

- * *THE ALTERNATIVE I CHING* Derek Walters (Aquarian) £5.99. This is T'ai Hsuan Ching, one of the lost companions to the I Ching, which has been rescued from oblivion after 2000 years.
- * *THE BUDDHIST I CHING* Chih-hsu Ou-i (Shambhala) £8.95. A full-length interpretation of the I Ching by a Chinese meditation master.
- * *THE DEFINITIVE TAROT* Bill Butler (Century) £6.95. Compares interpretations and the many designs of tarot cards leading to a theory of the tarot.
- * *THE NEW FEMINIST TAROT* Jean Freer (Aquarian) £4.99. A politically relevant guide to the tarot, the first feminist interpretation to be published in Britain.
- * *THE TAROT* Mouni Sadhu (Wilshire) £6.95. A fascinating account for studying the tarot in depth.
- * *CLASSIC TAROT SPREADS* Sandra Konraad (Para Research) £9.95. Includes 22 spreads that provide a key to the history, mythology and metaphysical meaning of the cards.
- * *THE VISUAL I CHING* Oliver Perrottet (Michael Joseph) £14.95. This modern version of the Book of Changes includes 64 beautifully illustrated cards and ritual cloth. The book explains many games and exercises for the use of the cards.
- * *IMAGES FROM THE I CHING* Ann Williams and Ralph Metzner (Prism) £9.95. In this large format book each of the 64 hexagrams is beautifully illustrated in full colour. Each image has a page to itself to allow meditation on each in turn.



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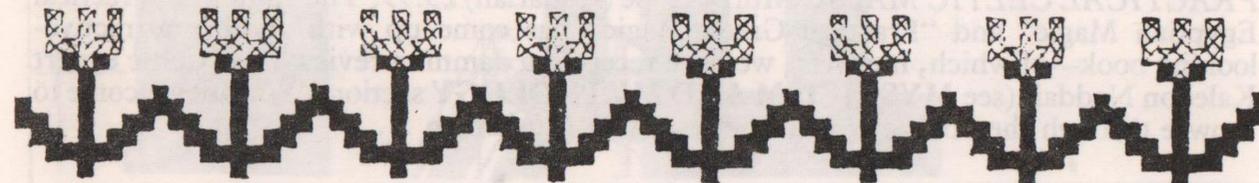
ASTROLOGY

- * *THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERSONALITY* Liz Greene and Howard Sasportas (RKP) £6.95. This first volume in the "Seminars in Psychological Astrology" series shows how depth psychology works with the natal chart, illuminating the process and problems we all encounter in the development of individual identity. Liz Greene is the author of "Relating", "The Astrology of Fate" and others.
- * *PLANETARY ASPECTS—FROM CONFLICT TO CO-OPERATION* Tracy Marks (CRCS) £7.95. New from the author of the acclaimed "Astrology of Self Discovery".
- * *THE ASTROLOGY KIT* devised by Grant Lewi (Rider) £14.95. Everything you need to know to acquire a working knowledge of astrology in an attractive boxed set.
- * *ASTROTHERAPY* Gregory Szanto (Arkana) £5.95. This practical book shows how the realization of the human psyche can be brought about by uniting astrology's insights with knowledge from psychotherapy. It argues that the symbolism of astrology shows us the way to experience our nature fully and to transform it.
- * *MOON SIGNS* Sarah Fenton (Aquarian) £3.99. According to Sarah Fenton, the position of the moon in our birth chart governs our attitudes to food, our unconscious motivations, our habits and our relationships.
- * *THE NEW ASTROLOGY* Suzanne White (Pan) £4.50. A new combination of our Western sun sign system with the ancient and well respected Chinese system.
- * *LIFE SIGNS* Julia and Derek Parker (Piatkus) £3.95. A new basic guide to the sun sign characteristics from the authors of "The New Compleat Astrologer" (also in stock at £14.95).
- * *ASTROLOGY—A PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH* Eve Jackson (Dryad) £5.95. An excellent broad introduction by an astrologer and psychotherapeutic counsellor, whose first book "Jupiter" was published by the Aquarian Press last year.

MYSTICISM AND MYTHOLOGY

- * *A SURVEY OF BUDDHISM* Sangharakshita (Tharpa) £9.95. New edition of a major work from a much-respected writer.
- * *AWAKENING THE MIND OF ENLIGHTENMENT* Geshe Namgyal Wangchen (Wisdom) £6.95. A modern Tibetan master presents the path to enlightenment.
- * *GENUINE FAKE* Monica Furlong (Unwin) £6.95. New biography of Alan Watts, the author of "The Way of Zen", "The Book on the Taboo Against Knowing Who You Are", "The Wisdom of Insecurity" and many others.
- * *THE EMPTY MIRROR* Janwillem van de Wetering (Arkana) £3.95. New edition of "a delightful record of a young man stumbling into a Japanese Zen monastery" (The Middle Way).
- * *THE INTERIOR REALIZATION* Hubert Benoit (Element) £6.95. This is a book for everyone: those interested in psychology, oriental philosophy, and especially the seeker on the path, for Benoit unravels the means by which each of us may realize the true Self and manifest absolute good.
- * *BE STILL AND KNOW* Thich Nhat Hanh (Pax Christi) 95p. Thich Nhat Hanh, poet and Zen Master, headed the Vietnamese Buddhist Peace Delegation in Paris during the Vietnam war. In this shortened version of "The Miracle of Mindfulness" he shows some very simple ways, in the details of our daily living, to realise the "almost limitless power—for the healing of the world—that belongs to each one of us if only we will absorb it".
- * *INTERBEING* Thich Nhat Hanh (Parallax) £4. The fourteen precepts of the Tiep Hien Order are a unique expression of traditional Buddhist morality coming to terms with contemporary issues. Here Thich Nhat Hanh presents thoughtful commentaries on these precepts.
- * *BEING PEACE* Thich Nhat Hanh (Parallax) £5. In this book of lectures to American peace activists and students of meditation, Thich Nhat Hanh thoroughly discusses the importance of "being peace" in order to make peace.
- * *"MIRACLES ARE MY VISITING CARDS"* Erlendur Haraldsson (Century) £6.95. An investigative report on the psychic phenomena associated with Sathya Sai Baba.
- * *LOST LANDS AND SILENT CITIES* Nigel Pennick (Fortean Tomes) £8.50. New from the author of "Geomancy" and others, this book examines the evidence for the existence of the lands described in British mythology.
- * *KELTIC FOLK AND FAERIE TALES* Kaledon Naddair (Rider) £8.95. Kaledon Naddair has for many years been deeply and passionately involved in a journey into the heart and soul of the Kelts. He has absorbed their religion and metaphysics through both scholarly study and personal and spiritual participation in their rituals, rites and culture. He describes this as his most far-reaching exploration into the Keltic Mysteries yet. Many other titles also stocked.
- * *CELTIC MYTHOLOGY* Ward Rutherford (Aquarian) £5.99. A lively and absorbing account of the world of Celtic myth, showing how deeply the myths have become embedded in the Western consciousness and, in particular, tracing the Celtic influences in the Arthurian cycle and the English literary tradition.

Also available, an increasing range of magazines in this area, including: *MOONSHINE* A journal of Native British Spirituality, £1, *EVOHE!* A journal of practical Thelemic and Pagan magic, 50p.



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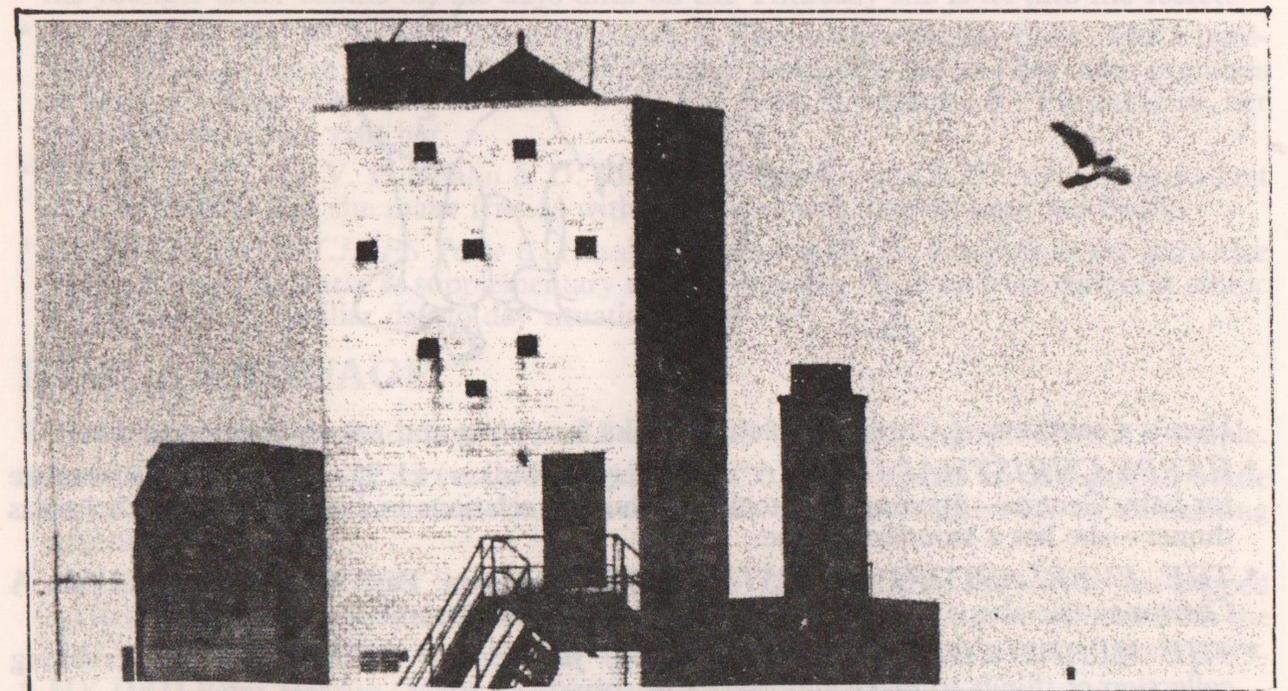


- * *THE SECRET WISDOM* David Conway (Aquarian) £6.99. Laying aside the deliberate mystification in which writers on occultism so often take refuge, David Conway explains precisely what esoteric doctrine has to say about the universe, its beginnings and subsequent evolution, and our place in it. Further he shows how access can be had to the hidden reality with which occultism is centrally concerned, and how we can all learn to explore it for ourselves. "One of the best books on magic ever written" (Colin Wilson).
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- * *THE SHAMAN AND THE MAGICIAN* Nevill Drury (Arkana) £4.95. Takes up themes explored in his "Don Juan, Mescalito and Modern Magic" to demonstrate that shamanism and magic offer techniques of approaching the visionary sources of our culture.
- * *777 AND OTHER QABALISTIC WRITINGS OF ALEISTER CROWLEY* (Weiser) £10.50. The best edition of "777" for the serious student. Also includes "Gematria" and "Sepher Sephiroth". Look out for an increased range of serious occult titles, particularly from Samuel Weiser, in the spring.
Aquarian are busy reissuing most of Dion Fortune's work in double volumes, eg:
 - * *SANE OCCULTISM* and *PRACTICAL OCCULTISM IN DAILY LIFE* £5.99.
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STAYING AT HOME

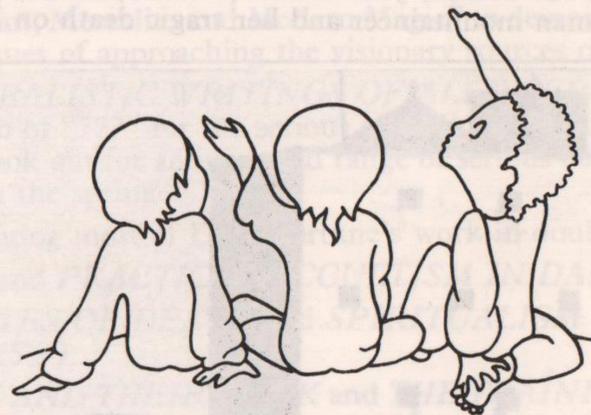
GOING PLACES

- * *NOTTINGHAMSHIRE* (Phillimore) £5. Not exactly new, a useful guide, compiled 1086 for the Domesday survey. It's taken us some time to get this book into stock.
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To keep the wind
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CHILDCARE

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STAYING WELL

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- ★ *THE REFLEXOLOGY WORKOUT* Stephanie Rick (Thorsons) £6.99. Easy to follow steps with the aid of diagrams, on how to massage reflexology points on hands and feet. A guide towards revitalising the whole body.
- ★ *MEDICINE AND LABOUR: THE POLITICS OF A PROFESSION* Steve Watkins (Lawrence and Wishart) £6.95. A look at the doctor's relationship with the labour movement and the role of medical schools in forming an ideology.
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