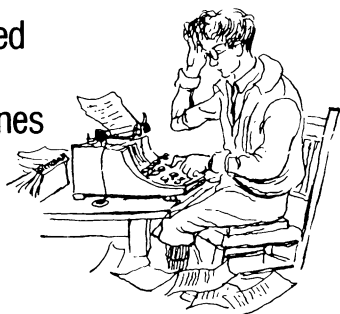


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Keeping tabs on indexes

SOME of the habits of about 10,000 major journals are described in a new publication from the British Library Lending Division.

Its *Directory of title pages, indexes and contents pages* (DOTIC for short) tells you not only whether a particular journal publishes its own index, or separate title page or contents list, but also indicates whether such publications are despatched automatically, are contained in a particular issue each year, are bound in or inserted or are non-existent.

DOTIC was compiled from questionnaires by the UK Serials Group, who freely admit that there may be omissions. The Group hopes to produce updates of DOTIC every two-three years.

DOTIC itself is being published in January 1981 by the British Library Lending Division and costs £14.00 post paid (£18.00 airmail). (ISBN 0 85350 178 5).

Room for improvement

TRAVEL in Oceania, Australia and New Zealand by Robert E. Burton is a guide to information sources intended primarily for those 'planning a trip to Oceania or actually embarking on one'.

The author doesn't actually say whether he has set foot in these parts, but he probably hasn't been to Ayers Rock (which he misspells at least five times). And I wonder if he followed his own advice and carried the *Yearbook of the Commonwealth of Australia* (Canberra, Australia: Commonwealth Government Printing Office, 18?? - (sic)) with him because it is 'useful to have at hand while touring the country'.

I looked mainly at the Australian section, which I found generally disappointing. It is depressing to see the major ethnic groups in Australia listed in a note as being 'Anglo-Saxon and Aborigines (1.5 per cent)' - he could have got a better idea by looking at a 20th century edition of the *Yearbook*. I can't speak with much authority about the other sections - one hopes that they are less exceptionable than the Australian section.

Travel in Oceania, Australia and New Zealand: a guide to information sources, edited by Robert E. Burton, vol 2 in the Geography and Travel Information Guide Series, was published in 1980 by Gale Research, and costs US\$28.00. (ISBN 0 8103 1421 5).

Italian studies

ITALIANISTS on both sides of the Tasman will benefit from the publication of *A checklist of serials relating to Italian language, literature and culture held by libraries in Australia and New Zealand*.

This checklist, compiled by Mike Hanne, is based on the holdings reported by 10 Australasian universities and upon entries in SALSSAH and the *Union list of serials in New Zealand libraries*. Holdings from around 100 libraries in all are listed.

Hanne's work aims at complete coverage of serials entirely devoted to Italian literature and language and selective coverage of related areas. Entries are arranged alphabetically by title. The possibly excessive luxury of a subject index is eschewed.

It's an unpretentious and helpful enough little booklet, published by Auckland University Library in 1980 as its *Bibliographical bulletin* no11. No price. (ISSN 0067-0499).

Two new guides

AMONG the many resources of the Mitchell Library in Sydney are large collections of papers of Stella Miles Franklin and Father Therry.

These collections have now been fully catalogued and in 1980 printed guides to each collection were produced.

The guides, in the Mitchell Library Manuscripts Guides series, are in a standard utilitarian format, with notes on provenance, a detailed item-by-item description of the collections and indexes to correspondence.

Appended to the Miles Franklin guide is a

catalogue of printed books from her own library, which throws some interesting sidelights on her wide interests.

Copies of *Guide to the papers and books of Miles Franklin* (ISBN 0908449 100) and *Guide to the papers of Rev John Joseph Therry* (ISBN 0 908449 11 9), published by the Library Council of New South Wales, are available from the State Library, Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Caring for kids

'CHILD care has been one of the most vigorously discussed social issues in Australia in the 1970s' declares Action for Children in its *Child care as a social issue*.

This publication is an Australian bibliography on 'day care as an aspect of childcare in the 1970s, and was compiled by Jane Kershaw.

The 250 items listed in this work are heavily and helpfully annotated and include monographs, periodical articles and higher degree theses on all aspects of child care.

The arrangement is interesting - the first section lists references in classified order, the second presents them, with annotations, in alphabetical order with the item numbers there to help you refer back to the subject entries for related articles or works. A very well thought-out and presented bibliography.

Child care as a social issue, published in 1980 by Action for Children and compiled by Jane Kershaw, is available for \$2.45 (including postage). Orders should be sent to Action for Children, c/o Community Child Care NSW, 180 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000. (ISBN 0 909776 39 3).

Troubled Timor

HAVING seen its compiler at work (a model of bibliographic exactitude and persistence) in a large Australian research library, I was interested to come across the fruit of his six years' labour, *A bibliography of Timor*.

This 300-page work covers the whole of Timor, including East (formerly Portuguese) Timor, West (formerly Dutch) Timor and the Island of Roti and tackles a whole range of subjects including history, botany, zoology, geology, anthropology, missions, administration and maps. It also contains a list of periodicals published in Timor and a very explicit introduction.

Kevin Sherlock compiled *A bibliography of Timor* and it was published in 1980 by the Research School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University in its *Aids to Research Series* no A/4. It is available from the Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU, PO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2600 and costs \$7.50.

Fossickers' delight

THOSE with a professional interest in Australian mineral and other natural resources are well served by *AESIS quarterly* and a number of special lists generated from the Australian Earth Sciences Information System database. Some of the special bibliographies produced so far cover uranium, gold, petroleum, tin and coal.

Citations are grouped under broad subject categories and are indexed with great élan: there are up to six separate indexes to subjects, localities, map reference, authors, mine/deposit names and stratigraphic names.

Incidentally AESIS is now an AUSINET (Australian Information Network) database. Further information about AESIS generally and about the special lists in particular may be obtained from the Manager, Information Services, Australian Mineral Foundation, PO Box 97, Glenside, SA 5065. □

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