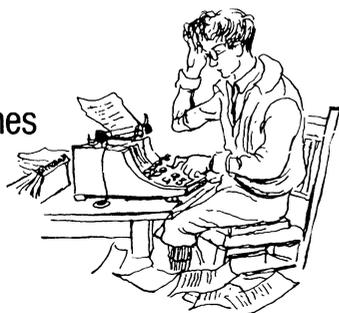


THE SOURCE

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Sacred music and all that jazz

A quartet of reference and near reference books are among recent arrivals from that virtuoso publisher Scarecrow Press. And these works run the whole gamut from distinctly classical to the classically distinctive Erroll Garner. Take James H. Laster's *Catalogue of vocal solos and duets arranged in Biblical order*, published last year. In this useful work entries are arranged in the order in which the original lyrics appear in the Bible, including the Apocrypha. Main entries indicate the title, composer, range, accompaniment details and relevant publisher of the score. There are title and composer indexes. This work is a companion to Laster's *Catalogue of choral music arranged in Biblical order* which Scarecrow published in 1983.

Some of the works listed by Laster in this work turn up again in his *A discography of treble voice recordings* which Scarecrow published earlier this year. This 147-page compilation is arranged by composer, and provides performer and record company information.

Erroll Garner: the most happy piano by James M. Doran, which also appeared earlier this year, is a joint publication of Scarecrow and the Institute of Jazz Studies, Rutgers University. It is the third in the series 'Studies in Jazz', and represents the labours of a true Garner-maniac. Biographical information, transcripts of oral history tapes, a very full chronology, an even fuller discography, a family tree: a 481-page sourcebook on this great jazz pianist. Remember *Misty*?

There will only be one Garner, but if you or your users are interested in jazz piano in a do-it-yourself fashion, the final volume in this Scarecrow quartet may strike a chord. Ray Spencer's *The piano player's jazz handbook* was also published earlier this year and was written for 'musicians who want to play jazz and learn what is expected from the jazz pianist when he [sic] joins his [sic] first band'. From the basics of chords and chord symbols to the complexity of developing a jazz style, whether it be the 'stabbing left hand' of Erroll Garner or the 'outrageous chords' of Thelonius Monk.

Now a coda for the bibliographically minded: James H. Laster's *Catalogue of vocal solos and duets arranged in Biblical order* was published by Scarecrow in 1984. It costs US\$15.00. (ISBN 0 8108 1748 9). Laster's *A discography of treble voice recordings*, published this year, costs US\$13.50. (ISBN 0 8108 1760 8). *Erroll Garner: the most happy piano* by James M. Doran was also published this year and costs US\$29.50. (ISBN 0 8108 1745 4). Ray Spencer's *The piano player's jazz handbook* came out this year too, and costs US\$14.50. (ISBN 0 8108 1754 3). Review copies of all four were supplied by James Bennett Pty Ltd.

Fiji Specials

Looking for a Fijian library specialising in silviculture? Wondering which library holds a comprehensive collection of Fijian Government publications? Try looking in the *Directory of special libraries and information units in Fiji*, which was published late last year by the Research and Information Unit of the Fiji Public Service Commission. This useful 58-page work lists all Fijian libraries which responded to a questionnaire sent to 'all known libraries'. As well as listing subject specialties, this directory also indicates which significant current reference books are held.

Directory of special libraries and information units in Fiji was compiled and edited by S.E. Oates and is available from the Research and Information Unit, Public Service Commission, PO Box 2211, Government Buildings, Suva. Sorry, I don't have a price. (No ISBN.)

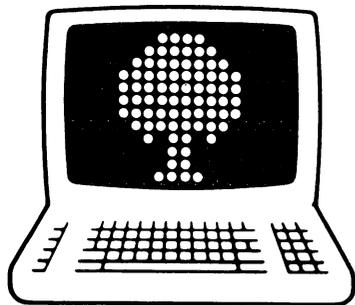
Abbreviations, and a little more

Another offshoot of the *Yearbook of international organizations* has presented itself in the form of *International organization abbreviations and addresses*, which Saur pub-

lished in March this year. This 536-page volume does exactly what its title implies: it interprets initialisms, acronyms and abbreviations of about 11,000 organizations, gives addresses of organizations listed, provides references to the full entries in the monolithic *Yearbook* itself and can also be used to identify the abbreviation used by particular organizations. *International organization abbreviations and addresses*, published by Saur, will be useful for those libraries not possessing the parent work. DM248.00 is the asking price. My review copy was supplied by James Bennett Pty Ltd. (ISSN 0084-3814; ISBN 3 598 21652 1 (München); ISBN 086291 285 7 (London).)

North America dominates the contents of the second edition of *Dictionary of educational acronyms, abbreviations, [sic] and initialisms* as surely as it did the first edition. Published earlier this year by Oryx, this edition includes over 4,000 acronyms and other short forms gleaned from the contemporary educational literature. Almost half of these were not listed in the first edition, and about 1,500 entries from the first edition do not recur in the second. The user is advised by the compilers to retain his or her copy of the first edition — why haven't they cumulated it? Australian users will be surprised by the paucity of Australian entries — ACER isn't listed in either edition. Compiled by James C. Palmer and Anita Y. Colby, *Dictionary of educational acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms*, second edition, was published by Oryx Press earlier this year. It costs US\$25.00, and my review copy was promptly provided by James Bennett Pty Ltd. (ISBN 0 89774 165 X.)

World guide to terminological activities (ISBN 3 598 21368 9) is now in its second edition. It gives 'comprehensive coverage of terminological activities carried out by organisations, commission/committees and data banks worldwide' and was produced by Infoterm (the International Information Centre for Terminology). So if you need to know who is working on the vocabulary of Antarctic geology, or on legal terms around the world, this is just the ticket. Published earlier this year by Saur. Review copy supplied by Bennetts. DM148.00.



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