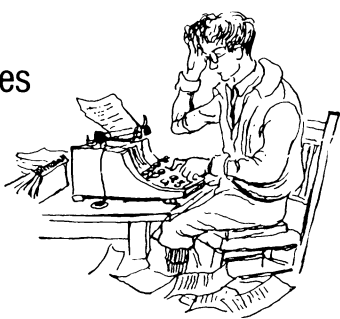


# THE SOURCE

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## Are they trying to tell me something?

Perhaps the advancing age of this column (and of its author) inspired the dispatch of a copy of the second edition of *Directory of nursing homes*, published last year by Oryx Press. This hefty tome lists 16,139 'licensed long-term care facilities throughout the United States and possessions', ranging from Ann's Siesta Villa in Utah to Memory Manor in Pomeroy, Washington. There is a very full religious/far-ternal/maternal affiliation index and an alphabetical index to nursing homes.

Only the best endowed reference collections in Australia will contemplate buying *Directory of nursing homes* at US\$125.00. Published by Oryx last year and available locally from James Bennett Pty Ltd. (ISBN 0 39774 145 5)

## Nursing and child care

One of the most extensive and important collections of nursing monographs, reference books and journals in the world is held by the Royal College of Nursing in Cavendish Square, London. The catalogue of such an institution is an important bibliographical tool for other libraries, and a third volume listing its holdings was published earlier this year by the Library Association.

Covering the years 1971 to 1975, this 256-page volume of *A bibliography of nursing literature* is well-designed and clearly laid out with extensive subject listings. The copious references to journal articles are also significant. The work is available locally from James Bennett, who supplied my review copy, and it costs £49.00. (ISBN 0 85365 623 1)

A person with the delightful name of Randy Lee Comfort is the co-author, with Constance

D. Williams, of a recent part-handbook, part-bibliography and sourcebook on child care. Published earlier this year by Libraries Unlimited, *The child care catalog: a handbook of resources and information on child care* provides a general introduction to child care in its various forms, including day-care homes, centres, work-related child care and a number of 'unique' programmes in the United States. There are names and addresses of relevant organisations in the United States and notes on useful publications. There are lengthy chapters on choosing the right child care, running a child care facility, special needs children in child care and the role of government. Australian users will need to filter out the bits which are inapplicable here — the guidelines on minimum licensing requirements, for example, are only of academic interest. But as a means of tracing materials on various American programmes and finding the addresses of child care organisations of all kinds, this work does have its uses for libraries in the community services field.

Randy Lee Comfort and Constance D. Williams' *The child care catalog: a handbook of resources and information on child care* was published earlier this year by Libraries Unlimited and costs US\$23.50. My review copy was supplied by James Bennett. (ISBN 0 87287 458 3)

## Bumper crop

'After almost 200 years of farming in this country', trumpets the blurb, 'the first-ever *Australian agricultural year book* has been written'.

Produced for the National Farmers' Federation, the 620-page year book is a mine of statistical, historical, directory and other information of interest to people on the land, and off it! There is a very useful rural industry directory included, a livestock health guide (how to deal with shelly hoof, heliotrope poisoning and myriad other ills), details of livestock breeds and contact addresses for further information.

The National Farmers' Federation *Australian agricultural year book 1985* contains a wealth of information, and is a welcome addition to the range of specialist Australian directories and year books. At \$13.95 it is excellent value, and is available from Free-post 26, Queensland Direct Marketing, PO Box 462, Fortitude Valley, Qld 4006. Postage is \$3.50 extra. (No ISBN or ISSN.)

## Political who's who

A radio game show contestant, once asked for a collective noun for politicians, promptly suggested 'prolixity'. I would hesitate to include all those figuring in *Biographical register of the Victorian Parliament 1900-84* in that category, but if you browse through this work, you can judge for yourself.

This work, which was produced by Geoff Browne and published by the Victorian Government Printing Office in early 1985, provides very full biographical information on 701 members of the Victorian Parliament whose terms commenced between November 1900 and December 1984. Background information is provided in a brief but nonetheless very useful introduction, and there are copious references. It is a fascinating guide to the singers, graziers, warehousemen, public speakers, swimmers, bricklayers, wicker-workers, physical culturists and trotting commentators who formed part of the kaleidoscope of talent within the Victorian Parliament, past and present.

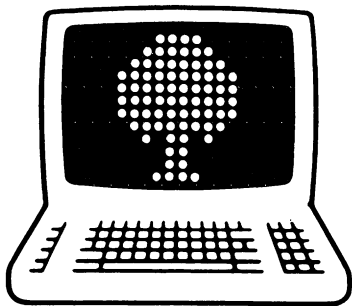
Geoff Browne's *Biographical register of the Victorian Parliament 1900-84* was published by the Victorian Government Printing Office and is excellent value at \$20.00 plus \$2.00 postage. Mail orders can be addressed to the VGPO at PO Box 203, North Melbourne, Vic 3051. (ISBN 0 7241 8307 8)

## A helping hand

The University of Queensland Library has recently produced guidelines for its staff on helping users with disabilities.

Entitled *Helping users with disabilities*, the 13-page booklet contains general guidelines, including information on special services available at UQL, and specific advice on providing help to those with cerebral palsy, hearing impairment, mobility problems and visual problems. As an insert with my review copy came a very useful leaflet on how to guide a blind person safely, and a large-scale guide and map of the University of Queensland campus for people with disabilities.

*Helping users with disabilities* will be of interest to other libraries where staff awareness of the problems which their library presents to disabled users needs to be heightened. Copies are available from Marjorie Roe, Convenor, Standing Committee on Library Services to Staff and Students with Disabilities, University of Queensland Library, St Lucia, Qld 4067 (phone (07) 377 1111).



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