

THE SOURCE

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Black books

In 1978 Marji Hill and Alex Barlow teamed up to produce *Black Australia*, an annotated bibliography and teacher's guide to materials on Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. In 1985 they produced *Black Australia 2*, a companion volume, covering materials published during the years 1976 to 1982, which lists and evaluates 347 items, including monographs, films, audiotapes and prints.

The well-annotated entries are arranged under broad subject headings, each preceded by a brief but informative essay by a subject expert, and are graded to indicate their suitability for school and other students. There is an author/title index and also listings of publications by Aborigines, of audio-visual resources and of publications on specific regions. The list of relevant periodicals will also prove useful.

Marji Hill and Alex Barlow's *Black Australia 2* was published last year by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, GPO Box 53, Canberra, ACT 2601, and costs \$9.95. (ISBN 0 85575 156 8).

Consonides, Iron Dukes and their ilk

With its 5656 entries, Anthony Bruce's recent *A bibliography of the British Army, 1660-1914* attempts to present a comprehensive

treatment of British military history from the Restoration to the outbreak of the First World War.

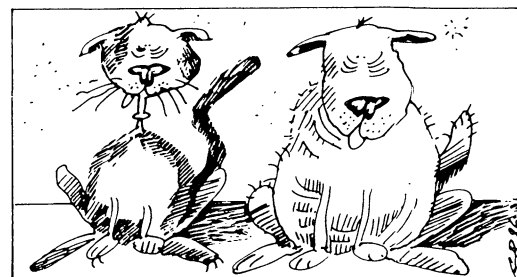
Bruce has selected the 'main scholarly monographs' and the 'most useful' unpublished theses for this work, and includes many references to journal articles. This is in fact the second edition of his *An annotated bibliography of the British Army, 1660-1914*, which Garland published in 1975. The present work not only has twice as many entries, but is also furnished with a good subject index. Many entries are annotated, and the work is arranged in a most rational manner: the army as an organisation, military theory, operations in various theatres of war.

Anthony Bruce's *A bibliography of the British Army, 1660-1914* was published in 1985 by Saur and costs DM120.00. (ISBN 0 86291 287 3 (London); ISBN 3 598 10574 6 (Munich))

Four legged friends

Do you have a geriatric cat or dog with behavioural problems? Are you thinking of getting a dog to be a companion for your monkey? Or are you interested in hippotherapy? The whole, sometimes offbeat world of relations between human beings and animals of all shapes and sizes is the subject of an extensive bibliography produced by Karen Miller Allen.

The human-animal bond, published by Scarecrow Press last year, has 819 annotated entries on companionship, past and present, ranging from popular accounts with catchy titles such as 'God had a dog' to scholarly



studies ('Pygmies and their dogs: a note on culturally constituted defense mechanisms') and professional papers for the veterinarian, social worker, psychologist, therapist or 'petishist'.

With the renewed interest in the therapeutic value of pets, this work should prove a

useful sourcebook. Karen Miller Allen's *The human-animal bond* was published last year by Scarecrow and costs US\$17.50. (ISBN 0 8108 1792 6).

Indian file

The woes of the current bibliographer are well described in the preface to the 1984 edition of *Indian books*, which was published last year by the Indian Bibliographic Centre. Lack of cooperation from publishers. Reprints masquerading as new editions. High production costs and small returns. But still there are those who engage in a 'labour of love' and give birth to a bibliography.

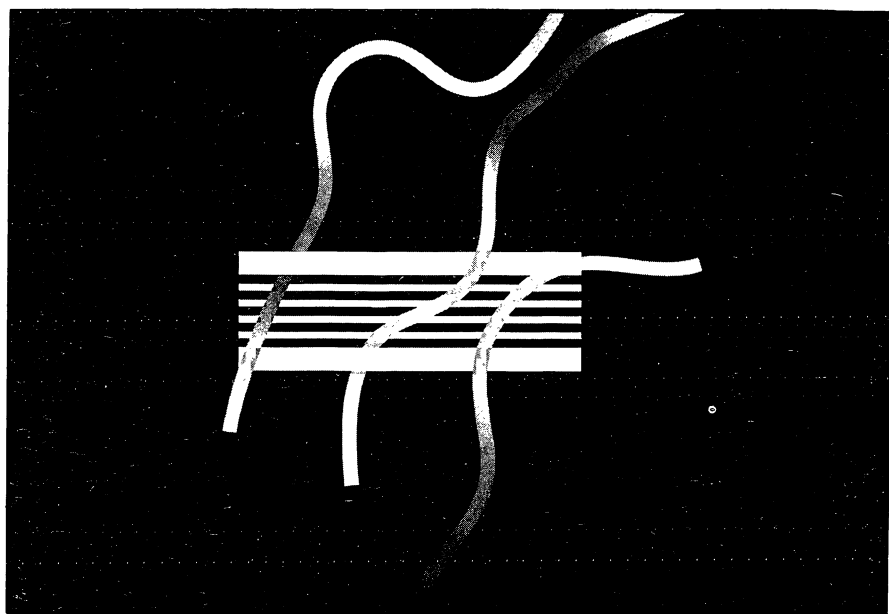
This edition lists over 3,200 titles published or reprinted in the English language in India in 1984. It excludes government publications, children's books and 'cheap textbooks', and is intended to fill, in part, the vacuum created by the lack of currency of the *Indian national bibliography*. The arrangement is by author and by (pretty broad) subject. Full citations and prices are given, but there is no list of publishers. The same publisher does however offer a *Directory of Indian publishers and distributors* for Rs.70.

Indian books started publication in 1969, died with the 1974 edition, was resurrected in 1983 and is now here to stay. It costs Rs.200 (US\$25.00) and is available from the Indian Bibliographic Centre, 76 Chandrika Colony, Sagra, Varanasi-221010, India. (No ISBN).

The Iron Horse

A gap in the literature has been usefully filled with the publication of a 127-page bibliography on Australian tramways and railways. Compiled by Howard Quinlan and sponsored by the Australian Railway Historical Society, the bibliography concentrates on post (Second World War) publications, and has good author/subject and titles indexes (for some reason, which I cannot divine, headed 'Railway Bulletin index' and 'Railway Titles index').

This is an excellent start to fuller bibliographical coverage of the history of rail transport in Australia, and is good value at \$5.95 plus \$0.80 postage. *A bibliography of Australian railway and tramway literature*, compiled by Howard Quinlan, was published (I think) last year by the Australian Railway Historical Society (ACT Division), PO Box 112, Civic Square, ACT 2608. (ISBN 0 9590360 1 6)



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