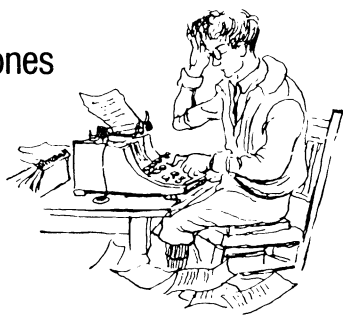


THE SOURCE

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Collating all ref wkrs

The Reference Services Seminar held after the 34 LAA-NZLA Conference covered trends in reference work in Australia, with special emphasis on information technology and on staffing. The papers of this seminar, edited by Guy Choate, were published last year as *Reference services: the state of the art* and are well worth looking at.

There is an interesting item on reference statistics in tertiary institutions, useful background on the Social Science Data Archives, a reference article on (and listing of) reference resource sharing groups, and much more in this page work. If you want a copy of *Reference services*, which has neither ISBN nor publisher statement, let alone CIP, send \$5.00 to the Borchardt Library. Really!

One-sided bibliography

Guess that if there were no Phillip Adams, we would have to invent one. I am sure, however, that the creation of such a multi-faceted character would severely strain credulity. Some idea of the extent of Adams' interests and influences can be gleaned from Truda Olson's *Phillip Adams: a reference guide to his life and work*, published earlier this year by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

In this 83-page book there is a readable introduction to this 'manic dirigible with a dicing machine strapped to his wrist' (Dennis Yor's words), with references to Adams' own work and to works about him. This will be a useful bio-bibliography for media students and for historians of the recent past.

The series in which this work appears seems a very promising one, but I do question the format — double-spaced typing on A4 paper printed on only one side. I suppose you could use the blank pages for an Adams scrap-book.

Highly recommended withal, Truda Olson's *Phillip Adams* was published earlier this year as Bibliographic Study no 2 by RMIT, and is available from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne, Vic 3001. (ISSN 0814-6543; ISBN 0 86444 094 4)

C. J. Dennis — the last word?

The indefatigable Ian F. McLaren has now produced a supplement to the *Comprehensive bibliography* of C. J. Dennis which was published in 1979, and a little more besides. His latest work also contains a consolidated index to his other works on Dennis. These works are remarkably thorough — where else would you find out that 89,692 copies of C. J. Dennis' *Selected verse* were sold between 1950 and 1981, or which edition of his classic had a long narrow Glug on the cover?

Ian F. McLaren's *C. J. Dennis: a supplement to a comprehensive bibliography together with a consolidated index to the compiler's Dennis publications* was published last year (the title page gives 1983 as the publication date) by the Libraries Board of South Australia. It costs \$18.50 in paper (ISBN 0 7243 0073 Z [?]) and \$35.00 in hardback (ISBN 7243 0072 4) and is available from the Bookshop, State Library of South Australia, GPO Box 419, Adelaide, SA 5001.

Searching answers

Computer Search Services at the National Library of Australia is producing a useful series of free pamphlets on some of the online services in particular subject areas accessible through the NLA.

Two of the most recent are *Computer information online* and *Legal information online*, providing brief information on the scope of relevant databases, size of file, chronological coverage, host and vendor. A pamphlet on online genealogical information is in preparation.

Copies of the free pamphlets are available from the Chief Librarian, Computer Search Services, NLA, Canberra, ACT 2600, phone (062) 62 1607.

In the beginning — more words

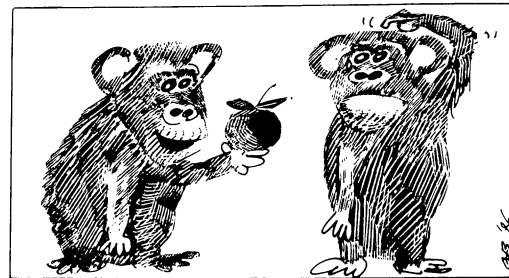
In October 1984 the Creation Science Foundation published *The quote book*, as a supplement to its periodical *Ex nihilo*, and presented a selection of views supporting its case.

Anthony G. Wheeler has set out to provide a balance by publishing his own selection, *The other quote book: in support of evolution*. It contains 234 quotations 'demonstrating the widespread and confident acceptance of evolution as the best explanation for the origin of the species, and the unscientific, disreputable nature of creation science'.

Copies of *The other quote book*, which was published earlier this year, are available from the author, Dr Anthony G. Wheeler, 18 No-reen Street, Chapel Hill, Qld 4069, at \$5.00 including postage. (ISBN 0 9589017 0 8)

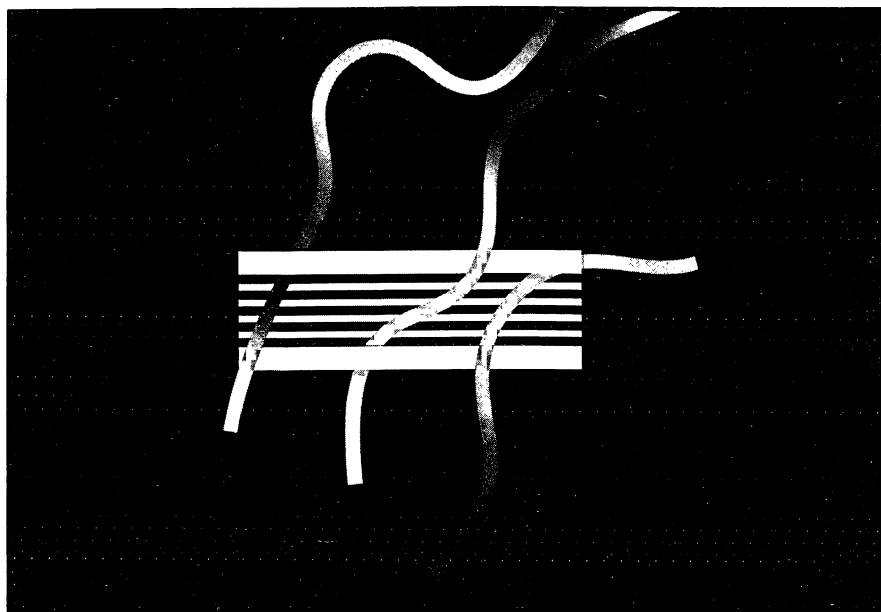
One of the most helpful quotations I have found is from Judge Braswell Dean, a Georgian 'lobbyist for creationism'. He declared:

... this monkey mythology of Darwin is the cause of permissiveness, promiscuity, pills, prophylactics, perversions, abortions, pornography, pollution, poisoning and proliferation of crimes of all description.



The good Judge is quoted in another 1986 Australian offering on the Creationist phenomenon, *Creationism: an Australian perspective*, edited by Martin Bridgstock and Ken Smith. The 77-page work presents post-Darwinian analyses of a number of key issues, such as missing fossils, thermodynamics, Noah's Ark, the age of coal and other burning topics.

Creationism is available from Australian Skeptics, GPO Box 1555P, Melbourne, Vic 3001. (ISBN not created)



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