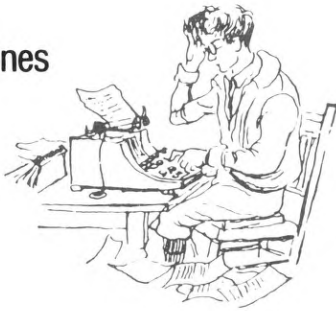


THE SOURCE

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Not to be missed

The National Library publication *Australian books: a select list of recent publications and standard works in print* is a remarkable little publication.

Now in its 52nd year under one title or other, it brings together in a convenient and attractive format bibliographical information on significant recent Australian titles on all subjects, as well as important works in print. It makes it a boon for collection development, for booksellers checking their stocklist, for librarians asked for a basic list in a particular subject area. Appended are a list of Australian libraries overseas (I can remember referring overseas enquirers to these) and a directory of publishers whose works are represented in the bibliography.

Australian books 1985 is excellent value at \$9.95, and was published earlier this year by the National Library of Australia. (ISSN 0067-38)

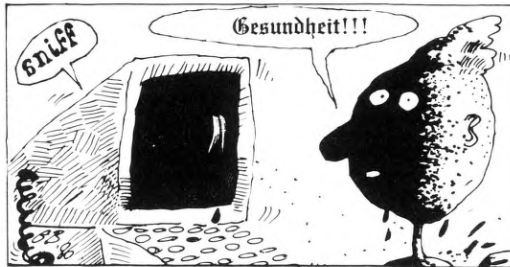
Technological triumphs

Information technology has been a subject on which much ink has been spilt in recent years, not all of it terribly accessibly. To help track down 1739 papers in 83 published proceedings of relevant conferences held between 1979 and 1984, Silvina Peniston has compiled *Index to information technology*. This work provides access by author, editor, entry, conference organiser, conference title and subject. There are several references to articles on IT in Australia (and Tasmania) — tracking these down via the subject index proves an interesting test of one's scanning ability — 'Australia' is filed after 'automatic'! All in all this is a useful guide to a significant

chunk of the literature. Silvina Peniston's *Index to information technology* was published in 1985 by Taylor Graham and costs \$20.00. (ISBN 0 947568 02 6)

Two from Saur

A volume with the explosive title *Bildschirmarbeitsplaetze* may not grab you at first, or even second sight. *Bildschirme* in this context were still in the realms of science fiction when I did German. Nowadays they are a fitting subject for a 450-page bibliography. What are they? Oh, VDUs.



In *Bildschirmarbeitsplaetze*, Siegfried Grune presents a 'comprehensive, international bibliography' of VDUs in the workplace. It is an ambitious work, attempting as it does to cover ergonomics, medical and physiological aspects of VDUs, psychological and sociological considerations, legal aspects, standards and guidelines. Of course it can't be utterly comprehensive, but with its 3,151 entries it is a start, and includes entries for monographs, journals and 'grey literature' from 25 countries.

There is an author and title index, but for a subject approach one will need to rely on the classified arrangement of entries. For the sake of non-Germanists I do wish the prelims had been in English as well as German. Still, this will be a useful purchase for any occupational health collection.

Siegfried Grune's *Bildschirmarbeitsplaetze* was published in 1985 by K. G. Saur. DM48.00 (ISBN 3 598 10601 7)

1985 also saw the publication of the eleventh volume of (remember your Latin?) *Bibliographia cartographica*, the extensive bibliography of works on maps in all their manifestations: globes, atlases, three-dimensional maps, devices for using maps and cartography in theory and practice.

Bibliographia cartographica, volume ii, 1984, was published in 1985 by Saur and costs DM58.00. (ISSN 0340-0409; ISBN 3 598 20627 5). Both were supplied by Bennetts.

Pure ALISA

Australian library and information science abstracts, better known simply as *ALISA*, is chugging along nicely, recording writings by and about Australian librarians and their preoccupations.

Available online in the Australian Education Index database on AUSINET, *ALISA* provides excellent access to the literature, with good abstracts and very comprehensive indexing. The 1984/85 cumulation of *ALISA* was published earlier this year, I think (it doesn't actually say), under the editorship of John Gray.

It would be useful if the introduction revealed exactly what period this volume covers — I was surprised to find that it does not include entries for the August 1985 issue of *ALJ*, for example. Still, it is an essential guide for Australian librarians who wish to keep track of the extensive local literature of their profession.

ALISA 1984/85 is published by the Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science (ACHLIS), and is available from the South Australian College of Advanced Education Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale, SA 5053. It costs \$35.00. The 1982 and 1983 volumes are still available, at \$20.00 and \$25.00 respectively, and if you want, you can buy the three volumes for \$70.00. (ISSN 0810-9265)

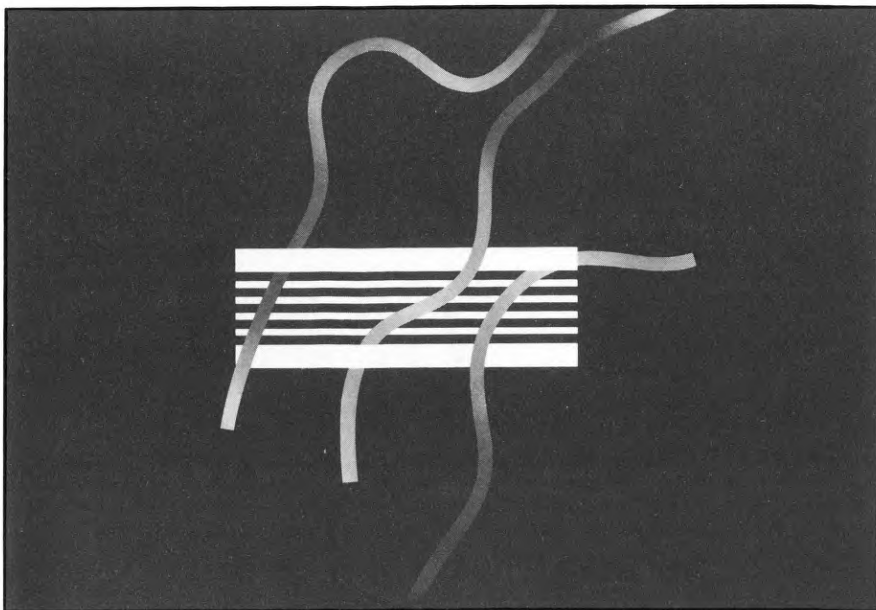
For junior gourmets

The mysteries of microwave cooking are unravelled in a simple and appealing way in Suzanne Gibbs' *Your first microwave cookbook*, published by Ellsyd [a punster is among us] Press last year. This well-illustrated work is 'designed to teach children how to use the microwave for more than just a family coffee warmer' with straightforward instructions on safety, utensils, cooking times and dozens of recipes to suit palates of all ages.

Suzanne Gibbs' *Your first microwave cookbook* was published by Ellsyd, an imprint of the David Ell Press, last year and costs \$12.95. (ISBN 0 949290 14 9)

Last year the same author and publisher also dished up *Cooking for little ones*, which is not a junior do it yourself book. Some very pleasant-sounding and nutritious recipes for the under-fives — I think even I wouldn't have spat out *soupe de poulet au concombre* at six months or Thet Chung at two.

Cooking for little ones by Suzanne Gibbs was published by Ellsyd Press in 1985 and costs \$9.95. (ISBN 0 949290 15 7)



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