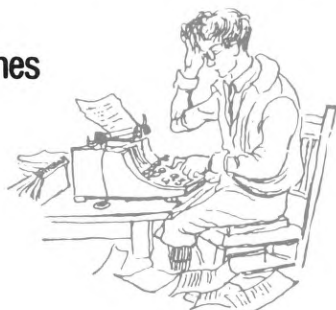


THE SOURCE

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Go home, Silver

Over 3,000 American Westerns of the sound era are listed in Les Adams and Buck Rainey's *Shoot-em-ups*, which moseyed out of the Scarecrow Press corral last year. This lockbuster will appeal to Western buffs and indeed to anyone who shares the editors' sentiments when they write:

Goosepimples long dormant erupted as we recalled a thousand and one scenes indelibly stamped on our minds for decades, visualized the lasses we loved and lost to our favourite heroes and the villains we loved to hate, heard again in our mind's ear the peculiar sounds of the early sound flicks and the chase and fight music which caused us to shrill with excitement in those carefree days of youth and innocence.

This 633-page monument to a long-lived genre is well-organised, well-indexed (by film title only) and has enough illustrations to take for hours of happy browsing.

Les Adams and Buck Rainey's *Shoot-em-ups* was published in 1985 by Scarecrow and costs US\$49.50. My review copy was supplied by Bennetts. (ISBN 0 8108 1848 5)

Bahrain: the good oil

Bahrain is a lot more than barrels per day and a stopover for weary jet crews. It may have been the legendary Dilmun mentioned in the Epic of Gilgamesh. It certainly had a pearling industry. And it is the subject of a 65-page bibliography in the World Bibliographical Series published by Clio Press two years ago and just delivered to me by an unknown archaeologist.

P. T. H. Unwin's *Bahrain* joins *Qatar* in this excellent series, and provides good coverage of all aspects of this interesting state. Tim Unwin's 20-page introduction is exceptionally useful, giving a readable summary of Bahrain's past, present and future.

P. T. H. Unwin's *Bahrain* was published in 1984 by Clio and costs E33.00. (ISBN 0903450 86 0)

From strength to strength

Which Victorian library is into witchcraft? Where could you immerse yourself in a good collection on applied fluid mechanics, or beer? And where could you get your teeth into major collections on endo-, ortho-, perio- and many other -dantics? The vexed question of collection strengths is bravely tackled in John Thawley and Philips Kent's *Directory of collection strengths in Victorian libraries*, which was published earlier this year by the Victorian Group of the Acquisitions Section of the LAA.

Arranged in Dewey order, entries indicate the level of collecting (using the National Library of Australia terminology), size of collection, language coverage, budget support, retention policy and other useful information. There are subject and institution indexes, and a list of contributing libraries. The intention is to 'document the abilities of various collections to sustain first degree teaching and post-graduate research' — and this first edition is an excellent start. The Victorian Special Libraries Section plans to issue a companion work covering the collection strengths of the specials later this year.

Directory of collection strengths in Victorian libraries, compiled and edited by John Thawley and Philip Kent, is available from LAA Head Office and costs \$30,000 (\$20,00 to LAA members). (ISBN 0 86804 1440)

Count on this

Eighteen months in the making, *Australian accounting and business thesaurus*, published earlier this year, will be of more than passing interest to librarians, online database users, software companies and many others.

Produced in loose-leaf form in order to be 'continually updated', this thesaurus has the primary purpose of providing keywords for cataloging accounting literature in conjunction with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia classification scheme. But of course it has a multitude of other applica-

tions, like any good thesaurus. The coverage looks good, to my untutored eye at least, and made a bit friendlier for non-accountants by the addition of references from some popular terms (although 'bottom of the harbour' seems to have sunk without trace).

Australian accounting and business thesaurus, edited by R. G. Ellis and Judith Ramsay, is published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, 37 York Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. It costs \$55.00 including postage. (ISBN 0 909516 18 9)

Here's health

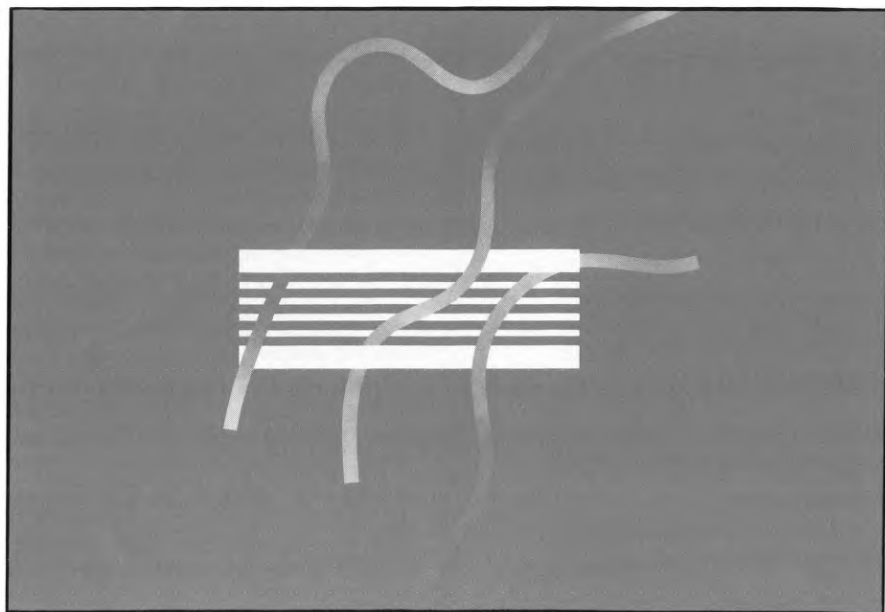
Health Departments are prolific publishers, and that of New South Wales is no exception, judging by a recent and formidable listing of its publications.

Prepared by the Department of Health Library, *Publications July 1980 — June 1985* consists of 192 closely printed pages, and includes not only works published by the Department (formerly Commission) but also materials about the Department and its activities, and works by its officers. Copies of the latest work, published earlier this year, and of its 1984 predecessor, which covered 1975 to 1980, can be had, gratis, from the Chief Librarian, Department of Health, PO Box K110, Haymarket, NSW 2000. (ISSN 0728-862X)

RATHER MORE cosmic in approach is J. Welch and T. A. King's *Searching the medical literature*, which is intended as an introductory guide for 'clinicians, medical students and research workers'.

There are excellent chapters on using print and online sources to search the periodical literature, and a lengthy treatment of drug information services. A helpful final chapter aims to help 'medical communicators', with references to works on public speaking, style (but not calligraphy), citations — Vancouver vs. Harvard — and experiment and survey design.

J. Welch and T. A. King's *Searching the medical literature* was published by Chapman and Hall in 1985, and became available locally through Methuen LBC earlier this year. It costs \$47.95. (ISBN 0 412 25610 X)



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