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Dedicated to a cable. Published by a company called Jones 21st Century (a division of Jones International — the 'Mind Extension Company'). And now in its third edition. *Jones dictionary of cable television terminology* comes from the pen of Glenn R. Jones, the 'prophet of cable television', who has been in the industry since 1961. In this reasonably-priced 108-page hardback, Jones demystifies some of the jargon, from narrowcasting to the windshield wiper effect, from the back porch to the barn door. There is good coverage of the numerous acronyms in this field also.

It's a useful little book, and available this century from Jones 21st Century, 9697 E. Mineral Avenue, Englewood, CO 80112, USA. It costs US\$14.95 plus postage. (ISBN 0 945373 00 7)

The good oils

Another part of one of our splendid national collections has become even more accessible with the National Library of Australia's publication of a catalogue of its oil paintings.

564 items are included, with basic catalogue information and a black-and-white photograph of the painting. ABN numbers are also provided for this collection, and more than 10,000 other items in the NLA's Pictorial Collection are now recorded on ABN. And a fascinating range of genres and subjects are represented in the present catalogue, with por-

traits of politicians, authors, pioneers, soldiers and at least two librarians, and many excellent landscapes. Then there are the curiosities, like paintings on gum leaves and paintings in the form of Christmas cards. One painting which isn't in the catalogue is a view of the NLA which appears on the cover. This was the work of Adrian Young, who was responsible for the design of this very nicely produced work.

A catalogue of oil paintings in the *Pictorial Collection of the National Library of Australia* will be a boon to pictorial researchers in all kinds of fields. It was published in 1988 and costs \$24.95. (ISBN 0 642 10429 9)

Bonzer tucker

The Australian contribution to world gastronomy is greater than I, for one, ever thought. 'Australian gastronomic history exhibits unusual features which increasingly engage the attention of scholars and writers in other countries,' writes Alan Davidson, an English food historian, in his foreword to a splendid bibliography of Australian cookery books.

Compiled by Bette R. Austin, *A bibliography of Australian cookery books published prior to 1941* lists, and provides library locations for, hundreds of cookery books from the 'Australian Aristologist' work of 1864 to the relatively novel all-electric cookbooks of the 1940s.

In her introduction the compiler gives some appetising insights into her ingredients. The 1864 work, as she describes it, sounds like an ecologist's nightmare: recipes for kangaroo, wombat, emu, wallaby, black swans, wattlebirds. Later even Mrs Beeton had discovered the delights of antipodean recipes, with roast wallaby and a dozen paraqueets baked in a pie. It is interesting to scan the authors and publishers of this genre: gas and electricity companies, food companies, education departments, women's and church organisations — even the Victorian Railways Commissioners published fruit recipes, promoting the products they conveyed. Equally altruistic is Clements Tonic's presentation of *Everybody's cookery book*, with the rubric 'The proof of the pudding is not only in the eating but also in the digestion thereof'.

Bette R. Austin's excellent *A bibliography of*

Australian cookery books published prior to 1941 was published in 1987 by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Libraries. Copies are available from INFORMIT, RMIT Libraries, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne, Vic 3001, at \$25.95 post free (for orders from outside Australia, add \$1.85 surface, \$7.10 surface air lifted, \$8.60 air mail). (ISBN 0 86444 119 3)

It all makes work

Job creation as a deliberate strategy is something of a growth industry worldwide in the 1980s, with many innovative programmes being established. Many of these are represented in *Employment creation policies and strategies: an annotated bibliography, 1980-86*, which was published in 1987 by the International Labour Office.

This 400-page compilation is drawn from the ILO's LABORDOC and LABORINFO databases, and contains 985 annotated references to journal articles, reports, monographs and conference proceedings. There is, not unnaturally, very good coverage of the ILO's own publications in an area in which the Office has been very active, especially in developing countries. There are author, corporate author, geographic and subject indexes to what should be a useful bibliographic overview of such techniques as job sharing, early retirement, cooperatives, voluntary work, reduced hours of work and retraining.

Employment creation policies and strategies, edited by Laurel Dryden, was published in 1987 and is available from ILO Publications, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland. It costs SwF22.50. (ISBN 92 2 106173 6)

Brief encounters

If you lose, you're dead is the catchy title of a collection of short stories by some of the regional winners of the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year competition. Some budding Moorhouses there, I'd say. Very entertaining. Published in 1988 by Millennium Books at \$9.95. (ISBN 0 85574 874 5)

- *Battle for the earth* is a fascinating book on the environment. Six essays on post-Chernobyl nuclear energy, acid rain, food aid, the Gaia hypothesis and water supplies, followed by an A-Z guide to 400 key environmental topics, from acceptable daily intakes to zero population growth. Good graphics. Lucid text. Edited and designed by Mitchell Beazley International Ltd, London, and first published in Australia in 1988 by Child and Associates. \$24.95. (ISBN 0 86777 140 2)

- *The nuclear arms race: a digest with bibliographies* is the first in a series of guides to subjects of continuing concern, published by the American Library Association. Authors William Gay and Michael Pearson provide an overview of the topic, discuss the seminal ideas and works, include an annotated bibliography, give pointers to additional research and end with very full guides to resources, indexes and a glossary.

Published in 1987 by ALA and costing US\$29.95. Review copy supplied by Bennett. (ISBN 0 8389 0467 X)

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