

The Source

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The Bounty sails again

Over 200 years since the famous mutiny, Bligh, Fletcher Christian and the Bounty still stir the imagination, set the quills scurrying and draw in the crowds. Published to coincide with the Mutiny on the Bounty exhibition which opened at the State Library of New South Wales in February is a fascinating collection of essays and commentaries on the Mutiny and subsequent experiences of Bligh and his adversaries. There is an overview of Bligh's life and of the wider context of naval exploration, a descendant depicts 'The mutineer who made history' and the fate of the Pandora and her notorious box is described. Gavin Kennedy, author of two significant works on Bligh, presents a highly readable appraisal of the literature of the Mutiny — an output which shows no sign of drying up. Finally there is an account of Bligh's other mutiny, and the rather happier fate of its mutineers. Splendidly illustrated and crisply written, this is a useful work in its own right, as well as a fine memento of a fascinating exhibition. *Mutiny on the Bounty: the story of Captain William Bligh seaman, navigator and surveyor and of the Bounty mutineers* was published in 1991 by the State Library of New South Wales and costs \$19.95. (ISBN 0 7305 7986 7)

From strength to strength

The third edition of Alan and Judith Bundy's very useful *Directory of Australian*

public libraries is now with us, and well up to Bundy standard. New features for entries, suggested by users of previous editions, include information on the use of volunteers, frequency of membership renewal, library promotion budgets, local history collections, Friends groups and qualifications of senior staff. Information on subject strengths, as perceived by questionnaire respondents, is included and indexed, warts and all. Entries are by name of library service, with adequate see references in a State by State listing. Information is pretty up to date (i.e. late 1990), although lack of response from some library services is noted in the text. The birth of Holroyd came too late for this edition, so Merrylands, Greystanes and Wentworthville are in limbo until the redoubtable Bundy's 1993/94 edition. *Directory of Australian public libraries*, third edition, edited by Alan and Judith Bundy, was published in 1991 by Auslib Press and costs \$34 plus \$4 postage. (ISBN 1 875145 10 9)

Aboriginal studies

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) is an active publisher, through its Aboriginal Studies Press, tackling a whole range of contemporary concerns and interests of Aboriginal communities. *Lookin for your mob*, for example, is a guide to the often difficult task of tracing Aboriginal family trees. In their introduction Diane Smith and Boronia Halstead describe some of the frustrations and pitfalls: records which have been destroyed, or never kept at all, the variety of agencies which may or may not hold information, the unreliability of some documentation. The first part of this handbook tells you how to start, with yourself and your relatives, photographs, Aboriginal organisations, such as Link-up, names, official and church records, museums, libraries, genealogical and historical societies. Then there is information on how to organise the data you find, with a pull-out family tree chart for you to fill in. It's very well done, lucidly-written and well-designed. *Lookin for your mob*, by Diane Smith and Boronia Halstead was published by Aboriginal Studies Press in 1990 and costs \$10. (ISBN 0 85575 209 2)

Other recent Aboriginal Studies Press publications include a new edition of Brian Eglhoff's *Wreck Bay: an Aboriginal fishing community* (ISBN 0 85575 213 0; \$14.95), *Growing up Walgett*, edited by Cilka Zagar (ISBN 0 85575 205 X; \$18.95) and Barbara Cummings' *Take this child...* (ISBN 0 85575 208 4; \$14.95). The latter is a poignant account of the separation of Aboriginal children from their families, based on archival research and oral history, focusing on the Kahlin Compound and the Retta Dixon Children's Home in the Northern Territory.

Marketing Aboriginal art, contemporary Aboriginal mortality, a Berndt festschrift, videos and films on making bark canoes, tapes of traditional and modern music, an Aboriginal history of Ayers Rock, Aboriginal studies resource lists — just a sample from the current Aboriginal Studies Press current catalogue, available from AIATSIS, GPO Box 553, Canberra, ACT 2601, telephone (06) 246 1111, fax (06) 249 7310.

And briefly...

Executive track, vol 1 no 1, August 1990, is an index of senior personnel changes in Australian companies and government, gleaned from 'leading newspapers and business publications'. Arranged by name, showing new title, company and sector, with geographic, company/organisation and Standard Industrial Classification indexes. Further information from Corporate Impacts Publication, 95 Rose Street, Chippendale, NSW 2008, telephone (02) 318 2366, fax (02) 318 0861. (ISSN 1035-1028)

The Bowker annual, 35th edition, 1990-91: directory of the book, library and information trade in the US and Canada, and the usual useful round-up of reports and thought-provoking articles: image enhancement for the invisible professionals, library and book trade statistics (including title output and average prices), best books of 1989, a calendar of forthcoming conferences and meetings. Seven hundred and ninety five pages of valuable information and ideas from Bowker, available locally from Thorpe at \$210. (ISBN 0 8352 2943 2)

Inside the biorevolution by Henk Hobbelink, Renee Velle and Martin Abraham, is a 'citizens' action resource guide on biotechnology and Third World agriculture'. A selection of 190 thoroughly-annotated references, a list of citizens' groups and relevant intergovernmental organisations and a checklist of periodicals. Increased pesticide use, overproduction and genetic erosion, export product substitution — key issues for the Third World and indeed for primary producers everywhere. Copublished in 1990 by the International Organisation of Consumers Unions, PO Box 1045, 10830, Penang, Malaysia, and Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN), Apartado 23398, 08080 Barcelona, Spain. (ISBN 9 67 9973 52 2)

ALA survey of librarian salaries 1990 by Mary Jo Lynch, Margaret Myers and Jeniece Guy: salaries by type of library, by region of the USA and by position, with appendixes outlining ALA policies relating to salaries and other salary surveys. Published in 1990 by the American Library Association in the ALA Survey Report series, and available from Bennetts at US\$30. (ISSN 0747-7201; ISBN 0 8389 3385 8)



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