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Dear Fans,

As I said in my last issue my time is very scarce at the moment, so if you do not see a Newsletter so often or you don't hear from me personally very often and I am slow in answering your letters, I am sorry. I had to make the time however to wish everybody a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Just recently I have been trying to complete sets of all original British magazines and now after all the British Reprint editions. It has proved a lot harder than I realised. I am enclosing a list with this issue of all the issues of the various mags that I need. If anybody can help with any of them I will be most grateful. Even if you only have one that I require, please let me know how much you want for it. Please do not send any issues before letting me know that you have them and you hear from me again.

Things seem to be very quiet in the SF world nowadays and there is not much to report. A limited but steady stream of US pocket books is still flowing into Australia but some series are very slow in coming through. All of the SF mags now being published in US and England are now on sale in Australia. Analog, F&SF, Galaxy and the British mags are right up to date, but If, Amazing and Fantastic are very slow. A few of the new format Amazings and Fantastics have been about but I am not very impressed. The contents have improved in the general opinion but I think the covers have taken a turn for the worse not better. They could all learn a lot from F&SF. Everybody is madly building Dean drives after the series of articles in Analog. At least 75% of my customers at McGills and clubmembers lament the passing of ASTOUNDING SF with the October issue. Still what's in a name, it's what's inside that counts. That sounds like a certain commercial.

Congratulations to Ted Carnell on the 100th issue of New Worlds. He has done a terrific job in building New Worlds up into becoming one of the most popular mags being published. I am glad to see the return of interior illos. Keep up the good work Ted.

The arrival of decent hard cover books has been very limited. The only item of note since CANTICLE FOR LEIBOWITZ and DRAGON ON THE SEA is John Wyndham's THE TROUBLE WITH LICHEN and this is by far not his best. A couple of US editions have been available including the WORLD OF CLIFFORD SIMAK at 42/- and Famous SF Stories at 34/-. Promised is BEST FROM SF by Conklin. Early in the new year we hope to have a shipment at McGills of Gnome and Fantasy Press titles. Supplies will be limited so if you require any titles let me know. Cost should be between 20/- and 25/-.

Amongst the new pocket books received has been DIGIT: Assignment in Eternity and Lost Legacy by Heinlein which is a split of the former titleing of a hard cover. PANTHER: Double Star by Heinlein which is a must if you have not read it. Mind Cage by van Vogt is atypical involved plot in this author's usual style. Seed of Light by Cooper is another must, seen previously only in hard cover. From CORGI we have seen a few reprints including The BIG EYE, Donavon's Brain, Bradburys and the last new one was Maines THE TIDE WENT OUT. Other new titles received or due shortly include The MIDNIGHT READER by P. van Doren Stern and The CITY of HIDDEN EYES by Leven & Morrissey plus Men Without Bones from W.D.L. Three From Out There - Margulies - Panther. NON-Stop - Aldiss - Digit. Foundation - Asimov - Panther. One - Karp and Black Cloud - Hoyle Penguin. SLAN - van Vogt - Panther.

New US PB titles received include: Pyramid, VENUS Plus X by Sturgeon and this is a controversial title if I have ever seen one. DEATHWORLD - Harrison - Bantam is another must if not read in ASF. From Pyramid also The INCOMPLETE ENCHANTER by de Camp and Pratt which is a well known UNKNOWN classic.

New titles to come include: GUARDIANS of TIME - Anderson - Ballantine, The Status Civilization - Sheckley - Signet, The Time Traders - Norton - Ace, Vulcan's Hammer - Dick/Skynappers - Brunner - ACE, Martian Missile - Grinnel/Atlantic Abomination - Brunner - Ace, Men into Space - Berkley, (Leinster) Sentinals from Space - Russell - (REP) ACE, 30 Day Wonder - Wilson - Ballantine, The Dollmaker - Sarban - Ballantine, Drunkard's Walk - Pohl, The Greatest Adventure - Taine, Shores of Infinity - Sheckley, the Mind Thing - Brown, Against the Fall of Night - Clarke - Pyramid (Rep)

Magazines FOR SALE

The Melbourne SF Club Library  
4 Myrtle Grove, Preston N 18, Victoria, Aust.

US ASTOUNDINGS: Prices are according to condition. Pre 1950 priced according to availability. That is:

3/6 Rare, 3/- Very Good, 2/6 Good, 2/- Fair and 1/6 Poor.  
1960 Mar 2/6, 59 Jan 2/6, 58 April 2/- Jan 2/-, 57 May 2/6, Apr 2/6  
57 Mar 2/- Feb 3/- Jan 2/6 56 Nov 3/-, 55 Jan 2/6 Nov 2/- Dec 2/-  
56 Oct 2/6, 54 Nov 2/- Oct 2/6 Jun 3/-, 53 Jun 3/-, 52 Jun 2/6 Apr 2/6  
52 Feb 2/-, 51 Oct 2/6 Sep 3/- 50 Feb 2/6 Oct 2/6 Dec 2/-  
49 Mar 3/- Jul 2/- Oct 3/- 48 Oct 3/- Sep 52 2/-

FANTASY & SF: Prices according to condition

1959 Jul 3/- Aug 2/6, 58 Jan 3/- Feb 3/- Apr 1/6 Jun 2/6 Jul 3/- Oct 3/-  
58 Nov 3/- Dec 3/-, 57 Jan 2/6 Feb 1/6 Apr 2/6 Aug 2/- Sep 3/- Nov 3/-,  
56 Jan 2/- Apr 3/- Jul 3/-, 55 Aug 3/- Sep 3/- 53 Feb 2/- Jul 2/- Jul 3/-  
53 Sep 2/6 Oct 3/- Nov 2/6 52 Feb 3/- Oct 2/6 51 Jun 3/- Oct 1/6 Dec 2/6  
50 Dec 3/6 Fall 3/6 1949 Voll Nol Fall 50 \* May 57 2/6

\* BEST OFFER!

US MAGAZINES FOR SALE:

Original SF sep 59 2/-, Fantastic Mar 60 2/- Apr 60 2/-  
Amazing Mar 60 2/- Feb 57 2/6 Dec 57 2/6 Dec 56 2/6  
Fantastic Universe Feb, Oct Nov, Dec 57 2/6 each Dec 56 2/6  
Space Nov 52 2/- SF Stories (one shot 1953) 2/6  
SF Q, May 52 1/6 TWS Aug 53 2/- Amazing May 50 Jul 52 1/6 each

36  
18  
64  
3-4  
1-16-0  
5-0-0

POCKET BOOKS FOR SALE :

ACE Planet Killers -Silverberg/No Claim these Stars- Anderson 3/6  
World Swappers-Bruner/ Siege of the Unseen- Van Vogt 4/-  
Brigands of the Moon -Cummings 4/- Pawns of Null A -Van Vogt 4/-  
The Green Queen-St Clair/3Thousand Years-McLary 4/-  
End of the World-Wollheim 3/-  
1000 Yr Plan-Asimov/No World of their Own- Anderson 3/-  
Avon: Twists in Time-Leinster 4/- Doomstone-Woolrich (Fantasy) 4/-  
Ballantine: Guardians of Time-Anderson 4/6 Starsf Vols 5&6 4/3 & 4 4/3  
After the Rain-Bowen 4/6 Of All Possible Worlds-Tenn 4/6  
The Climacticon-Livingston 4/6 Man Who Ate the World -Pohl 4/6  
Strange Relations -Farmer 4/6 Untouched by Human Hands-Sheckley 4/-  
Bantam :Immortality Inc -Sheckley 4/- Shores of Space-Matheson 3/-  
Deathworld -Harrison 4/3 Rogue in Space -Brown 3/-  
SF Carnival- Brown 3/6 Nine Tomorrows- Asimov 4/3  
Thinking Machines - Conklin 3/6  
Signet: Atlas Shrugged -Rand 5/- Islands in the Sky- Clarke 4/-  
Galaxies Like Grains of Sand-Aldiss-4/3 Methusalahs Children-Heinlein 4/-  
Organisation Mad 3/6  
Dell: Six Great Stories of SF -Conklin 4/- Sirens of Titan-Vonnegut 4/-  
Years Greatest Vol 1 4/- Vol 2 4/-  
Gold Medal: Dark December-Coppel 4/3 13 Great Stories of SF-Conklin 4/3  
The Monster from Earths End-Leinster 4/-  
Pyramid : The Incomplet Enchanter-De Camp & Pratt 4/3  
Venus Plus x -Sturgeon 4/3 Tomorrow People -Merril 4/-  
Man of Many Minds - Evens 4/- Out of Bounds -Merril - 4/-  
ODDS: Space on My Hands-Brown - 2/6 Corpus Earthling -Charbonneau 4/-  
Sands of Mars- Clarke - 3/- 5 Galaxy Short Novels- 4/6  
The Aliens-Leinster - 4/6 The Altered Ego -Sohl 4/- Naked Sun Asimov 2/-  
The Alien-Jones 3/-  
NEW TITLES : Men into Space-Leinster 4/6 30 Day Wonder-Wilson 4/6  
Time Traders-Norton 4/6 Status Civilisation-Sheckley 4/6  
Vulcans Hammer -Dick/Skynappers-Brunner 4/6  
See page one for other new titles expected !

BOOKS FOR SALE:

Men Against the Stars -Greenberg Fair DW 3/-  
Startling Stories -Mines as new DW 12/6 Interplanetary Hunter -Barnes  
The Continent Makers-De Camp As New 15/- As New 15/6  
The Old Die Rich -Gold 15/- The Best SF Novels 9th Vol As New 15/-

Well thats it for the moment. Its not very much but even this is much later than I had hoped and if I waited for more time to add more to it, you may not have been reading it till next Christmas.

A REMINDER TO ALL MELBOURNE SF CLUB MEMBERS!

A special meeting and the first meeting of the New Year will be held on the 5th of JANUARY. Please return all library books.

WANTED! WANTED! WANTED!

The following list of magazines and pocket books are wanted by the Melbourne SF Club Library :

British Original magazines :

NEW WORLDS: Numbers 1,3,63

AUTHENTIC: Numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12 & 13

Vargo Statten or British Space Magazine:

Vol 1 Nos 3,4,5,7,10,11 & 12 Vol 2 Nos 2,3,4

British Reprint Magazines:

Pulp Size

Amazing (First series) 1,2,3,4, 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,  
20,21,22,23 & 24

(New Series -Digest Size) 1, 3,4,5,6, 8

Astounding

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec									
39													
40	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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42	x		x							x			
43	x			x		x							x
44				x		x		x		x			
45		x			x		x		x				
46							x						
47						x							x
48				x		x							x
49				x		x							
50								x					
51		x											

Beyond; 1,2,-

Fantasy & SF: Old series- 1,2,3,4,5,6, 8,9,10,11

New series- 1,2,3,4,5,6

FANTASTIC- Pulp Size -

Digest Size - 1,2,3, 5, 7,

Future : Pulp 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 14

Digest -1,3,5,6,8, 12

GALAXY: 1,2,3, 5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,27,28,30,31,32,33,36, 40,43,44,45  
59,60,63,68,

If Old Series - 1,2, 5, 8,9, 11 12

New Series - 1, 3,4,5,6

Spaceways - 1,2,3 & 4

Startling - 1,2,3,4,5, 7, 9,

Super Science- 1,7,8,13 14

Thrilling Wonder - Vol 1 Nos 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10

Weird - All issues except No 5 1954

Dynamic SF- 1,2, Original- 1,2,7,8 12

SF Quarterly- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10

UNKNOWN - A complete set Name your price!

POCKET BOOKS: All must be editions by publisher indicated!

Space Merchants -Pohl & Kornbluth -Digit

Tomorrows Gift-Cooper -Digit

Project Jupiter -Brown -Digit

Mission to the Stars -Van Vogt -

Circus of Horror-Panther

Pebble in the Sky-Asimov -