

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Fans ,

I am afraid this issue is a little late but I am finding it increasingly harder to find the time to work on it . Any rate we are here now and I hope I can get another issue out before Christmas. Nothing much happening around here at the moment except convention planning which I will mention more fully later on. Bert Chandler dropped in to see us recently at the club .He told us he has three books on the way from ACE . Jack Vance was in contact with Bert when he was recently in Sydney .His visit was disrupted unfortunately by the illness of his wife and I believe his daughter and they were unable to make it to Melbourne. Incidentally we are endeavouring to induce some over seas authors to attend the Convention but nothing definite yet. Bert we hope will be here but it depends where his ship is at the time and whether he can get away.

The science fiction movie situation has been pretty grim. The only thing worth seeing and that purely for the spectacular effects was CRACK IN THE WORLD . Worth seeing but dont expect too much .

As yet we have not seen Day of the Triffids in Melbourne .I would be interested to know if it has been shown in any other states.

By now I think the World Convention in London will be well over but as yet I have recieved no reports on it. The main thing of interest to us will be what has won the Hugo for this year. It will be interesting to see if the fact that the Covention is being held in London has any effect on the voting.

Definite plans for the Melcon next Easter are not yet decided upon but you will recieve full reports when available. We have close on 50 members now but most are from interstate , country and over overseas. What about it you Melbournians ? Dont leave it till the last minute, join now!

It would appear that DENNIS DOBSON Publishers are slowly taking over from Gollance as the top SF publisher .They have quite an impressive list for the next few months .The Carnell anthologies NEW WRITINGS in SF are now out to number 5 and 6 and 7 have been announced. A complete list will be found of all the titles from Dobson ,Gollance, Faber and Jenkins in the McGills list on page three.

The British publishers have realised the great popularity of Robert Heinlein . From Four Square paperbacks we have had STRANGER in A STRANGE LAND and GLORY ROAD the last two months .Also from Panther we have had ORPHANS of the SKY and from Dobsons is coming soon FARNHAM'S FREEHOLD .Glory Road is without a doubt the best since Starship Troopers. Stranger created quite a lot of argument but Farnhams Freehold would be one of the worst novels he has written . Not that it is not better than the average sf books being written now but it is not up to Heinleins own standards.

Far and above all the novels published this year is The Prophet of Dune which to date has not arrived in book form ,being published in two seperate serials in Analog.

A full list of all the new books due out over the next few months from most of the British publishers will be included in the McGills list . The outstanding title though is the non-fiction BEYOND THE SOLAR SYSTEM by Willey Ley and Chesley Bonestell. This time the team have gone a little further than their previous flights Conquest of Space, Accross the Space Frontier etcetera and Bonstell has given vivid pictorial representation of Ley's descriptions of habitable and non-habitable planets of far away suns. It is due for publication in England in October. Cost approximately 52/6 .

## NEW and RECENT U.S. PAPERBACKS:

		US/cp	Aust
The Fellowship of the Ring	Tolkien	Ace 75c	
The Two Towers	Tolkien	Ace 75c	
The Return of the King	Tolkien	Ace 75c	
The Rogue Dragon	Davidson	Ace 40c	
Star of Danger	Bradley	Ace 40c	
The Hunter Out of Time	Fox	Ace 40c	
We the Venusians -			
The Water of Thought	Saberhagen	Ace 45c	
The Alter on Asconel	Brunner		
Android Avenger	White	Ace 45c	
Triplanetary	Smith	Pyramid 50c	
Space Tug	Leinster	Belmont 50c	
The Other Side of Time	Latimer	Berkley 50c	
Odd John	Stapledon	Berkley 50c	
Night Slaves	Sohl	Gold Med 50c	
Monsters Orbit			
The World Between	Vanoc	Ace 50c	
The Lord of Death and the Queen of Life	Flint	Ace 40c	
The Black Star Passes	Capmbell	Ace 40c	
The Last Hope of Earth	Wright	Ace 40c	
The Mindwarppers	Russell	Lancer 50c	
Islands in the Sky	Clarke	Signet 50c	
French SF Stories	ed. Knight	Bantam 50c	
The Worlds of SF	Mills	PBL 75c	
The Well of the Worlds	Kutner	Ace 40c	
The Star Dwellers	Blish	Avon 50c	
Spectrum 3	Amis	Berkley 60c	
Masters of the Maze	Davidson	Pyramid 50c	
The Machineries of Joy	Bradbury	Bantam 60c	
Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen	Piper	Ace 40c	
Greybeard	Aldiss	Signet 60c	
The Ghoul-Keepers	Margulies	Pyramid 50c	
Five Unearthly Visions	Conklin	Gold Md 50c	
Expedition to Earth	Clarke	Ball 50c	
The Exile of Time	Cummings	Ace 40c	
The Enemy Stars	Anderson	Berkley 50c	
Dragons Island	Williamson	Tower 60c	
Award SF Reader	A.H. Norton	Award 60c	
Farnahm'S Freehold	Heinlein	Signet	
Witches Brew	Hitchcock	Dell	
A For Antyhing	Knight	Berkely	
The Aliens	Leinster	Berkly	
A Plague of Pythons	Pohl	Ball.	
Rulers of Men	Santesson	Pyramid	
Interplanetary (?)	Smith	Pyramid	
The Hobbit	Tolkien	Ball	
Only Lovers Left Alive	Wallis	Bantam	
Gladiator	Wylie	Lancer	
Anton York Immortal	Binder	Belmont	
Tales of the Incredible		Ballantine 50c	
Tales from the Crypt		Ballantine 50c	

The last two are described by the publishers as Comic Books  
in the old tradition.

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The 2nd MELCON  
Easter 1966

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A Wrinkle in the Skin	Christopher	H&S	
Sleeping Planet	Burkett	Goll	23/-
Somewhere A Voice	Russell	Dob	20/-
Tunnel in the Sky	Heinlein	Goll	19/-
Best from F&SF Vol 13	Mills	Goll	
All Flesh	Simak	..	
Bill the Galactic Hero	Harrison	..	
Century of Great SF Novels	Knight	..	
The Specials	Charbonneau	H.J	
Worlds Without End	Simak	..	
The Artificial Man	Davies	..	
Chamber of Horrors	Hadfield	..	
Farnhams Freehold	Heinlein	Dob	
Dragon Masters	Vance	..	
Of Worlds Beyond (A Symposium on SF )	Eshbach	..	
The Reefs of Space	Pohl and Williamson	..	
Analog Anthology	Campbell	..	
New Writings in SF Vols 6& 7	Carnell	..	
Interstellar Two-Five	Rankine	..	
Beyond the Solar System(Non-Fiction)	Ley & Bonstell	S&J	
The View from the Stars	Miller	Gol	20/-
The Drought	Ballard	Cape	26/6
Atlan	Gaskel	H&S	31/6
Best SF Stories of James Blish	Blish	Fab	23/-
New Writings in SF Vols 1,2,3,4&5	Carnell	Dob	20/-e
The Old Die Rich	Gold	Dob	23/-
The Thirst Quenchers	Raphael	HJ	
Best from F&SF Vol 12	Davidson	..	
The Joyous Invasions	Sturgeon	..	
Two Tales and Eight Tomorrows	Harrison	Gol	20/-
I Love Gales burg in the Springtime	Finney	E&S	20/-
Machineries of Joy	Bradbury	RHL	32/-
Time and the Stars	Anderson	Gol	20/-
Stormbringer	Moorcock	HJ	16/-
Greybeard	Aldiss	Fab	23/-
Earthworks	Aldiss	..	20/-
Dr Who	Whitaker	Souv	16/-
Dr Who and the Zarbi	Strutton	..	16/-

Titles not priced are all new titles and will be available over the next three to four months.

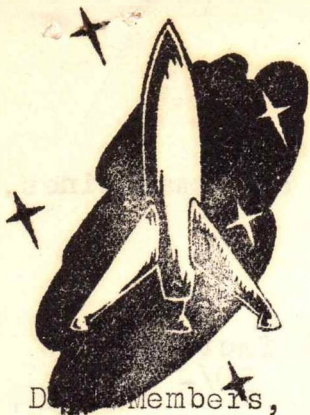
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SF and Fantasy British PB List: Titles now available or expected soon

They Walked Like Men		Simak	Pan	
Tales of Ten Worlds		Clarke	Pan	
Expedition to Earth		Clarke	Pan	
Expert Dreamers		Pohl	..	
Spectrum Three		Amis & Conquest	..	
The Sixth Sense	N/F (ESP)	Heywood	..	
The Infinite Hive	.. ..	Heywood	..	
With a Strange Device		Russell	Penguin	
Four D. sional Nightmare		Ballard	..	
The Red Brain		Hammet	FS	
Creeps by Night		..	FS	
Dark Light Years		Aldiss	..	
The Big Time		Leiber	..	6/-
New Writings in SF	Vols 1,2&3	Carnell	Corgi	6/- ea
Men Martians and Machines		Russell	..	6/-
The Counterfeit Man		Maine	..	6/-
The Dark Mind		Kapp	..	6/-
The World in Winter		Christopher	Penguin	5/6
Transit		Cooper	FS	
Hall of Mirrors		Haining	..	
A Small Armageddon		Roshwald	..	
The Airs of Earth		Aldiss	..	
Bring the Jubilee		Moore	..	
Twisted		Conklin	..	
The Unfriendly Future			FS	
Best SF 4		Crispin	Faber	8/6
Orphans of the Sky		Heinlein	Panther	6/-
More than Human		Sturgeon	Peng.	5/6
Glory Road		Heinlein	FS	6/-
Stranger in a Strange Land		Heinlein	..	8/-
Marooned		Caiden	Corgi	8/-
Connoisseurs's SF		Boardman	Peng	5/6
Bewitched		Hine	May <sup>F</sup>	6/-
The Mar From Arcturus		Winterbotham	Cons	6/-
The Non-Statistical Man		Dick	Digit	4/-
Lambda 1		Carnell	Penguin	5/6
Consider Her Ways		Wyndham	..	5/6
City		Simak	SF	6/-
Fail Safe		Burdick	Pan	6/-

Many older titles also in stock, but if we have not got any titles you want in stock we will obtain them for you.

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# Melbourne S-F Club

OCTOBER 1965

Dear members,

19 Somerset Place, Melbourne C1

The club has been going now about thirteen years. I think this may be the unlucky one. I am getting very tired with trying to run the club as it should be run and carry on all my other activities as well. Over the years the club has been a break at times for me from the usual grind as it no doubt has been for very many others. I have made quite a lot of friends. We have had a bit of fun with conventions and so on and quite a lot of work has been done at times by a small number of club stalwarts. Whenever something has to be done there is always some one to help out, but not enough help has been given to me in the actual organisation of the club and the library and so forth. A lot of the blame for this is entirely my own fault as I have not had the time to devote to things that they need.

Many of the library books are lost mainly because I have not had the time to chase members up and keep a proper check on things. I believe that if a thing can't be done properly it should not be done at all and I am now beginning to realise that I cannot run the club efficiently. Evidence to support this is the fact that we are over £50 in debt plus two months behind in the rent. We do have reasonable assets in the library books and the Film Group movie projector. If we closed the club tomorrow I would not come out losing, I don't think. I have threatened I know to close the club before but I have now reached the point of no return. We have a convention coming up next year and I fully intend to keep the club afloat till then, but things will have to greatly improve over the time between now and the convention for me to be convinced that it is worth while continuing.

I am sorry we have reached this state of affairs and I will be sorry to see the club go so it is once again up to you. More people attending meetings and more constructive help on running and PUBLICISING the club is the only thing that will convince me that it is worthwhile keeping on.

Yours sincerely

*C. J. ...*

PS. We would appreciate it very much if the persons or person who who has been borrowing items from our 'to be read in the club only library' please return same items.

If anybody has had any experience at upholstery we could do with some help on the clubs theatre seats. Please contact me if you can help and we will organise a working bee.

THE MELBOURNE SF CLUB

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	British H/C As new	7/6
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Tiger by the Tail	Allan E. Nourse	
	As new US HC	20/-
The Man in the High Castle	P.K Dick	
	As new US HC	12/6

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