

Bottom Drawer on the Left

Her one sister had gotten pregnant before she got married and had had relations with another guy even before that. Her other sister had pulled a married man out of his marriage -- and had lived with him for almost a year before they got married. And now her best friend was trying a different guy every night, and then calling her up and crying. The girl she worked for, Marge, was in love with another girl she worked with ... Fran.

And she knew lots more sexual secrets about people, and she wanted to tell everyone everything about everyone else, only when she took out the blue satin box on the left of the bottom drawer in her dresser where she kept HER secret, no matter how hard she shook it there wasn't any sound, and she still didn't open it, although she was tempted and knew that at least by her thirtieth birthday next year that she would.

-- Hugh Fox

East Lansing MI

MODERN CLASSICS::

Charles Stetler's Roger, Karl, Rick, and Shane Are Friends of Mine and Ronald Koertge's Meat/Cherry's Market-Diary, each \$2 fm. MAG Press, 3802 La Jara, Long Beach CA 90805
¶ Don Brown's How to Dope the Quarterback fm. Gargoyle Books, 4300 Harborview Ave., Oakland CA 94619. ¶ Dick Higgins has issued foew&ombwhnw (subtitled: a grammar of the mind and a phenomenology of love and a science of the arts as seen by a stalker of the wild mushroom), a fantastic book (printed on Bible paper in Bible format, including a black silk page-marker) that one can dip into and enjoy fully. The testaments are artistically important now and will be more important. Only \$5.95 fm. Something Else Press, P.O. Box 26, West Glover VT 05875. Almost as exciting fm. the same press: Breakthrough Fictioneers, an anthology edited by Richard Kostelanetz (\$3.95) and Dick Higgins' A Book About Love & War & Death (\$2.45). Write for complete catalog. ¶ Uneven but classic American is Jack Kerouac's Visions of Cody (complete version) \$8.95 fm.: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1221 Ave. of the Americas, N.Y. NY 10020 -- a book that does not need Allen Ginsberg's introduction to communicate what it's about. This volume's much more satisfactory than the emasculated section published by New Directions under the same title in 1960. Kerouac will continue to be important to poets but not to the critics.

VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:.....

Lillabulero #12 is the Paul Metcalf Special Issue, \$2 fm. Northwood Narrows NH 03261. § Colleen McElroy's The Mules Done Long Since Gone fm. Harrison-Madrona Center, 2036 East Madison St., Seattle WA 98122. § Albert Drake's Pomes (fine found- and eye-poems) and Barbara Drake's Narcissa Notebook fm. Stone Press, P.O. Box 227, Okemos MI 48864. § Russell Edson's The Childhood of an Equestrian, \$3.95 fm. Harper & Row, Publishers, 10 East 53rd St., N.Y., NY 10022. § The Lemon by Mohammed Mrabet (transl. by Paul Bowles) \$5.95 fm. McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1221 Ave. of the Americas, N.Y. NY 10020. § McGraw-Hill has also released the latest book of Vladimir Nabokov, Transparent Things, \$5.95 and very fine translations of some of his earliest short stories, A Russian Beauty, \$7.95. Both are well worth digesting but the earliest Nabokov is mint, while the latest Nabokov is an indulgence.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:.....

Loves, Etc., an anthology on love edited by Marguerite Harris, \$1.95, a Doubleday Anchor Original fm. 277 Park Ave., N.Y. NY 10017. § John Oliver Simon's The Woodchuck Who Lives on Top of Mount Ritter and Animal/Poems 1970-73, both fm. Galactic Approximation Press, 2209 California St., Berkeley CA 94703. § Light Benders, edit. by Roger Steffens fm. Goliards Press, 3515 18th St., Bellingham WA 98225. § Clayton Eshleman's Coils \$4, Ron Loewinsohn's The Leaves \$2, John Cassavetes' Minnie & Moskowitz \$4, Diane Wakoski's Greed, Parts 8, 9, 11 \$3, David Meltzer's Hero/Lil \$4, Sam Shepard's Hawk Moon \$4, and Fielding Dawson's The Greatest Story Ever Told \$2 fm. Black Sparrow Press, P.O. Box 25603 Los Angeles CA 90025. § Parm Mayer's Giving Voice to My Beard fm. Northwood Institute, Midland MI 48640. § Brad Robinson has effectively interviewed Stan Persky for Beaver Kosmos #5, \$1 fm. George Bowering, 2521 Balaclava St., Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada.

RECOMMENDED:.....

Francis Ponge's The Voice of Things (transl. fm. the French by Beth Archer) \$5.95 fm. McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1221 Ave. of the Americas, N.Y. NY 10020. § William R. Lamppa's The Crucial Point \$4.95 fm. Windfall Press, 1814 E. Norwood St., Chicago IL 60626. § Hollis Summers' Start From Home \$5 fm. Rutgers Univ. Press, 30 College Ave., New Brunswick NJ 08903

LOOKING FOR MANUSCRIPTS:.....

Mr. Cogito (edit. R.A. Davies, J. Gogol) \$3/3 nos. fm. Box 627, Pacific University, Forest Grove OR 97116. § Inland Writers (edit. E. Rimbaugh) 50¢/copy fm. 1051 Western Ave., Colton CA 92324. § Chernozem (edit. S.L. & S.L. Deal) \$1/copy fm. Box 404, Gothenburg NB 69138. § Jam To-Day (att: Frederick G. Cook) P.O. Box 249, Northfield VT 05663. §