

BOOK BRIEFS

May Day has come and gone. Now examinations and graduation are nowding in to steal what little time there was for reading. It soon the mental agony will be over, and commencement festivities relegated to our scrap books. Then we will slip into those lazy vacation days when we have promised ourselves to rest for a long, long time and, perhaps, catch up on our reading.

First on the "must list for vacation reading is a book which is currently occupying first place on the nation's non-fiction best seller lists. **But We Were Born Free** is the first book in fourteen years by Elmer Davis, top news analyst for the American Broadcasting Company. This book offers in printed form some of Mr. Davis' brilliant comment and analysis which was heard originally on the radio or from the lecture platform. In these days of conflicting ideals and competing propaganda, Elmer Davis can help to restore our proper perspective. The nature of Mr. Davis' comments and the man himself is well expressed in a portion of his 1951 Peabody Award presentation which read: "In a year of great anxiety and bitter tension, it has been reassuring and edifying to hear the sanity, the horse sense, and that dry Hoosier wit with which Mr. Davis contemplates a troubled world . . ."

Since most vacation reading is liberally sprinkled with sleep, it is necessary to keep the reading material light and short. Short stories and short novels will doubtless be most popular. Mary L. Aswell has edited a collection entitled **New Short Novels**, which includes contributions of Jean Stafford, Shelby Foote, Elizabeth Etnier, and Clyde Miller.

Shelby Foote, by the way, also has a new book of his own. **Jordan Country** contains a collection of four short stories and three short novels. Mr. Foote is considered to be one of the outstanding younger Deep South writers.

Another better-known southern writer, William Faulkner, is responsible for **The Faulkner Reader**, a selection from the writings of the South's eminent Nobel Prize winner. Eudora Welty's latest novel, **The Ponder Heart**, should not be overlooked either. British authors are contributing their share of readable fiction, too. Good for a cool summer evening is **The Gypsy in the Parlor** by Margery Sharp, who will be remembered for **Cluny Brown** and **The Nutmeg Tree**. Watch for **Mary Ann**, a pre-Victorian novel by Daphne du Maurier, who scarcely needs introduction as the author of **Rebecca**. This will be the **Book-of-the-Month Club** selection for July.

For those who want to find good reading at a price even the student can afford, a check of the latest reprints in paper backs will be rewarding. Especially recommended are Anchor Books, published by Doubleday at prices ranging from 65c to \$1.00. Among the twenty-eight issued to date are such titles as: **The Idea of a Theater** by Francis Fergusson, **Lafadio's Adventures** by Andre Gide, **The Secret Agent** by Joseph Conrad, **Loving** by Henry Green, **The Aeneid of Virgil**, translated by C. Day Lewis, **Mozart: The Man and His Works** by W. J. Turner, **Teacher in America** by Jacques Barzun, and **The Century of the Pointed Firs and Other Stories** by Sarah Orne Jewett. Write to Anchor Books, Department B-1, Garden City, New York, for a complete list.

It will be worthwhile, also, to look into the titles available in the British Penguin line. These are priced under one dollar and are available in most good bookstores. Notable among these are E. V. Rieu's new prose translations of Homer's **The Iliad** and **The Odyssey**.

Our choice for the cartoon of the month concerns television, not books, but we'll mention it anyway. The patient is on the operating table around which five doctors and a nurse are assembled. The chief surgeon pleads, "Let's try not to make any mistakes—this is being televised."

Till we meet again, happy vacation, happy reading!

POEMS BY MARY PHILBECK

Rose and Pool

I saw a rose
In a shadowed pool.
A rose so still, and soft, and
Cool.
Its petals were powdered a
Dusty pink.
A pale, satin bud
Stooped its head to
Drink.
Two tiny leaves of
Emerald green
Whispered that the water
Was crystal clean.
A fragrance as tender as a
Baby's eyes
Ascended, a spray, to
Pierce the skies,
Deserting its velvet bed in the
Sod,
To rest in the folds of the gown of
God.

Love's Comparison

I saw it in your eyes
I heard its vibrant truth
In your voice.
I sensed it in your
Movement,
And I knew that it was love.
Eve must have seen it in
Adam's eyes, heard it from
His lips, and felt it in his
Touch.
Eve must have known what Adam felt
And like mine, Eve's
Lips trembled and her
Heart swelled within her
Breast.
Eve must have known,
But Eve saw love for her
In Adam's eyes.
I look into your eyes and see
Love for yourself.

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Fielding Averages:

Player:	PO	A	E	PCT.
Pearson	3	18	0	1.000
Procter	10	1	0	1.000
Toney	7	1	0	1.000
Thomas	77	9	3	.969
Saunders	39	4	3	.956
Dorman	11	16	3	.900
Smith	9	0	1	.900
Kiser	24	20	7	.862
Huss	14	17	5	.861
Matthews	3	3	1	.857
Byerly	21	0	3	.845

Pitching Averages:

Player:	IP	G	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA	W	L	Av.
Pearson	36.2	3	5	21	21	18	14	3.5	4	1.800
Swifford	37	6	15	21	17	12	3.0	2	2	.500
Hart	31.3	2	6	3	7	7	2.0	0	0	.000
Gamble	2	1	1	1	3	1	4.5	0	0	.000