New Fiction At KM Library

Holt, Victoria. The Captive (Doubleday, 1989).

In Rosetta Cronleigh's eighteenth year, her happy, if uneventful, London life is suddenly shattered when her first ocean voyage ends in a shipwreck off the African coast. Only the quick thinking of a mysterious young deckhand, Josh Player, saved her and the debonair Lucian Lorimer, from the merciless rage of the sea. Adrift in a lifeboat, the three are washed up on a deserted island. As Rosetta grows closer to Josh, she learns his true identity--and his seemingly hopeless fate.

Jakes, John. California Gold (Random House, 1989).

Sweeping from 1886 to 1921, the novel explores the lore and the legends of California, charts its change from frontier to a modern state, and chronicles as only Jakes can the loves and battles of a host of vivid characters. With pageturning intensity, the author sweeps up from the high Skierras and the mansions and clubs of San Francisco society to Los Angeles during the great land boom of the 1890's and Riverside in the heyday of the millionaire citrus growers. Combining impeccable research and powerful storytelling California Gold demonstrates once again why John Jakes has been called the people's author and the godfather of the historical novel. Here at last in one immense work is California history enterwined with California myth, capturing all the glory and disillusionment of the eternal drama.

Kellerman, Jonathan. Silent Partner (Bantam Books, 1989).

Romance is the last thing on Alex Delaware's mind when he attends a cocktail party for psychology professor Paul Peter Kruse at one of Los Angeles' most lavish estates. Kellerman's psychologist-detective Dr. Alex Deleware returns in a spellbinder of childhood terror and family secrets--a novel with the intensity, of suspense, richness of characterization, and shockingly vivid portrayal of Southern California decadence.

Keneally, Thomas. To Asmora (Warner Books, 1989).

Africa - an awesomely beautiful land, a continent where man's noblest and basest acts often happen in the same breath--has drawn Westerners to it for over two hundred years. The outward reasons for their going have changed, the inner ones have not. And now one of the most accomplished novelists of our time has written a deeply moving, starkly real tale of Africa, of an alienated Western journalist and his search for his soul across Africa's war tormented Horn, and of the proud Eritrean men and women whose fierce struggle to preserve their remarkable secrets entitles them to justly claim their land with their blood and for their dreams.

King, Stephen. The Dark Half (Viking, 1989).

When Thad Beaumont wakes to the nightmare of George Stark, he hears birds, thousands of them, chirping and twittering at the same time, and with their song come a presentment full of meaning and foreboding; the sparrow's are flying again. At the center of the



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nightmare is the devesting figure of George Stark, Thad's dark half-impossibly alone and relentlessly on the loose-- a killing machine that destroys everyone on the path that leads to the man who created him. Here is a tale of terror so real and fascinating that Stephen King's growing legion of fans will find themselves squirming in their master's heart-stopping, blood-curdling grip--and loving every minute of it.

Lamott, Anne. All New People

(North Point Press, 1989). With Generosity, Humor, and Pathos, Anne Lamott takes on the barrage of dislocating changes that shook the sixties--divorce, drugs, personal insecurity, nd new economic realities. The loss that follows in the wake of these changes is seen in the eye of one small girl, Nancy Goodman, living in apparent Eden of Marion County, California. this is the painful, yet exhilarating story of Nancy's passage our of childhood. This is the author's boldest, funniest, most moving book yet, and in it she works special magic, transforming failure into forgiveness, endowing mankind with the power to change.

McCaffrey, Anne. The Renegades Of Pern (Ballantine Books, 1989).

As long as the people of Pern could remember, the Holders had protected them from Thread, the deadly silver strands that fell from the sky and ravaged the land. In exchange for sanctuary in the huge stone fortress, the people tithed to the Lord Holders, who in turn supported the Weyra, whose dragons were Pern's greatest weapon against Thread. But not everyone on Pern was part of the system of mutual care and protection, particularly those who had been rendered helpless as punishment for wrongdoing. From the ranks of the criminals and the disaffected, rose a band of renegades led by lady Thella.

McMurtry, Larry. Some Can Whistle (Simon and Schuster,

McMurtry's new book is a brilliant masterpiece, richly comic, profoundly merry, totally real. Danny Deck is now a successful middle-aged Texan writer who has made a fortune in the TV business in LA and retired here to his quiet, expensive and eccentric way of life. Into the quiet existence comes an unexpected telephone call from T.R., the daughter he has never seen, which changes Danny's life and the lives of everyone around him, including T.R., herself.

The lush islands of the Caribbean have always possessed a special allure--as colonial treasure in days gone by, as vacation re-

Michener, James A. Caribbean (Random House, 1989).

treats today. Told in James Michener's incomparable fashion, here is a magnificent story of the struggle for empire, and of political, economic and racial currents in one of the most beautiful and hotly contested regions of the globe. Through Michener's unequaled gift of characterization, great historical events are portrayed with stirring

Mortimer, John The Narrowing Stream (Viking, 1989).

A beautiful and touching story about a middle-class marriage whose shifts and changes, dreams and fears, are sometimes only vaguely understood or felt--and scarcely ever spoken.

Momaday, N. Scott. The Ancient Child (Doubleday, 1989).

Momaday shapes the Kiowas's age old tale of how the boy turned into a bear, into a timeless American myth. The Ancient Child juxtaposes Indian lore and Wild West legend in a hypnotic, often lyrical contemporary novel in which time is seamless, imaginative, unbounded. The author brings together the primordial vision quest and the immediacy of the modern world with breath taking effect. Here is a magical, wholly unforgettable saga of one man's tormented search for his identity.

Mosher, Howard Frank. A Stranger In The Kingdom (Doubleday, 1989).

Mosher's deeply engrossing story of a community torn apart by fear and prejudice, told from the point of view of a sensitive young boy, is certain to become a classic. In the spring of 1952 Red Sox fans in Kingdom County, Vermont, were predicting a sweep to the World Series, and Jo Kinnesan is turning thirteen. But the idyllic peacefulness of this quiet, complacent community is shattered by the brutal murder of a seventeen-year old girl.



Photo by Dieter Melhorn

DAR ESSAY WINNERS-The six students, pictured, won history essay contests sponsored by Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter. Front row, from left, are Molly Blanton, overall winner and District winner; Katherine Subler and Melissa Bowen. Back row, from left, are Felicia Bryson, Brian Lefevers and

History Essay Winners Give Program At DAR

The six student winners in the recent DAR-sponsored history essay contest in the schools gave the program at Wednesday's meeting of Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter at Weir Auditorium at Mauney Memorial Library.

Presenting the program were Molly Blanton, Bethware School 5th grader; Katherine Ann Subler, North School 5th grader; Felicia Davis, 6th grader at Central; Brian Mack Lefevers, 7th grader at their efforts.

Central; and Jada Denise Biddix, 8th grader at KM Junior High.

Regent Louise Roberts announced that Molly Blanton was first place winner among 5th graders of the system. Her entry was sent to District II for competition and she also placed first in the

Betty Masters, contest chairman, presented the winners and took the occasion to congratulate them for

Mrs. Roberts presided at the meeting which was attended by a large number of visitors, including parents and teachers of the honored students.

Mrs. Mary McMackin led in the opening rituals and Mrs. Hilda Goforth read the President General's Address.

Miss Blanton's prize-winning entry now advances to state com-

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On Making The Dean's List At N.C. State University

Love, Mama, Bonnie, & Danny