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piracy (1980) by Anthony Summers; *The Plot to Kill the President* (1981) by Robert Blakey and Robert Billings.

One aspect of Kennedy collecting that is certainly distinctive is the large portion of books that were only issued as paperbacks. One can argue that many of the authors of these tomes literally couldn't find more established publishers. However, when one considers the prices that many mystery and science fiction paperbacks, printed in the '40s and '50s now command one should hardly sneer at the origin of some of the books. All of the Kennedy books written by Harold Weisburg appeared only in softcover. While most of his books, due to his relentless promoting, are not all that scarce, one of the tougher items to acquire is his *Oswald in New Orleans* (1967). Also in that league is Kerry Thornley's *Oswald* (1965). Since Thornley was one of a few people who ever claimed friendship with this loner it is very much a necessary addition.

Richard Popkin's *Second Oswald* (1966) gives us the theory that someone was trying to impersonate Oswald and therefore set him up. *Legacy of Doubt* (1973) by Peter Noyes alleges that a mysterious character (all these characters are mysterious) named Jim Braden with ties to the Mob appeared in both Dallas and Los Angeles on just the wrong days. *Forgive My Grief* (1966-76) in five small volumes catalogues the many unexplained deaths that

seemingly befell those with knowledge of the day's events in Dallas, and has become more and more asked for. Strangely enough, it is the later volumes that are more heavily sought after. And, we cannot forget the aptly named *Coincidence or Conspiracy* (1977) by Bernard Fensterwald and Michael Ewing. A book that chronicles quite simply remarkable circumstances is indispensable. The one factor that unites all of these books is that they seemed to move straight from the newsstand into oblivion and have since taken on new life.

One of the truly remarkable aspects about collecting this material is the fact that so many of the bibliographies actually came out in wrappers. For better or for worse, a basic prejudice tells us that something put together between boards has permanence. In some ways, one of the most important bibliographies is *John F. Kennedy: A Catalogue of Books, Articles, Autographs, and Memorabilia* (1965) assembled by noted bookseller John Jenkins. Obviously in 1965, the industry was still in its infancy. Yet something present at the creation is invaluable decades later. Another entrant is *A Bibliography of Literature Relating to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy* written by W. C. Thompson. The original was issued in June, 1968. A revised edition (with many more entries) came out in October followed by a supplement in 1971.

The killing was placed in the context of a tradition of political violence in *American Political Assassinations: A Bibliography of Works Published 1963-70 Related to the Assassination of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert F. Kennedy*, compiled by the Committee to Investigate Assassinations in 1973. The year 1975 would bring us *John F. Kennedy-Robert F. Kennedy: Bibliography*, written by William Rice. Significantly, by 1982 we would see *Assassination Bibliography* subtitled *November 22, 1963/November 22, 1982. An Aid to Researchers and Collectors of Books Relating to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*. David Wrono would provide us with *The Assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy: An Annotated Bibliography* in 1973. This would later be expanded into *The Assassination of John F. Kennedy: A Comprehensive Historical and Legal Bibliography, 1963-1979*, compiled by De Lloyd Guth and David Wrono (which would come out in hardback).

Indexes for the Warren Commission were sketchy to say the least. Therefore, absolutely vital for any researcher/student is Sylvia Meagher's *Subject Index to the Warren Report and Hearings and Exhibits* (1966 & 1971). An even more worthy companion is her *Master Index to the JFK Assassination Investigations: The Reports and Supporting Volumes of the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the Warren Commission* (1980).

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