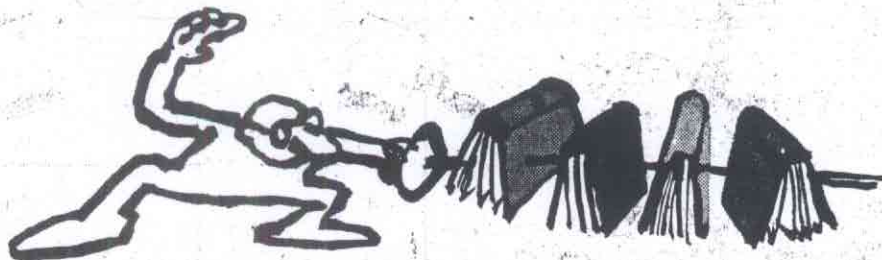


## Booknotes



Drawing by Bill Charmatz

A BOOK WAR seems to be brewing in Washington, with at least seven new stores opening in the next few months: At 1517 Connecticut above DuPont Circle, Bill Kramer will offer a restaurant along with the reading matter. He plans to make autograph parties a regular feature of "Kramerbooks and Afterwords, a Cafe" (his third retail store) and keep both parts open every day of the week from 10 a.m. to midnight. . . David Marcuse, of RPM distributors in Rockville and Oldtown Bookworks in Alexandria, will open a new Bookworks at 1800 M Street NW, and at the same time move his Alexandria shop into a warehouse, putting a restaurant on the top floor. Marcuse and Kramer used to be good friends. . . Rizzoli's of Fifth Avenue will be opening a store in Georgetown's Foundry Building, at Jefferson and M Street near the C&O Canal, sometime in the late Fall. . . A Book Annex (part of Record & Tape Ltd.) opens at 1239 Wisconsin in early July, hoping to offer full service by August. One of its 220-foot walls will be devoted to records, the other to discount books. . . B. Dalton, a national chain based in Minneapolis, will open a shop at The Gallery in Georgetown in March, '77. . . There will be a Bialek Discount Book and Record Shop in Rockville's new White Flint mall opening next April. . . Learmont's of Georgetown will move to Frederick and Horizon Books will probably take over the 3131 M Street NW location. . . A shop is scheduled to open July 4 in the National Visitors' Center (Union Station). It will be run by the nonprofit Parks and History Association, which also manages the tiny new bookstore

at the 490-foot level of the Washington Monument.

ELIZABETH RAY was seen at a Watergate drugstore last week inquiring why her books weren't on display. At the time, 1 million copies were in print.

ME & RALPH, David Sanford's diatribe against Nader, sold out its first printing of 5000 copies two weeks before its July 6 publication date.

A CIA POWER STRUGGLE is the subject of Aaron Latham's self-proclaimed roman a clef, *Orchids for Mother*. Bantam bought it instantly after a short version appeared in New York magazine last spring. Bob Ginna of Little, Brown, a bit late on the scene, bought hardcover rights from Bantam. The manuscript—toned down by editors for both houses—is considerably less obvious than it once was. The William Colby character, formerly called Robert Colgate, is now called O'Hara. Mother, based on counterintelligence chief James Angleton, was named John Saxonton (you get it: Angleton-Saxonton). Now he's named Kimble.

Colby himself has been pounding away on a volume he was going to call "Constitutional Intelligence for America" (CIA), before someone persuaded him to look for a new title. He has completed two chapters, but his lawyer-agent, Morton Janklow, has not been showing them to anyone in New York, preferring to flack the name and the idea instead.

BLACK BOX, the cassette-tape poetry magazine, has just released its eighth edition, "The Washington Sound, or Love and Death in Demon City."

MARILYN HACKER, winner of the 1975 National Book Award for Poetry, will be writer-in-residence at George Washington University this year. Her position is sponsored by the Jenny McKean Moore Fund and a matching grant from GW. In addition to regular classes she'll be teaching a free writer's workshop "for students unfamiliar with the academic community." If this means you, call 676-6180.

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY has purchased newspaper and serialization rights to Richard Nixon's memoirs from Warner Publishing. The first draft of the book is supposed to be ready by the end of this year; publication is planned for Fall '77. Warner also handles Mad magazine and DC Comics.

THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY has been advertising subscriptions to a leather-bound "limited edition" of "The 100 Greatest Masterpieces of American Literature" without listing the titles. At \$35 a copy plus \$1.75 for postage and handling, that would eventually amount to \$3,675 for a mystery tour of American letters. The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration did not have a definitive listing at the time it endorsed the series. The list that does now exist (compiled from the suggestions of 46 state universities) carries the proviso that "unforeseen circumstances" may "require the replacement of any title." None of this surprises a bibliographer who was asked to work on the project a couple of years ago and had wanted to talk about texts. He claims he was told, "You don't understand—we're selling leather."

PIERRE TRUDEAU, prime minister of Canada, presented a copy of *Between Friends/Entre Amis* to President Ford last week, but calls to seven major Washington stores at the time revealed only a vague acquaintance with this bicentennial gift which cost the Canadian government an estimated \$1.1 million.

—Christopher Dickey