

and if aficionados have any sense they'll head for the local bookstore and grab a copy for the sheer joy of reading him and for having handy a near-perfect-pitch Baedeker to jazz old and new. Balliett can't strike a wrong note whether he's writing about technique, form or people. A scholar but no pedant, his own informed enthusiasm is infectious, his journal, much of which has appeared in the *New Yorker*, a find. Lucky readers, lucky jazz men and women. [March 4]

#### OPEN FAMILY LIVING.

*Dr. Thomas C. McGinnis and John U. Ayres.* Doubleday, \$8.95 ISBN 0-385-02980-2

Yet again, readers are urged toward a more fulfilling, happier life *en famille* by an expert on modern problems. Dr. McGinnis, coauthor, directs a Counseling and Psychotherapy Center in New Jersey. He explores reasons why families break apart and urges readers to adopt his approach, "open family living." Illustrated with drawings, the text is protracted and demanding. The book urges people to re-examine their views, their expectancies and to become less rigid. Dr. McGinnis seeks to show that ultra-permissiveness is as damaging to family life as is the autocratic stance, with parents who stress unquestioning obedience. There is not much new by way of advice here, but Dr. McGinnis's exercises in living together will probably be found helpful by the serious reader. Linecuts. [March 5]

#### THE MUDGE POND EXPRESS.

*Sam Posey.* Putnam, \$8.95 ISBN 0-399-11569-2

Race car driver Posey has written a book whose primary appeal will be to those actually in auto racing, but some elements of it will interest other readers, too. He shows that his sport is a rich man's game (he came from a very wealthy family): those who don't have their own resources must find friends or patrons to stake them. He tells of the teamwork necessary to put a winning car on the track and recounts incident after incident of mechanical failure ruining an otherwise good race—almost more times than not, it seems. And he answers questions that many have probably wondered about: Do drivers feel fear? What does a driver think about when he knows he is going to crash? How does he resume his career after a crash? Posey brings in dozens of big-name drivers from Gurney to Revson in a fast-moving and action-laden book. Photos. [March 5]

#### WHAT DO YOU DO

WITH A KINKAJOU? *Alice Gilborn.* Lippincott, \$8.95 ISBN 0-397-01109-1 "If my mother was born under any star," writes Alice Gilborn in this ab-

sorbing, clear-eyed portrait-saga of her animal-loving mother, "it was probably the dog star in the year of the horse." The mother, Cynthia Wolf, called "Cee," is described with implicit admiration and love but also with wry objectivity throughout a book which places her where she is most at home—in her house and acres, called Willowcroft, near Littleton, Colorado. Here "Cee" is so much a part of her world of animals (Willowcroft is jammed with nearly every species of wildlife including horses, dogs, rabbits, a monkey and even a kinkajou) that she has shown little interest in her house and has had to be coaxed to take an interest in her grandson. In some instances she has been less than able to cope with intruders and other problems; but she is drawn here as a remarkable woman, as fascinating as all the creatures and people in her daughter's book. [March 8]

#### THE RAPE OF THE GREAT PLAINS:

Northwest America, Cattle and Coal. *Ross K. Toole.* Atlantic-Little, Brown, \$9.95 ISBN 0-316-84990-1

Exploitation of the northern Great Plains is an old story, but the land now faces the ultimate ecological disaster in strip mining for coal. Along with the mines, plans call for on-site conversion plants which require vast quantities of water—a commodity notably lacking in the area. Ross Toole eloquently describes the fight to save the land, and the people involved on both sides—Indians, ranchers, bankers, farmers, miners and representatives of coal and oil interests. He explains why the Western lands cannot be reclaimed, as in Appalachia; discusses the actual value of Western coal compared to Eastern deposits; reviews the appalling conditions in communities already affected by the coal boom. The message is loud and clear—is 30 years' supply of energy worth total destruction of the environment? Toole presents his case without sentimentality, with hard facts and figures. Maps; bibliography. [March 9]

#### THE ASSASSINATIONS:

Dallas and Beyond—A Guide to Cover-Ups and Investigations. *Edited by Peter Dale Scott, Paul H. Hoch and Russell Statler.* Random House, \$15 ISBN 0-394-40107-7; paper \$5.95

Edited by a trio of dogged and knowledgeable assassination-watchers, here is a massive gathering of primary documents drawn from books, magazines and other sources that have raised troubling questions about the deaths of JFK, Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert Kennedy—and the possibilities of cover-ups by officials and agencies even in the shooting of George Wallace. The compilation is orderly, comprehensive, often acid in its probing. Closing with a petition (signable by the reader) asking

Congress formally to re-open the investigation into JFK's death in Dallas and look into FBI-CIA roles in that and the other assassinations up to the present, the book anthologizes some 50 trenchant probes, including some quite recent, by hard-line assassination sleuths like Weisberg, Lane and Sylvia Meagher as well as writers like Gore Vidal and David S. Clifton, ex-FBI agents, forensic pathologist Dr. Cyril Wecht, newsmen, attorneys and others. Beyond Dallas—and beyond easy dismissal. Index, etc. [March 11]

#### MAN IN AFRICA.

*Colin M. Turnbull.* Anchor/Doubleday, \$7.95 0-385-05671-0

The eminent anthropologist, author of "The Mountain People" and other books, examines various African cultural areas and explores linkages between man and the environment—a natural social order he believes has largely been lost in modern Western society. In virtually every African society, he shows, the people are "kin" not only to the animals they hunt but also to the rocks and stones, trees and water, sun and moon. Civilization in Africa is largely a question of human relationships. The focus is on social personality rather than individual identity. Religious belief unites Africans, regardless of whether they live in forest, desert, or river valley; it gives their world color and shape and meaning, and it ensures democracy and justice. This is as true of Africa today as it was of the ancient African empires. A beautiful introduction to human unity and diversity. Drawings by John Morris; photos. [March 12]

#### HOW TO BE GOOD.

*L. Rust Hills.* Doubleday, \$6.95 ISBN 0-385-00235-1

The third in Hills's how-to trilogy, "Revelations of a Fussy Man," has a long, explanatory subtitle: "Or The Somewhat Tricky Business of Attaining Moral Virtue in a Society That's

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