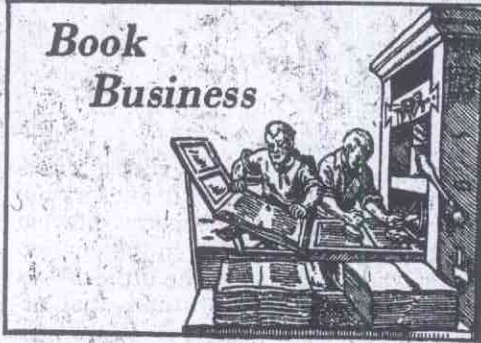


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ROBERT SHERRILL, the iconoclastic Washington correspondent for *The Nation* with a reputation for scrupulously honest political reporting, has signed a contract with Dial to go on a major dig into the Kennedy family.

Sherrill, neither a Kennedy loyalist nor antagonist, tackled the question marks of Chappaquiddick recently in *The New York Times Magazine*, an article that may have figured in Kennedy's decision not to run for President in '76.

Sherrill plans to work on the book through next year and Dial hopes to publish in the fall of '76.

His other books include that unforgettable title for Harper & Row, *Military Justice is to Justice as Military Music is to Music*; and *The Saturday Night Special* for Charterhouse, a best-selling book about gun legislation that concentrated on the type of cheap handgun used to kill Robert Kennedy.

Deans' List

THE JOHN DEAN FAMILY of books continues to grow at Bantam. From Maureen Dean's Watergate-wife book, to John Dean's novel about a black woman judge in Washington, to a second book for John. This one: a book of essays on the nature of politics and the judicial process.

Dean has "a portion" of his novel written but is thought to have put the literary work aside for the moment. Marc Jaffee, senior vice-president at Bantam said he's only received a couple of letters from Dean since the Watergate trial began, and that those were requests for a lot of books.

Bantam is the prime contractor for the Deans' books and has reportedly asked for approximately \$25,000 for the hard-cover rights to John's novel.

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Moon Boom

FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX has received a steady injection of dollars from *Carrying the Fire*, Michael Collins's book on his career as an astronaut and the first moon flight. The book has sold 32,800 copies (exclusive of book clubs) since its summer publication and is priced at \$10. The German rights were recently sold for \$10,000 (English rights had already been sold for over \$10,000 and the Spanish rights for \$4,000. The Reader's Digest is using it in February.

Next spring FS&G will publish Tom Wolfe's *The Right Stuff*, the "Kool-Aid" Kid's long-awaited account of "the inner life of the astronauts." Wolfe spent months with astronauts and their families researching the human adventures and weaknesses that enabled them to touch ground after their colossal ego-boasts. He uncovers a "hidden Olympus" that these men aspired to long before they became astronauts and dubs it "The Brotherhood of the Right Stuff."

And L. Woiwode has just delivered the manuscript for his second novel, *Beyond the Bedroom Wall*, about which Roger Straus Jr., president of FS&G, says, "It may be the biggest novel I've ever had my hands on."

Woiwode has been working on the book for six years. His first novel, *What I'm Going To Do, I Think*, won the William Faulkner Foundation Award for "the most notable first novel" of 1969.

This new work deals with the structure of the American family. Publication is planned for "no earlier than April and no later than June." Straus hopes that he can keep the price of the 600-page book at \$10.

They Love Lucy

FOR THE THIRD TIME in the conservative 48-year history of the Book-of-the-Month Club, a woman has been appointed to the panel of judges. Lucy Rosenthal joined the selection committee of four men: Clifton Fadiman, Gilbert Highet, John K. Hutchens and Wilfred Sheed. The judges, now being referred to as the "Editorial Board," decide which books will make the prestigious and financially lucrative monthly selection.

Rosenthal has been a part of the editorial department at the Book-of-the-Month Club for several years and has been a reviewer for *Saturday Review*, *Book World* and *Ms*.

Oops

CORRECTION: Putnam's John Dodds is editing actress Anne Baxter's autobiography as reported last week, but Anne Bancroft, not Baxter, is married to comedian Mel Brooks—at least, last we heard.