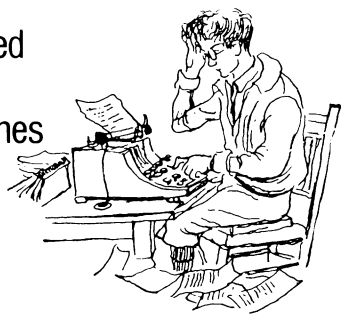


# THE SOURCE

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## Exotic crops

Least you cherish the notion that the only items which find their way into this writer's in-tray at 473 Elizabeth Street are cyclo-styled stapled catalogues and ponderous bibliographies, let me tell you of some of the curiosia which have materialised there recently.

*QAC-PESKEM* came with a nice note from a Source reader who, when he has nothing better to do, is a lecturer in plant protection at Queensland Agricultural College. Ah yes, *QAC*. But *PESKEM*?

A technical publication from the College provided the answer: *QAC-PESKEM* is a database of products registered for controlling pests 'on the spectrum of crops from broadcast to ornamentals, and their registered and approved uses in Queensland and New South Wales'.

Issued in two parts, one listing preparations by their active constituent, the other arranged by crop and pest (from almonds to youngberries), *QAC-PESKEM* is available in print and microfiche form and is issued annually.

*QAC-PESKEM uses* and *QAC-PESKEM products* cost \$20.00 for the printed version, \$10.00 for the fiche. (ISSN 0158-023X and ISSN 0706-5906). Just the thing if you have trouble with Macadamia twig-girdler or fat hen in your sugarcane.

Of course if your cane crop is not much chop, you could always turn it into ethanol, along with a whole range of other feedstocks. The arrival of W.A.N. Brown's *Fuel ethanol: a guide for the small scale producer* was therefore timely.

It's a basic 170-page guide to the technology of production and use of ethanol as an alternative fuel, with attention also being paid to its economics.

Although published in New Zealand, this work also provides information on Australian regulations, and was clearly written with an eye to the Australian market. Has useful bibliography, glossary, appendices and is well indexed.

*Fuel ethanol* by W.A.N. Brown was published this year by Bio-Energy Developments, Christchurch, NZ. It is available locally from Lesley Anderson, PO Box 400, Bondi Junction, NSW 2022 and costs \$12.80 including postage. (ISBN 0 473 00075 X).

If your acres are limited and your purse likewise you may need *Cheap plants and gardens* by Margaret Knight. This is a guide to over 400 places where you can buy indoor and outdoor plants, trees, shrubs, seeds and garden supplies, mainly in NSW and Victoria. It is also full of gardening hints and advice, from how to keep a Venus fly-trap well fed to how to create a perfumed garden.

At \$3.95 *Cheap plants and gardens* is good value. It's published by Horan Wall and Walker in Surry Hills, NSW. (ISSN 0725-3559).

Ah well, back to bibliographies of bibliographies and directories of directories.

## Not for just a year

The International Year of Disabled Persons generated a considerable amount of valuable reference material to which I referred from time to time in this column.

IYDP may have ended, but the publishing impetus remains.

Among recent publications are the papers of the Second National Seminar on Library Services for the Handicapped, which was held in Canberra in May 1981. Major topics of the Seminar were resource sharing, the Copyright Act and the production of special format materials, and the potential of computer technology to assist handicapped readers. Among the reports of workshop groups appended to the papers are guidelines for the preparation of an Australian standard for library service to the handicapped. *Second National Seminar on Library Service for the Handicapped: Canberra 18-20 May 1981: Papers* were published by the National Library of Australia as Networks Study no 20 in its 'Development of resource sharing networks' series. It costs \$5.95. (ISBN 0 642 99249 5). Limited stocks of the papers of the first seminar (Library Services for the Handicapped: a National Consultative Seminar, Canberra, 1-3 August 1978) are still available at \$5.75. (ISBN 0 642 99142 1.)

As part of its contribution to IYDP, the library of the Australian Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital (AWCH) has produced a two-part bibliography on handicapped children. Part 1 of *Handicapped children and their families* is a select list of 72 monographs in three categories: handbooks or texts intended mainly for parents, bibliographies and children's books which depict handicaps. Each entry has a 3 to 6 line annotation.

Part 2 of the bibliography is a selection of references to journal articles and books. The 486 items listed range from the general to the specific and cover topics from adoption to visual impairment. *Handicapped children and their families* is available from the Librarian, AWCH Library, 80 Phillip Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150. Part 1 costs \$0.80 (ISBN 0 959 6719 4 3), part 2 \$3.50 (ISBN 0 959 6719 5 1), or you can get both for \$4.00.

## For fervent followers

Ardent librarianship students, teachers and researchers, as well as some practitioners bent on following up periodical references not in their own collection: help is at hand, at least if you live in Melbourne.

Elizabeth Morrison and Patricia Bratulic have compiled *Librarianship serials in Victoria: a guide to titles received in eight libraries*. This is a revised and extended version of *Librarianship periodicals in Melbourne: a guide to titles currently received in five libraries* which was published in 1977.

Libraries covered in the latest edition are (NUCOM location symbols) VBAX, VDU, VERC, VLU, VMoU, VRIT, VS:CL, VSL.

In case you think that the information in this work merely repeats that in SALSSAH, it should be noted that this work also includes librarianship periodicals listed by subject and by country of origin, and that the entries themselves are generally annotated to indicate, briefly, the scope of the item listed.

*Librarianship serials in Victoria* obviously represents many hours of tedious effort on the part of its compilers and contributing libraries. Its users will, equally obviously, save a lot of time by using it.

It costs \$6.50, including postage, and is available from the Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University, Clayton, Vic 3168. (0 86862 003 7).

## Musical Britain

If you need to know where the most comprehensive composer collection in private hands in the United Kingdom is, or simply whether you can borrow sets of scores in South Shields, *Music in British libraries* will be invaluable. Subtitled 'a directory of resources' and now in its third edition, Barbara Penney's work lists 712 collections, including all types of library.

Access conditions, hours of opening, any special collections or services as well as details of stock are given for each entry. At £27.00 it's probably destined only for the largest reference collections in Australia. Barbara Penney's *Music in British libraries*, third edition, was published in 1981 by the Library Association. It is available locally from the James Bennett Group. (ISBN 0 85365 981 8). □

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