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CHECKLISTS AVAILABLE

As reported in previous Bulletins Dave Sutton's SHADOW has been printing an up to date checklist of H.P. Lovecraft. Now the various parts are to be combined into a complete checklist available separately. This will include a checklist of novels and stories listed chronologically (as written), plus a complete index to Lovecraft (anthologizations, book collections etc). In addition to the lists already in SHADOW there will be an "Addenda to H.P. Lovecraft: The Books", bringing Lin Carter's essay up to date. Price has not been settled yet, but doubtless you could order your copy in readiness from Dave at 17 Cocksmead Croft, Kings Heath, Birmingham 14.

For the fans of Detective, Mystery and Suspense Fiction then a new US checklist will enthral you. WHO DONE IT? is a checklist by Ordean H. Hagen available from R.R. Bowker Co., P.O. Box 617, Times Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10036. Price is \$18.95 which in rough translation is £7-18-0d. Pricey tho this may seem, it is real value for money. In its 834 pages is a complete checklist of all detective stories, including all sf detective stories, with Asimov, Kuttner, Lovecraft and others being listed. It is in two parts, part one being the biblio by author of books from 1841-1967. Part two is in eight sections, including subject guide to mysteries, films, plays, locations, characters, anthologies and collections, Edgar winners, plus a "Murder Miscellany" packed with facts. A boon to the collector.

ERRATA:

INFO 1 included a breakdown on the two 51-65 indices by MIT and Norm Metcalf. At that time I was under the impression that the Metcalf index was available from Ben Stark, from whom I had obtained mine after reading of this in Schuyler Miller's ANALOG review.

However subsequent correspondence between Norm and myself has revealed a certain seedy side to Ben Stark's negotiations. So I strongly advise anyone who is thinking of purchasing the Metcalf Index but who has not already, to order the new index (complete to 1969) from Abal Books, P.O. Box 314, Denver, Colorado 80201, at the price of \$6.50 (postage included). At such a price this index is unbelievable value, and my apologies to Norm for the misleading info previously given.

Norm is at present working on an even more complete index going from 1923 - date listing all the hitherto forgotten magazines, and when this index is complete it will be THE sf index.

NEW MAGAZINES:

It appears that like 1953 was the sf boom year, 1970 will be the fantasy boom year. At any rate several new magazines are ordained to appear. In Britain Phil Harbottle is beginning a sister magazine to VISION OF TOMORROW namely VANGUARD, and in the same group Ken Bulmer is starting his own, as yet untitled SWORD & SORCERY zine. In the US RAWLOWNDOS has begun yet another companion to MAGAZINE OF HORROR and STARTLING MYSTERY, namely WEIRD TERROR, first issue containing "He" by Lovecraft, "The Beast Of Averroigne" by Clark Ashton Smith and others. Rumbblings from William Crawford at SPACEWAY implies that FANTASY BOOK may yet reappear. COVEN 13 has now had four fantasy issues and is highly recommended. Who knows where this will all lead!

