

Long Cool Woman OF A TENREE #1

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to: T K F WEISSKOPF REINHARDT: Tis Novemebr 2003. Too close
to the deadline. But something has been in my mind a LOT recently
and, of all Sfpans, you are the most in control and influence
in the paperback book industry I'll share my concerns with
you. First of all there's Operation paperback. I was not going
to start with them. But you can get addresses from them to
send paperbacks to U S troops. One rule: if the soldier is
in Kuwait or Saudia Arabia, you cannot send a paperback with
any visual depiction (on the front or back cover or inside)
of a woman who is not completely clothed between the neck
and the knees. Do you know how many of the great suspenseful
mysteries and sf cannot be sent therefore? Of course if it's
Buffy the Vampire Slayer on the front cover I could just rip
off the front cover and send the rest of the book... BUT...

OR: do you know how many great front covers are on mediocre
sf paperbacks? Or good ones. If I like the covers, or the
ones on the Buffy, Dark Angel, or Angel paperbacks I read,
and tear off the covers to mount on my wall, and then pass
the rest of the book on, the book is question has suddenly
become a PIRATE edition. It says so, with no exception, on
the copyright page. Why not have the BACK covers torn off
for book store cred it? That's usually where the barcode is?

Furthermore, if your husband were to publish a pAPERBACK
book called My Favorite Stories by Hank Reinhardt and have
his photo on the front cover. People everywhere will rip off
the front cover to put in their walls or hang from their rear
view mirrors.

But the contents of the copies will have to be thrown out, *then,*
unread, including his glorious introductions to the stories.

I read that Eric Clapton said, I think, that he'd been
straight and sober for some time when his child died. He was
speaking to other recovering substance abusers. And when he
heard that his son died he did not return to alcohol (or other)
abuse. I don't believe he was in the building the time his
son died. But I may be wrong. I'm not wrong about the fersluganer
smelly arm-pit dwelling rule about pAPERback covers, however.
Oh, I read an author, I think at the Operation Paperback site,
say she could afford people to buy her books and pass them
on to other readers after-wards, but the internet had an alarming
number of places where people could buy Used copies, and those
sales gave no royalties to the authors, nor did the circulation
of library books. She could afford to live without royalties
from used book sales, but she was concerned about newer and/or
less popular authors. Duh?

Compare with Terry Bisson's website where he says he
knows some of his short stories have been circulated on the
net, sometimes without credit. A person ((you all probably
know some) who sends jokes of various lengths) once sent me
the complete contents of Bisson's story They're Made Out of
Meat, with no title and no byline! I told her about Terry
Bisson, and when I ~~told~~ her that after seeing him at a Deep
South con my wife told me he looked like Geraint wyn Davies
(satr of Forever Knight) she fell in love with Bisson, practically

and promoted knowledge of his existence. (That he was a good writer was a part of this too). Anyhow, someone asked him about his work being circulated on the internet and he said, to my astonishment, that the more people who read one of his stories and liked it the more copies of his books would be sold because people would eventually want them in book form. Compare/contrast certain other authors. Terry Bisson's wisdom and point of view, even if one doesn't agree, are national U S treasures.

Maybe I'll send some of his books to Iraq--I'll have to check the covers.

to: GARY BROWN: Your front cover of Oblivion 148 reminds me that I had a subscription, when I was quite young, to a Blondie and Dagwood spin-off comic title called, I think, Daisy and Her Pups. It was about Dagwood and Blondie's dog and her puppies. Your cover shows Archie and a pet dog. // I always, in the last year, thought that there were a lot more tunnels between Iraq and Syria than we knew about. The French taught the Iraqis to build underground tunnels that were very large--I think tanks could roll thru them -- and any WMD were in Syria long ago. If Saddam Hussein is 72, maybe he's in an Assisted Living place in Florida. // Is it true that tax cuts have recently helped the economy? I don't know anyone who has got one. // I am enjoying reading of your early careers, and etc. // Ambient music: a couple days ago I started to put cds in my cd player that takes 3 cds. I assume I can arrange for the tracks to be random. I was thinking of Cliff Richard and the Shadows' early album ME & MY SHADOWS (a British Rick Nelson sound to the singing and the better than the Ventures guitar band backing it up), Welcome to the Merry-Go-Round by the Long Island group This Island Earth (they sound a little like Paul McCartney if he was younger and contorted), and King Clave's Para Usted. But I changed the latter choice to "Best of" by Mike Pender's Searchers. Pender is an ex-Searcher and is not allowed to front a group called The Searchers. If you remember Needles and Pins, he did the vocal, and the lead guitarist John McNally is currently a member of the "official" The Searchers. I am a fan of both groups. I shouldn't like Pender so much. He left the group when they were rather "has beens" and both groups tour various parts of England and Germany. Pender's REMAKE of Needles and Pins makes my hair stand on end. The new(er) lead singer, whose name I've just forgotten, is terrific. I suppose both groups are as successful now as any acts that tour the States playing in Holiday Inns. I saw The Hollies last year. They hardly come to the States. They toured with Loving Spoonful, whose lead is now the original drummer Joe Butler. Joe Butler's daughter, the great actress Yancy Butler (Witchblade, Mann and Machine) just got busted for drunkenness in Florida. A year or so ago she attacked an uncle who lives in HAUPPAUGE (my town!) and head-butted a police woman after she was cuffed and taken to a police station. Oh the current lead singer of the Searchers is Spencer James. He was in another group before that. The current lead of the Hollies is (I forget) but the original guitarist Tony Hicks (remember the guitar in AIR that I Breathe?, Bus Stop?, etc.) is with the group. Oh, lead singer: Carl Wayne. ← From a group that was big in England and didn't make it here. Allan Clarke, the VOICE of He Aint Heavy, Air I breathe, Long Cool Woman, is retired.