FROM THE COORDINATOR

Philadelphia was fairly sedate. Resolutions on the environment, the Enola Gay, and a new journal called *Counterpoise* were the main events at Action Council. Some bylaw amendments were considered. More on that in the next issue.

Action Council decided not to endorse a presidential candidate this year. When voting for ALA Council, please remember to vote for SRRT members. Also, think about "bullet voting"—that is, just because you have 25 votes, it is not necessary to use them all. In fact, not using them all will help the candidates you truly favor.

Action Council elections have a full slate. You will be voting for four Councillors, each serving a three-year term. The fifth vote getter will fill out a term that is vacant because of a resignation. Deidre Conkling has found it necessary to resign. She is also on ALA Council and has recently been appointed to the Committee on Organization. Write her with your concerns over the Self Study.

Watch this space for details of SRRT's Membership Meeting in Chicago. See you there!

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TASK FORCE AND AFFILIATE NEWS

ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT

A revised and much enlarged second edition of *Alternative Publishers of Books in North America*, compiled by Byron Anderson, ISBN 0-9640119-1-3, 80 pages, appeared in January 1995. The directory describes 119 significant U.S. and Canadian presses identified by AIP members. For each entry it lists the address, phone, fax number, other press names, editor's name, year founded, average number of books published per year, average press run, associated organizations, and subject interests, followed by an explanatory paragraph. The book concludes with a bibliography, a subject index, and a list of 27 additional presses that did not respond. AIP paid for the printing of 300 copies, which were distributed at ALA in Philadelphia and subsequently. Additional copies funded by the publisher are still available for $10.00, plus a $2.00 shipping charge, from: CRISES Press, 1716 SW Williston Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; (904) 335-2200. Proceeds benefit the work of the AIP Task Force.

Chris Dodge has received endorsements from three ALA units for the zines program that he is organizing for the annual conference next June in Chicago. The ALCTS Serials Section, the ALCTS Publisher/Vendor-
Library Relations Committee, and the Intellectual Freedom Round Table have all agreed to cosponsor the event. Hope we get a big crowd! (The December issue of the SRRT Newsletter gave a preliminary description of the program and included articles about zines by Chris Dodge and Billie Aul. A more detailed description will appear in the next issue.)

Steven Harris, chair of the jury for the Jackie Eubanks Memorial Award, has announced that the first recipient will be AIP sage Noel Peattie, longtime editor of Sipapu, who has retired from the University of California at Davis libraries. The award will be presented at the beginning of the Chicago program.

AIP plans for an alternative review journal got a big boost at Midwinter when the SRRT Action Council unanimously voted to endorse the proposed publication and encouraged AIP to work with existing review journals to improve their coverage of alternative materials. The new publication, to be named Counterpoise, will represent and be responsible to SRRT, not just AIP. Specific plans for scope, format, structure, procedures, budget, and staff will be presented to Action Council for approval in June. The first issue is tentatively scheduled for January 1996. Quite a few librarians have already volunteered as reviewers for Counterpoise, but more are needed. (Write or phone Charles Willett at CRISES Press.)

In December, Charles Willett spoke at the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University on "Social Responsibilities and the Undergraduate Library" (published in Librarians at Liberty, January 1995). In February he spoke at a conference in Orlando, organized by the Florida Coalition Against Censorship, on "Why Don’t Libraries Stock Alternative Ideas?"

ENVIRONMENT

The Task Force is still working on the resolution on the use of non-chlorine bleached paper. The SRRT Action Council declared its support for the resolution during the Midwinter Conference in Philadelphia. We are also working on a program for the Chicago Annual Conference entitled "Global Change Data and the Information System: The Role of Libraries."

Within the U.S. Interagency Working Group on Data Management for Global Change (IWGDMGC), a Library Information Subgroup has been created to provide the library and information center perspectives and expertise for the design, evaluation, and promotion of the U.S. Global Change Data and Information System (GCDIS). Libraries at all levels will provide distribution channels for GCDIS systems and data as well as point-of-service contacts with multidisciplinary user communities. More than any other means of information dissemination, libraries are capable of reaching all ages, professions, institutions, and geographical locations. Libraries and librarians serve the complete range of user communities worldwide—from school libraries and media centers to academic, special, and government libraries. Additionally, within the profession, expertise can be counted on in the areas of knowledge management, indexing and abstracting, online database production, and scientific and technical publishing.

This program will serve as an introduction to the U.S. Global Change Research Program and the increased importance of data management and data products in library collections. The session will also include an overview of the GCDIS and activities, especially those related to the Library Information Subgroup. Critical to the LIS activities is feedback from the global change user community. Presentations describing two programs, the Library Access, Search, and Retrieval (LASR) Pilot Project, and the Assisted Search for
Knowledge (ASK) Project, will be made. The Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) will be presented as a rapid access to technical data available from Distributed Active Archive Centers (DAACs). The Global Change Research Information Office was established to provide a full spectrum of information services for the dissemination of information worldwide, and will be described in terms of its role for the worldwide global change end-user community.

Speakers:

Frederick W. Stoss, Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, Oak Ridge National Laboratory: "Global Change Research, Data, and Information: Their Importance for Libraries";

Roberta Rand, National Agricultural Library, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture: "ASK—Assisted Search for Knowledge Pilot Project";

Linda Hill, Center for Excellence in Space Data and Information Sciences, U.S. Space Research Agency: "LASR—Library Access, Search, and Retrieval Pilot Project";

Jean Curry, ORNL Distributed Active Archive Center, Oak Ridge National Library: "EOSDIS and Disseminating Information from DAACs";

Gerald Barton (invited), Global Change Research Office: "GCRIO and Sharing Global Change Information Worldwide."

Moderator: Patty Owen, Branch Director, Hudson Branch, Pasco County (Florida) Library System.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Maria Jankowska at the email address: majanko@uidaho.edu or call her at (208) 885-6631.

FEMINIST

The Feminist Author Breakfast will be held at ALA in Chicago on Sunday, June 25, 1995. The topic will be "Women and Humor" and will feature both authors and cartoonists. Details will be announced in the next issue of Women in Libraries and on the FTF listserv.

Help us encourage women of color to join our profession by assisting in the Task Force’s Mentoring Project. For the fourth year, FTF is sponsoring a mentorship program for women of color interested in choosing librarianship as a profession. Talented students, library employees, and library patrons will be invited to attend the 1995 ALA annual conference in Chicago and encouraged to apply for admission to and ALA-accredited MLS program. Mentees will receive paid registration to the conference and be paired with a mentor who will introduce them to the profession, answer questions, and provide assistance in navigating the conference. Mentors and mentees will each receive complimentary tickets to the Feminist Author Breakfast. Please volunteer to be a mentor, or nominate a candidate for the program. Contact Debra Gilchrist at the address below for further information.

Keep current on Task Force activities and contribute to our conversations by joining the FTF listserv. To subscribe, send a message to: listserv@mitvma.edu; in the message area type: subscribe feminist <your name>. Our listserv policies will be revised this spring and published both on the list and in Women in Libraries.

Interested in working with the Task Force? Please contact Debra Gilchrist at Pierce College Library, 9401 Farwest Drive SW, Tacoma, WA 98498. Phone: (206) 964-6553; email: dgilchri@ctc.ctc.edu
GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL

GLBTF Plans Preconference in Chicago at the ALA Annual Conference

Diversity! Outreach! Pride! Join Donna Minkowitz of the Village Voice and the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force in Chicago this June for a preconference called "Reaching Inside—Reaching Out: Supporting Growth in Libraries and Society." The preconference will explore sensitivity and human resource issues, cooperative efforts with external community organizations, Internet resources, and program and collection development issues related to gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues affecting all libraries. Sessions are designed to benefit gay and non-gay library personnel, especially administrators, public, and technical service librarians. Breakout session topics include: Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals in the Library Workplace; Human Resource Issues; Joining Together: Sharing Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Professional Subgroup Experiences; Cyberpaths to Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Information Resources; and Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in Collection Development, Community Outreach, and Programming. For further information about the preconference, including registration, contact Wendy Thomas, GLBTF Co-chair, Public Service Librarian, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138. Work phone: (617) 495-8647; fax: (617) 496-8340; email: wendy@harvarda.harvard.edu

Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table is planning a 25th Anniversary Gala during the ALA Annual Conference this June in Chicago. Festivities include an author reception at the Gerber-Hart Library and Archives, a Read-Aloud Program, and an anniversary dinner featuring Quentin Crisp, internationally known author, lecturer, actor, and bon vivant, as keynote speaker. For information about tickets for the anniversary dinner, contact Roland Hansen, Readers' Services Librarian, SAIC Flaxman Library, 37 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60603. Work phone: (312) 899-5097; fax: (312) 899-1465.

The GLBTF began in 1970 and is the first professional gay and lesbian organization in the United States.

PEACE INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Chicago conference program will feature two speakers on the topic: Peacemaking in the Schools. They will describe alternatives to militarism and violence in the schools with a focus on conflict resolution and peace curricula. There will be a display and handouts of peace education resources available at the program. If anyone has any relevant materials to contribute, please send them to: Beth Sibley, Chair, PIE Task Force, GSSI, 223 Doe Library, UCB, Berkeley, CA 94720; (510) 643-0880.

A highlight of the Midwinter Task Force meeting was guest speaker Bob Seeley, former Director of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors and author of The Handbook of Non-Violence (1986) and Choosing Peace (1994). He spoke about his work in bringing peace issues to schools in the Philadelphia area. As a volunteer with a local Quaker group, he attempts to provide alternatives to the increasing military presence (i.e., military recruitment, junior ROTC, and career academies) in our schools. Mr. Seeley discussed a consulting service he is establishing that will provide educational services for teachers, students, parents, and peace activists. Services will include training and workshops, speakers, resource people, and reading lists. For further information contact: Robert Seeley, 141 W. Harvey St., Philadelphia, PA 19144; (215) 849-4941.
EMIERT AWARD

Dr. Rita A. Scherrei, Associate University Librarian at the University Library, UCLA, has been awarded the Gale Research/Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table Award. The award was created in 1993 and focused on outstanding achievement and leadership in serving the multicultural community through collection building, unique outreach programs, and development of creative multicultural materials and services. The winner will receive a check for $1,000. This is the first multicultural award inside of ALA. The committee made its selection on February 5, 1995, at the Philadelphia Midwinter Meeting of ALA. The selection was made out of 22 nominations, many of whom were strong competitors for this award. The committee congratulates Dr. Scherrei and thanks the UCLA Library Committee on Diversity for submitting the nomination with the following statement: "... Dr. Scherrei has played a pivotal role in conceiving and implementing the diversity program in the UCLA Library. Moreover, with the same dedication and vision, she has influenced the direction of diversity activities at the University of California libraries, and has been a leader in the profession in personnel management." The committee was impressed in particular with the broad and successful recruiting program, along with staff development, reflecting a deep multicultural commitment. The award will be presented to Dr. Scherrei in Chicago, at the annual conference in June 1995. Nominations are now being solicited for the 1996 Gale/EMIERT Award. For further information, contact David Cohen, Queens College, NSF 316, Flushing, NY 11367; (718) 997-3626.

ALA MIDWINTER WRAP-UP

A brief summary of Midwinter at ALA, vis-a-vis progressive vs. regressive issues and their implications

*** At the SRRT Action Committee meeting, there was general agreement that concerned parties should pursue the Enola Gay/Smithsonian debacle (in which veterans' groups and others pressured the museum into changing its exhibit on the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan, arguing that it was disrespectful to veterans. The Smithsonian finally capitulated and canceled the entire exhibit.) Elaine Harger will work with other ALA task forces to present a poster session at this summer's ALA conference in Chicago, where the full text of the banned exhibit will be displayed, with an overview of the censorship embroglio.

Also, Peter McDonald agreed to chair a Project that will report back to SRRT on the NII [National Information Infrastructure, commonly known as the Internet]: who are the players in and out of librarianship, what are the key issues and implications of the emerging infrastructure, with whom can we collaborate to push a progressive agenda, how can we prepare a coherent platform in response to the corporatization juggernaut, and so on. (Anyone interested in this issue should contact Peter at pm13@cornell.edu)

*** The ALA Subcommittee charged with rewriting the ALA Code of Ethics is moving full steam ahead with no one apparently steering the effort in any intelligent direction. Questions posed by PLGers Elaine Harger and Melissa Riley about why the revamping of the old code was necessary drew contradictory and incoherent responses. There is, however, a clear swing in the new code toward seeing the "institution" as the central arbiter of ethical behavior, rather than the individual. Furthermore, there are "powerful forces" (in the subcommittee chair's words) pushing to call users "custom-
ers." In short, PLG sees no benefit to the association in the new code, and questions why such revision is necessary.

*** A rather nebulous but no less high-powered cabal of LAMA types (library administrators and managers) have cobbled together an action committee that calls itself: ALA Members for Change. Gung ho as the name would imply, this group is out to fill ALA Council with like-minded minions who will move their "total quality management" agenda ahead. Their agenda?

1. Empower ALA members and provide individuals with the support and skills to provide leadership in their organizations and communities.
2. Fund libraries, and work at local, state, and national levels to expand public and private financial support.
3. Build networks, and achieve positions of influence on behalf of libraries in the development and implementation of the National Information Infrastructure.
4. Reorganize ALA, and build on the work of the self-study process.
5. Focus ALA on the professional development of librarians, advocacy for libraries, and leadership in national information policy.

Phew! Highfalutin as all this sounds, the upshot is that ALAMFC wholeheartedly supports the antidemocratic Self Study proposals, and believes ALA should focus on library issues to the exclusion of social issues. If "achieving positions of influence" means cozying up to big business and a Republican Congress—then doubtless they will do it! And they plan to pack ALA Council in order to succeed in their efforts. PLGers Elaine Harger, Mark Rosenzweig, and Melissa Riley spoke up vociferously and questioned the core values of this group. Any news about ALA Members for Change that comes to the attention of PLGers should be widely posted on PLGNet.

That's the basic news. Other than the fact that Philadelphia was snowy, cold, and lacked any decent bars to hang out in, a good time was sort of had by some. (At best, a lackluster endorsement!)

--Peter McDonald, PLGNet Manager

SRRT, along with the students and faculty of the Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Science, join with colleagues, friends, and family in mourning the loss of Dr. Elizabeth Futas, who passed away suddenly on February 6, 1995, during ALA Midwinter. SRRT Action Council stood for a moment of silence in her honor at the beginning of its second session. Liz was a graduate of Brooklyn College (BA), University of Minnesota (MLS), Queens College (MA), and Rutgers University (PhD). Prior to her death she was Dean of the Library School at the University of Rhode Island. Author of several books and numerous journal articles, past editor of RQ, staunch advocate for library education, and active participant in ALA and other library associations, she was chosen to receive the Beta Phi Mu Award for distinguished service to education for librarianship at the ALA Midwinter Conference. SRRT is especially indebted to her for her work as coordinator of the Feminist Task Force in the early 1980s. Liz was a longtime member of SRRT and one of our active supporters on ALA Council. Contributions may be made to the Elizabeth Futas Memorial Scholarship Fund, American Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; and cards sent to the family at 210 East Broadway, Apt. #1601, New York, NY 10002.

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This biennial alternative to library literature is, as always, a welcome installment of progressive writings dealing with issues affecting libraries and librarianship. Such writings are often hard to find in the mainstream library literature, a mainstream that usually occupies itself with professional satisfaction, the latest library trends, and the typical "this is what we did at our library" type of research.

Berman and Danky have put together a collection of articles from diverse journals and magazines. The content of the articles ranges from human rights to a little ditty about the absence of the F word in Library of Congress subject headings that manages to raise serious questions and sometimes chuckles.

Other topics include multiculturalism, the environment, women, censorship, and sex. The volume is indexed and includes a directory of magazines from which the articles were drawn.

—Lisa Pillow, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.


Memoirs from survivors of the former Soviet Union's (FSU) penal colonies border on glutting the market these days -- although one wonders if there could ever be a sufficient number of voices documenting these 20th-century atrocities. Nadezhda Joffe's memoir is supposed to be important and remarkable (according to the book's foreword) because it is the only one written by a member of the Left Opposition formed under Leon Trotsky in the early 1920s (her father was a Trotsky colleague and her political views, not to mention her life, were influenced and shaped by this relationship.) One wonders about the significance of this fact outside the FSU, however, since Joffe's exile and prison experiences closely resemble those of many who have written before her. The publisher stresses that the significance comes from the descriptions of personal relationships with members of the Left Opposition, relationships not easily nor publicly discussed inside the FSU.

This memoir was written in the early 1970s, following Joffe's "rehabilitation" into Soviet life when, as she tells us, "the euphoria from the 'Khrushchev thaw' had not fully subsided..." It was published in the FSU during Mikhail Gorbachev's time in power and must have indeed been significant there, where readers could better appreciate the political relationships and the political history that make up a good part of the book. In fact, the book presumes a fair level of knowledge about Soviet political history, enough that it would not be of much interest to those who do not have that knowledge. (Interestingly, and not surprisingly, the publisher reports that the initial
Russian press run of approximately 150,000 copies sold out.) One wonders what the reaction to this book would be today in the new Russia, where refutation of all Marxism-Leninism, let alone Marxism-Leninism-Trotskyism, is a popular vocation.

The writing is choppy and Joffe sometimes seems distracted by her own memories (this may be the fault of the translator or it may have been written this way in the original Russian.) The beauty and pain of the profound reflections on the human existence that are in the book are lessened by frequent and annoying digressions. The reader will often want more insight and commentary in many passages. In contrast, the account of the prison/exile life in Siberia by Varlam Shalamov is hauntingly and more deeply captured in his fictional Kolyma Tales.

To her credit, however, Joffe does share a good bit of herself: her undaunting belief and optimism in a true, worldwide socialist revolution, her youthful naivete about the prospects for her life following her first arrest and exile in 1929 (she was "hopeful" about it), and the disappearance and eventual death of her husband in the camps. She considered it her "duty" to write this memoir for her children and for all those with whom she shared prison cells and camp quarters. For this, she cannot be faulted.

It would be difficult to recommend this book for anything but strong academic collections in Soviet/Russian history. Its somewhat steep price may deter curious public librarians from purchasing it as well.

---Christopher Lee Cochran, Academy for Educational Development/USAID, Washington, D.C.


While packing for a five-day backpacking adventure I decided to throw in Joseph Bruchac’s *Dawn Land* and boy am I glad I did. This is an excellent campfire story to bring along and read aloud. The preface explains that this novel takes place "about ten thousand years ago, (when) the last traces of the great glaciers left the area we now know as New England... sometime between the final retreat of those glaciers and the period before the first European settlers (whether Norse or English) came to the area now known as the maritime provinces of Canada and New England" (p. ix-x).

Joseph Bruchac, an Abenaki storyteller, introduces two characters, Young Hunter and Weasel Tail, as symbols of good and evil. Something sinister is headed toward the people of the Dawn Land and Young Hunter is chosen to go forth and confront the danger for his people. The characters in Bruchac’s novel are rich and multifaceted. What makes this book so special is that Bruchac portrays hope for lost souls, showing how people can come to be evil or lost.

Young Hunter was orphaned at an early age and raised by his grandparents. Weasel Tail was also orphaned at an early age with the violent death of his parents by unknown assailants. The two boys have drastically different childhoods and familial support which determines each boy’s nature. The theme of respect and kindness to one’s fellow man carries over to the animal world. Bruchac’s subplots describe dogs who are faithful companions to their masters if they are not abused or neglected. The neglect of children and animals can never result in anything positive. Bruchac weaves many themes and lessons in his novel, but the most powerful is his interpretation of redemption. "Even monsters can be..."
redeemed when their hearts are melted by the warmth of a fire. Thus, reforming your enemies rather than killing them is a more desirable solution in many traditional tales" (p. xiii).

Joseph Bruchac’s world bears little resemblance to what a reader experiences today, but the reader is left to reflect on what causes a twisting of the mind in today's world. The novel describes values that people can hold dear even today.

_Dawn Land_ is many wonderful stories in one. Above all it is a story about a young boy’s passage from childhood to adulthood. It is a story of a people’s survival and the future that awaits them. Bruchac’s world is not perfect and the novel contains some violent (though not gratuitous) scenes. A high school library might find a rape scene too graphic for its readers, but Bruchac portrays the act realistically. This book is an excellent addition to any college or university fiction collection. Parents will also enjoy reading and discussing with their children the significance of both sad and triumphant moments in this Native American novel.

—Deborah Hollis, Government Publications Library, University of Colorado at Boulder.


Asa Hilliard, the Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University, has produced, in _50 Plus_, a useful bibliography of the history of African people. The fifty annotated books and articles _plus_ an unannotated list of eleven titles cover a wide variety of topics ranging from modern-day racism ( _Race, Racism, and American Law_ by Derrick Bell, 1973) to ancient Egyptian origins (_African Origin of Civilization_ by C. A. Diop, 1974). The bibliography contains a number of well-known titles such as _Black Reconstruction_ (1935) by W.E.B. Du Bois along with a scattering of little-known publications like _African American Baseline Essays_, issued by the Portland, Oregon, Multnomah School District (1987).

Hilliard’s annotations are entirely positive since the chosen titles are, in his opinion, the best ones available on the topic. His goal is to present to students, lay readers, and scholars, readings that will "correct images that have been distorted by exploiters of Africa and its people." This work has been thoughtfully prepared and, although brief, should find a useful place in academic and large public libraries where there is an interest in the history of the African people.

—Donald C. Dickinson, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.


Fundamentalisms and the State is an excellent collection of essays that describe the effects fundamentalist groups have had on their own countries. It is the third volume of the Fundamentalism Project, which has been produced by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. This volume is divided into three parts.

"Remaking Polities" is made up of essays describing, usually in chronological order, the activities that particular fundamentalist groups have taken part in to gain power in their countries’ governments. The reader can learn why tourists have been targeted in
Egypt, what defines Jewish fundamentalism, and what led to the violence in Northern Ireland.

"Restructuring Economies" contains works describing the economic philosophies of several fundamentalist groups, how they have affected the economic climates in their countries, and comments on their successes and failures. Here the reader learns the differences between Islamic and Western economic practices; for example, Islamic banks don't charge "interest," but they find other ways to make a profit from their customers.

The final part, "Remaking the World through Militancy," covers several different groups which have used or advocated violence or engaged in civil disobedience to effect change. The essayists discuss such organizations as the Jihad and Operation Rescue, and events like Afghanistan's Islamic War of Resistance and the militant activities in Iran.

Every major religion is discussed, and almost every continent is covered. Although the book was published in 1993, the latest events mentioned occurred in February of 1992. This leaves the reader wishing for the author's thoughts on recent events. For the most part, the writers have been objective in their descriptions, but several conclude that fundamentalism cannot be effective in making long-term or permanent changes in any country.

Due to the heavy emphasis on political systems, Fundamentalisms and the State would probably be more at home in a political science collection. The essays are written by academics and are geared to an educated audience, making this volume more useful to college or academic libraries.

--Cheryl Martin, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX


The women writers represented in this volume have been very busy. With poems, short stories, essays, novels, plays, film scripts, and other writing, they have produced a literary feast for all who wish to understand the Latina experience. Here is an anthology of the best kind -- one that gives many hours of joyful reading and offers access in one volume to many works not found in even major libraries.

The authors themselves number forty-six and represent "a broad spectrum of . . . Latinas presently residing within the United States." Their backgrounds include Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Argentinean, Chilean, Columbian, Dominican, Sephardic, and others. The literary genres include poetry, essays, short stories, and one play. Perhaps most helpful to libraries are the biographical sketches about each writer, a twelve-page bibliography, and a listing of presses involved in the publication of works by Latinas. In addition, the introduction by Roberta Fernandez contains a history of literary and publishing interests of Latinas.

Included are works of well-known writers such as Gloria Anzaldúa, Marjorie Agosín, Pat Mora, Cherrie Morago, Nicholas Mohr, and also less well known but equally talented and prolific writers. Indeed, the most striking aspect of the biographical sketches is just how prolific all these writers have been. Noted critic Jean Franco speaks of his delight in reading these resumes, of "their vitality and ingenuity," of "so much poetry... still read aloud in public performances," of such "extraordinary variety of cultural experiences."
Their writings, above all, deal with survival—the survival of traditions, the survival of new ideas, the survival of the self in a new place, but, most of all, the survival and rebirth of language as art and meaning. On this theme, one poet, Veronica Cunningham writes, "What if we created/ a language/ beyond curse of abuse/ or the jagged judgments/ of unintended hearts."

Many of the writers experiment with moving between cultures. Roberta Fernandez, for example, writes of life in Peru and her perspective on language and life there from the viewpoint of a visiting scholar in "(Re)vision of an American Journey." In "Green? or Red?", a story about her move from California to New Mexico, Mary Helen Ponse writes of hot chilies, a funny mother-daughter outing, and the changes involved in aging.

This is, in short, a book which will delight and educate. It is also the type of book that should be found in small and large collections alike, particularly those interested in materials representative of the multicultural world in which we live.

—Susan Tucker, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, New Orleans, LA.


Designed for use by dietitians and other health care professionals, this guide discusses the nutritional implications of AIDS and problems relating to diet that occur among PWAs (people with AIDS). A brief introduction to AIDS and its associated opportunistic illnesses is followed by detailed descriptions of the interactions of nutrition and the immune system. Nutritional implications of AIDS include changes in body composition, reactions of various drugs, and effects of continued fever and infections.

Schreiner outlines tests which may be performed to give additional information about individual nutritional needs. Factors discussed in relation to the nutritional assessment of a PWA include malabsorption, fat stores, protein stores, and nutrient intake. Strategies for handling complications such as anorexia and nausea are covered and summarized in a chart. Separate sections on pediatric AIDS, depression, patient education, alternative AIDS therapies, and education for health care staff are provided, with references to appropriate handouts provided in the appendices. Several case studies by registered dietitians comprise a separate section of the book.

Bibliographies of cited references and general references are included. Several pages of appendices include handouts for patients. No index or illustrations are provided, although the detailed table of contents helps in finding information on a particular topic. Specific client handouts in the appendices are referenced in appropriate sections in the main text. The 3-ring binder format is not ideal for many libraries, since pages may be lost or torn out, but they are easy to remove for photocopying.

Obviously, this 1990 book does not contain the most current data on AIDS, but the 1992 update provides an expanded bibliography, summaries of new nutritional research, more client handouts, and another case study. Nutrition Handbook for AIDS is not an in-depth source of research information, but rather a source book for the practitioner to use in the everyday treatment of PWAs. Sophisticated and knowledgeable patients may also be able to use some of the materials presented. Recommended for medical libraries and other libraries serving populations with a special need for this information.

—Gwen Gregory, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM.

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