

## Library looseleaf

by Esther Taylor  
Edmund Crispin in the Sunday Times described Ruth Rendell as "the best woman crime writer we have had since Sayers, Christie, Allingham and Marsh." Her first novel From Doon with Death was published in 1964. Since then, she has won three awards for her writing, which has been translated into 12 languages. Her books are published in the United States, and appear in paperback in Britain and the USA.

Rendell's latest mystery Make Love With Death combines suspense and vivid characterization. It's the story of Alan Groombridge, manager of the sub-branch of the Anglian-Victoria Bank in a Suffolk village. Groombridge relieved the tedium of his personal life and work by fantasizing about stealing three thousand pounds to squander on a year of freedom from his wife and job. He partially played out his secret fantasy by taking the money from the safe, and dreaming of its role in one glorious year far from a lack-lustre marriage and other bonds of a dull life.

Fate took a hand, and the fantasy became a chilling reality when two layabouts decided to rob the bank during what should have been Groombridge's lunch hour. Actually, when the villains struck, the manager was in his office gloating over three thousand pounds of bank notes. The only victim of the robbery was a young cashier Joyce who was forced to flee with the felons because she had seen their faces.

From this point in the story, suspense builds up, and the plot takes an ironic twist, as Groombridge on the loose with his precious pounds, falls in love for the first time in his life. The book is Rendell at her best. Other Ruth Rendell books in the library are: The Best Man to Die, A Demon in My View, The Fallen Curtain and Other Stories, A Guilty Thing Surprised, The Secret House of Death, A Sleeping Life.

Are you in the mood for a prolonged chortle? Me Bandy, You Clissie: the Journals of Bartholemew Bandy will provide hilarious reading. Bandy, Canada's unforgettable air ace of That's Me in the Middle, misadventures in New York at the height of the Roaring Twenties. Author Donald Jack also wrote Three Cheers For Me and It's Me Again. The library has That's Me in the Middle in hardback, and

paperbacks of the other tales. A zany war book that in this reader's not-so-humble opinion, failed to draw just acclaim, is a fair oddie, but well worth reading if you have missed it. The Private War of Jacket Coates by Herbert Fairlie Wood, published in 1966 is a delight, whether or not one has served in the Armed Forces.

Broke in 1950 at the time of the Korean War, Jacket, a World War II veteran re-enlisted in the Infantry to continue his private war against the army. Jacket tells how he got by "without a single lie that would cause trouble." At the expense of the military, he managed to "wangle good jobs, to beat the raps, and generally defeat the system." Jacket's cronies are equally uninhibited, including Elmer Butts, who obeys the CO's order "clean up my uniforms" by washing them all and hanging them out to dry.

Some readers, myself included, rarely laugh aloud, no matter how funny the book. An address by an Aussie VD, Control Officer in Jacket Coates Private War spoiled the record of Yers Truly, whose sudden chortle at midnight scared three cats and a pooch into sanctuary under the bed.

Farley Mowat, rated in the top strata of Canadian authors, has written his first war book And No Birds Sang. It is described as "a searing condemnation of the atrocity of war," "the anguished odyssey of a young soldier struggling to stay alive in a world gone mad," "a timeless story of the courage forged by terror in a man's heart. And No Birds Sang is a new pinnacle of achievement for Farley Mowat."

Staffers who have yet to read And No Birds Sang are eager to confirm advance criticism. Mowat is a favorite with Acton library people.

Another spanking new novel shipped here last week is Richard Rohmer's Balls, in the best-selling tradition of Ultimatum, Exoneration and Separation. A must for Rohmer fans. A regular reader recently reported being an on the spot witness to the humanity of a Georgetown couple, who while fishing at Fairy Lake, rescued a Mallard trapped by a lure. The man, unidentified, waded into the drink, scooped up the frantic duck in a net, and with the help of his wife, removed the lure. Exit, one relieved and no doubt, grateful quacker. Stories like this help to balance the ledger.



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## Obituary

### Nellie Bailey dies in Acton

Funeral service was held recently for Nellie Bailey, who died Sept. 11, at the home of her daughter in Acton. She was in her 87th year. Mrs. Bailey resided at the Shoemaker funeral home, with interment at Shelburne Cemetery. She is survived by her children, Mrs. Bertha Faulkner, Acton, Mrs. Olive Hood, Dundalk, Mrs. Gertrude Humphrey, Owen Sound, Mrs. Beatrice Schaldemose, Coquitlam, British Columbia, Bill Bailey, Chatsworth. She is also survived by one sister, Sadie Yukum, Weston, ten grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren, and one sister-in-law, Wiurice Orvis, Shelburne. She was predeceased by her husband Harry Bailey. Pallbearers were Ray Snow, grandson-in-law, Williamford, Elmer Wardrop, grandson-in-law, Southampton, Bill Gibbs, stepson-in-law, Burlington, John Viestra, neighbor, Acton, Miller Waudby, Shelburne, and D. Elliott, Hamilton. Honorary pallbearers were Don Travis, Tiverton, Ron Hood, Orangeville, and Bud Kentner, Acton.

### Approve U.S. funds

No sooner did the region's treasurer Don Farmer have approval to place a debenture issue in United States funds, than he was out the door of council chambers placing his call to the market place. The approval to go after United States bond backers was made last Wednesday. That followed a recommendation from the previous Wednesday asking for immediate approvals the region could cash in on the sky rocketing U.S. interest rates. The region was told that putting the \$5 million debenture issue on the market that day could result "in substantial benefits" to Halton.



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**Will I ever sleep again?**   
A booklet dedicated to baby's sleep habits. How to deal with baby's night wakings, nightmares, etc. Remember, it's best to start bedtime routines early in baby's life. This folder is a good place to begin.

**Toilet training**   
Some helpful do's, don'ts and things to remember when it's time to produce the potty. Toilet training need not be inconvenient, embarrassing, frustrating or disappointing. Here's an effective guide to build your confidence in coping with this complicated issue! Minimize the child's problems and maximize your confidence.

**Playing and learning (toddlers and infants)**   
Infants and toddlers love to explore. Play-and-learn games are key ingredients to a healthy, positive child-parent relationship: doing, touching, tasting, and dramatic play. Also, "nursery songs", "finger and toe games", "story telling" and "mayonnaise painting". Play-and-learn games help baby's general development!

**Freedom to grow**   
Psychologists believe that children should try to learn new skills naturally. Kids want to do things for themselves but can be discouraged when over-protected. We all want our children to grow up to be responsible, independent adults. This helpful folder can serve as an excellent guide along the way.

**Aggression is natural**   
Children go through the same feelings of frustration and anger as you do. And sometimes it's hard to get a handle on the hostility your child is experiencing. With a little self-control, love and the advice contained in this folder, you can make your child's aggressive tendencies a positive form of self-expression.

**Discipline**   
Discipline is confusing to many. Some feel it is wrong to be angry with a child. Discipline, however, is necessary to a healthy parent-child relationship. Ideally, discipline helps a child become self-confident and, more importantly, self-disciplined. Although there are no pat answers, this folder offers some reasonable suggestions, when your child becomes unreasonable.

**Jealousy**   
It's practically impossible to prevent your older child from growing suspicious when a strange new baby arrives in the home. Help your child overcome these feelings by knowing about them before they happen. "What to do when baby arrives?", "special treats", and "shared caring" are just a few of the sensible suggestions this pamphlet offers. Prepare your child before the second baby comes along.

**Children are people.**   
The importance of praise and encouragement, consistency in discipline, and the gift of love are discussed. The "child as a person" theory is examined with special emphasis on the early development of a positive parent-child relationship.

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