

# Picnics — easy to prepare, and fun

Every once in a while, a line from a childhood rhyme about a super-mom jingles through my head. "She made them a picnic whenever they asked it, with ham and bananas and pop in a basket."

Picnics may be going out of style a bit, since almost everyone has barbecue fever, but there is something nice about packing a lunch and heading for an unknown destination.

Glamour picnics with crystal wine glasses and linen napkins are fine if you're planning to dine elegantly beside the swans on the Avon, but if you're just carting the kids out to the beach for a late swim and supper, the following menu is a little easier to cope with.

Salad-stuffed rolls are a good alternative to sandwiches. Choose soft rolls that are easy to handle. Butter them, and stuff with the following:  
 2 cups flaked crab meat (if you're rich), or tuna (if you're like most of us)  
 1/2 cup diced cucumber  
 1 cup chopped celery  
 4 sweet pickles, chopped  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 Dash of pepper

juice of one lemon  
 Combine everything except the lemon juice. Sprinkle with lemon juice, and moisten with mayonnaise. Wrap each filled roll with waxed paper, and chill until you're ready to travel.

Devised eggs are a picnic favourite. Halve six hard cooked eggs lengthwise, and remove the yolks, which you then mash.

To the mashed yolks, add 2 tablespoons of mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon of vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, a dash of pepper, paprika, 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard or 1 teaspoon prepared mustard.

These little devils carry well if you put them together in pairs, and wrap each in a lettuce leaf held by a toothpick. Refrigerate them until you're ready to pack the car.

On the way to the beach, stop and pick up some rippled potato chips, and a jar of dill pickles, if you haven't already packed some.

Homemade cookies aren't essential to the success of a picnic, but if you have the time, the following peanut butter crisps are worth the effort.

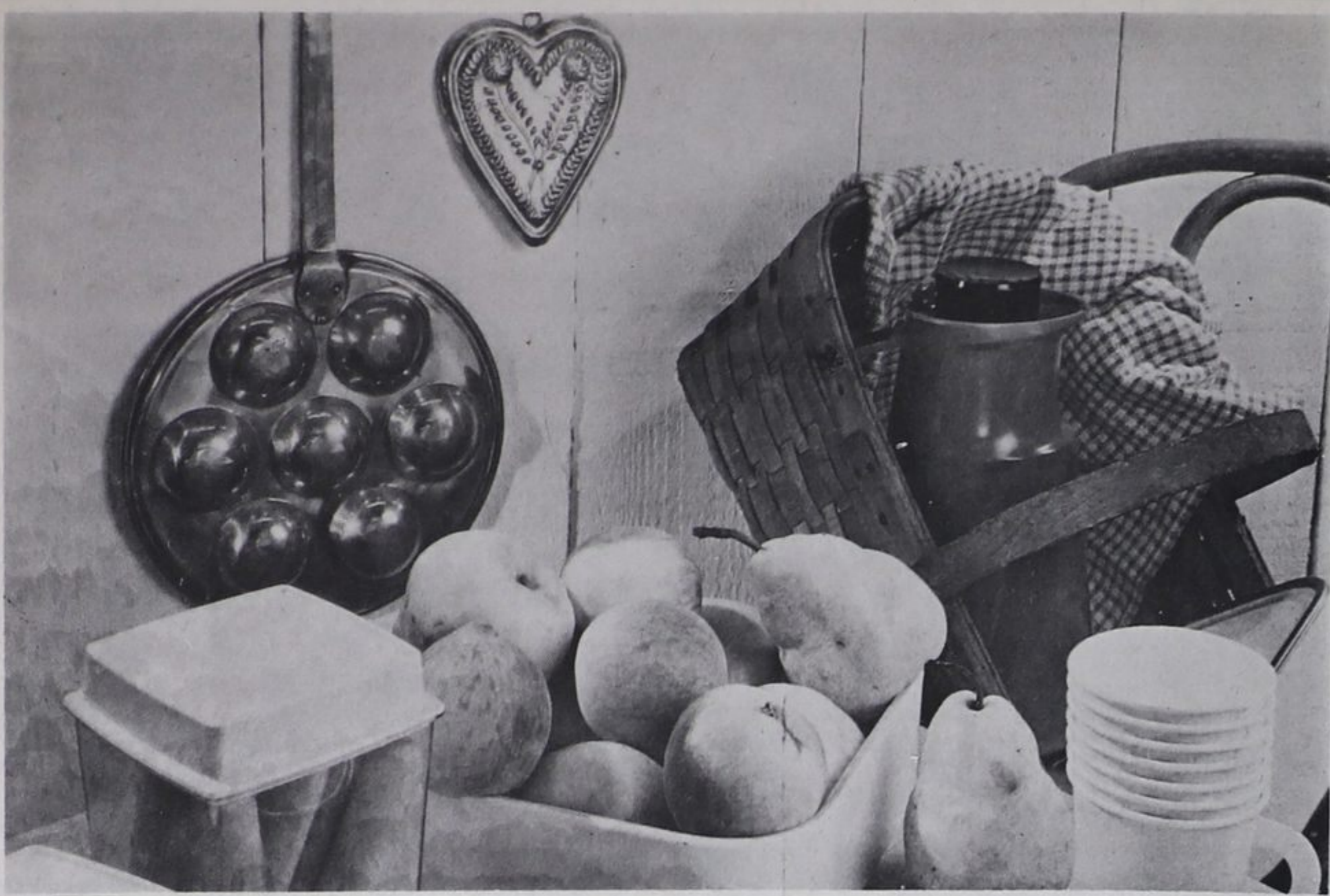
(Otherwise, pick some cookies up when you buy the chips and pickles.)  
 2/3 cup shortening  
 2/3 cup crunchy peanut butter  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 egg  
 1 medium banana, crushed  
 1 1/2 cups sifted flour  
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
 1 1/2 cups quick cooking rolled oats.

Cream shortening and peanut butter until fluffy. Add sugar and continue beating. Add egg and banana and beat until fluffy light.

Sift together flour, salt, nutmeg and baking powder and gradually add to the creamed mixture.

Fold in the rolled oats. Drop a teaspoonful on an ungreased cookie sheet and spread into rounds with a spatula or fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes or until nicely browned.

Add some fresh fruit, coffee for the big folks, and apple juice for the little folks and the only other ingredient you need for a successful picnic is sunshine.



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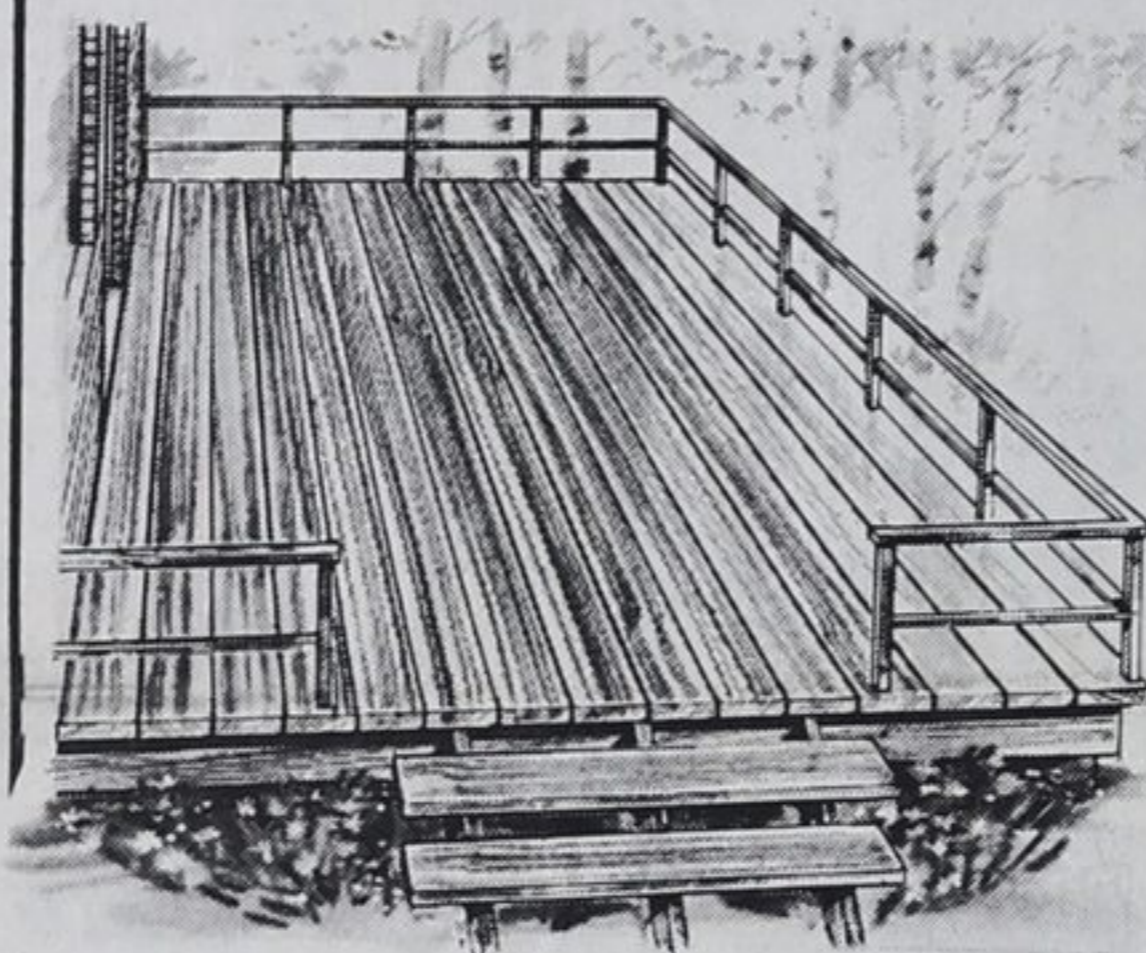
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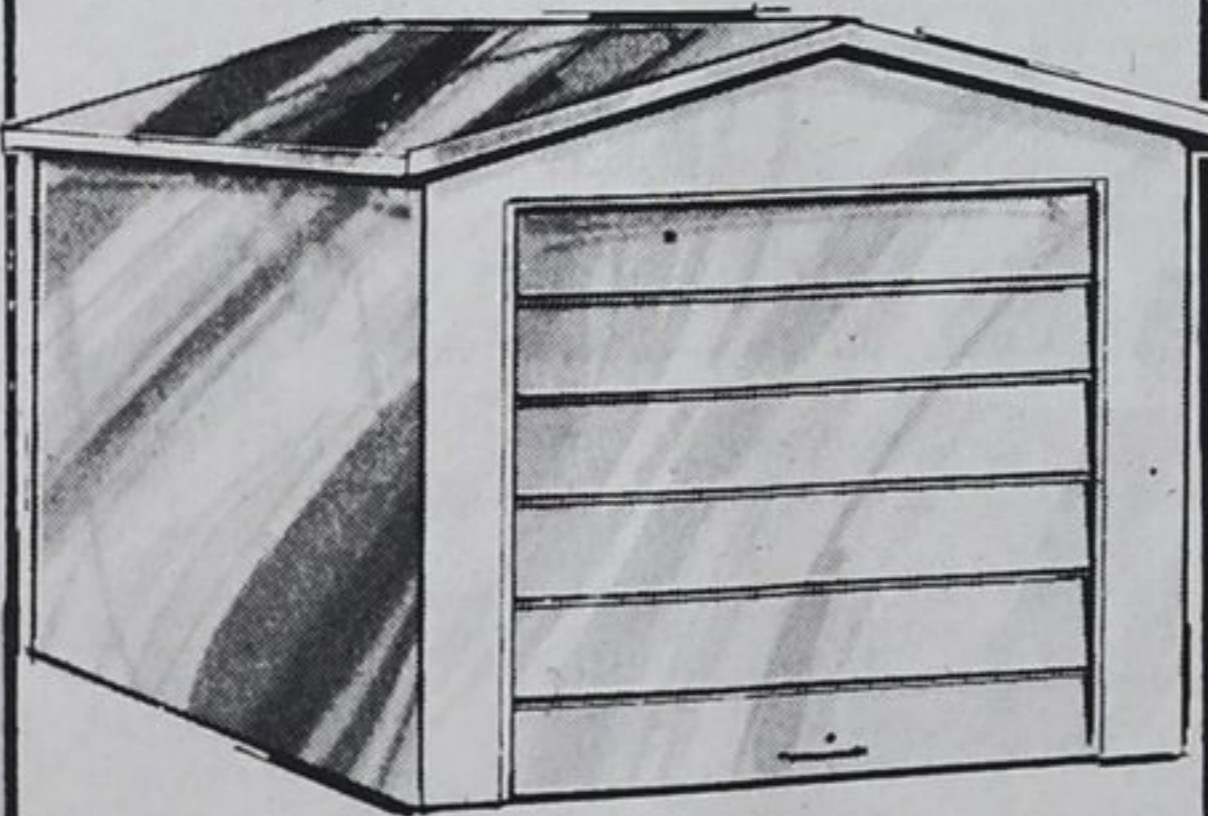
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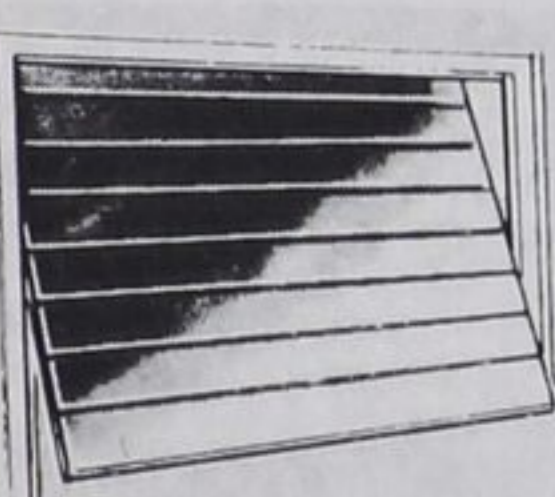
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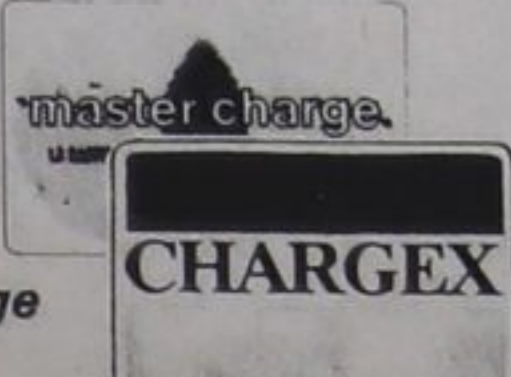
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## the bookworm

### R.L. Gordon's novel The Jesus Boy has electrifying climax

by Shirley Whittington

The Jesus Boy is a strangely unsatisfying novel. The story moves along quickly and comfortably until suddenly it stops with an electrifying climax. It's as if B.C. writer R.L. Gordon had suddenly tired of his subject and resolved to wrap the whole thing up with an unexpected and undeniably final last chapter.

The anti-hero is Charles Grover, an undersized, bespectacled adolescent who lives with his invalid mother ("Oh dear," she wails piteously, "my own son prefers a movie to his mother") and his cold, academic father. ("I think that you will agree Charles, that you and I

should sit down as soon as we usefully can do so, and have a talk.")

After his mother dies, (was it Charles who hastened her death?) he runs away from his Toronto home with \$311.27 and picks up a job in a sleazy Edmonton hotel-cum-brothel. He soon learns about alcohol, drugs and prostitution, but he remains uncontaminated by his environment. When he falls in love with a young, pregnant waitress, he finally feels as if someone cares for him. Their romance ends suddenly and tragically and Charles is distraught.

He goes to an evangelistic rally led by muscular, white-toothed Bobby Garrison. Garrison asks the hyped-up crowd, "Let the Jesus Boy, the Healer, chosen by Christ tonight, declare himself."

Grover, stunned by grief and the evangelist's histrionics, declares himself. He becomes the healer and star attraction for the Bobby Garrison crusade.

He becomes famous, but just before the biggest religious show biz gimmick of all time, he discovers that most of his "healing miracles" were fakes, set up by Garrison.

Let down again, Charles makes a decision that ends this unusual and engrossing novel.

The Jesus Boy is good summer reading, with many brilliant satiric passages. Admirers of travelling evangelists may find it disillusioning.

When Robert Fulford was writing a column for the Toronto Star, his managing editor informed him that if he was also going to write a column on movies for Saturday Night, he had better do it under a pseudonym. Marshall Delaney was the name Fulford chose, and he found that Delaney was "more audacious in his judgements and theories, and more given to wide ranging cultural references (than Fulford). He was a more confident and at times a better writer."

Marshall Delaney at the Movies is a compilation of columns on the film scene, written between 1965 and 1974.

Fulford/Delaney covers the Canadian scene (we are almost reaching the point where a Canadian who announces himself as a maker of films is no longer regarded with amused condescension) and has amusing and thoughtful opinions about Rowdyman ("a modestly enjoyable film") Face Off ("appalling") Mon Oncle Antoine ("as close to a masterpiece as the Canadian cinema has yet attained") and many others. All his comments are delivered with sensitivity and gentle humour. ("Duddy Kravitz has played to good houses...only in Hamilton did it do badly - ponder that.")

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