

Intrigue, romance adventure, mix to make McLachlan's 'The Seventh Hexagram' compulsively readable

by Shirley Whittington
 "I don't like these American detective stories...I can never follow what's happening," complains a character in Ian McLachlan's first novel, *The Seventh Hexagram*. At times the reader of this very well written novel of intrigue and adventure may feel similarly baffled, although he'll keep pressing forward. The book's compulsively readable.

to possess it." Mai is not only beautiful, she's a bright young entrepreneur, a liberated capitalist. Yet, when part of her personal world collapses, she retreats into her family. "An aunt, cousins, closed in around her, shutting her off."
 Donald Winnis an intelligence officer, on the side of the exploiters, an obese gossip-gatherer with strange sexual proclivities.
 Dr. Jordan King is a legendary figure. Half Chinese, half English, he participated in the long march, and loves to tell legends of his days with Mao. Yet, he's out of his time, and his considerable power, wealth and intelligence ultimately are of no avail in the realization of his dream - to see Hong Kong liberated by the Communists.

University.)
 The book's title comes from a quotation from I Ching: The Book of Changes. The army is the Seventh Hexagram. "When danger threatens, every peasant becomes a soldier; when the war ends, he goes back to his plow."
 McLachlan is a gifted writer. Even Mordecai Richler agrees. He calls the book "the brilliant debut of an enormously talented artist."

If events seem to move quickly, but cryptically, that could very well be characteristic of the Hong King political sub-culture.
 Herstory, a Canadian Women's Calendar has appeared from Hurtig publishers. It's about as big as a slender paperback and would carry well in a purse, or with its coil binding, sit comfortably on the desk.
 In addition to the generously squared calendar itself, Herstory

is a mine of information about Canadian women, living and dead. Abbie Hoffman, Flora MacDonald, Margaret Atwood and Judy LaMarsh are profiled along with L.M. Montgomery, and Adelaide Hoodless, the founder of the Women's Institute. There are also brief informative essays on the Victorian Order of Nurses, quilting bees, and the CGIT.
 It's the sort of book that will be useful as a reference long after the

calendar's pages are filled.
 Herstory '77 is not as beligerently feminist as its earlier editions, and the theme, women in collective action, is handled in a straight forward way, with little strident editorialising.
 The final line in an article about Mary Wrinch reads "The question is not why are there no great women artists, but rather why is there so little known about great women ar-

tists?"
 Herstory - long may it be published - is rapidly filling that gap. It's a good concise record of the contributions made by Canadian women to Canada and to the world.
 The Seventh Hexagram by Ian McLachlan: MacMillan pub. 277 p.p. \$9.95.
 Herstory 1977. A Canadian Women's Calendar Hurtig pub; 121 p.p. \$3.95.



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