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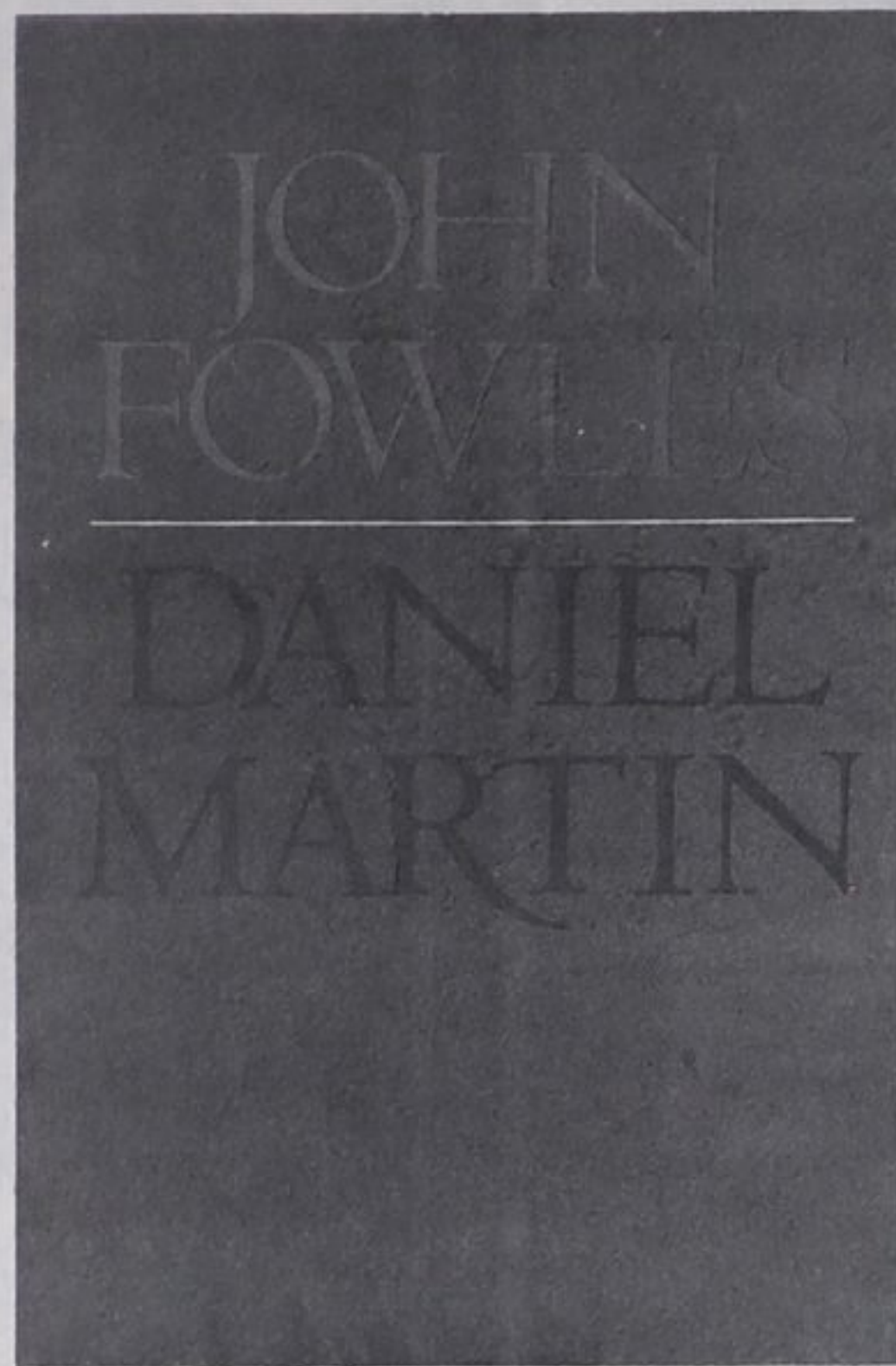
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Fowles' latest

Fowles' 'Daniel Martin' will 'hook' you with care

by Shirley Whittington
A John Fowles cult seems to be forming. Fowles is an Englishman who studied French at Oxford, and later taught in France and elsewhere abroad before becoming a full time writer.

His collection of sensitive and thought provoking aphorisms *The Aristos—A Self Portrait in Ideas* is very popular with many young people. His novels *The Collector*, *The French Lieutenant's Woman* and *The Magus* have all been best sellers, and Fowles has another on the Christmas market called *Daniel Martin*.

Daniel Martin is a lengthy novel. Fowles writes with the care and painstaking attention to detail of a Robertson Davies or John Cheever. But once you come under the spell of his story telling, you're hooked. It's one of those leisurely, beautifully crafted novels that make winter evenings by the fire rewarding.

Martin is an English

playwright who has gone to Hollywood to work on screen plays there. Middle aged, divorced, he's sick of Hollywood—"where naturalness has been banned"—and of writing screen plays. He wants to go home again, metaphorically.

Suddenly—he does. He's summoned to the bedside of his friend who is dying of cancer. He is also reunited with his ex-wife and her sister, and with memories from his own childhood.

Woven into the story of a man who feels, despite Shakespeare, that the novel is essentially a British form, are bits of philosophy and historical retrospect. "The 1951 Festival of Britain was not at all the herald of a new age, but the death knell of the old one. We then broke up into tribes and classes, finally into private selves."

Flashbacks

The novel employs flashbacks of England during the war years, dazzling scenes in the phony world of show business, sensitive love

scenes and excursions into religion and history. Through all this, Martin finds himself, and rediscovers a love that had been dormant for many years.

Daniel Martin is not an easy read, but those who have enjoyed the delicious addictive complexities of *The French Lieutenant's Woman* and *The Magus* have another treat in store for them.

Hockey book

If you are still trying to fill spaces on your Christmas list, *The Hockey I Love* by Vladislav Tretiak may be of interest to a sports fan.

Tretiak is sometimes called the world's greatest goalie, as part of the Soviet all-star team, he participated in championship games from 1972 to 1977. He was the goalie when the Soviets trounced seven North American teams from the World Hockey series. The only game the Central Sports Club of the Army lost was to the Philadelphia Flyers of the National Hockey League.

In his book, Tretiak describes his life as a school boy and the many opportunities open to young people with athletic talent. And he has

an interesting comment to make on the Canadian team's performance in Vienna in 1977. "The Canadians celebrated a lot in their rooms with wine flowing in rivers. We thought they were trying to show everybody how confident they were of winning, how they were the most famous, richest hockey players in the world. Somehow, they reminded me of school yard bullies."

Tretiak's motivation is not money. "The purpose of my life is sport. I will probably become a coach eventually." Later, he remarks,

"When the game gets rough, it is important not to lose self control, but to punish the opponents with a goal...we are not out to create a massacre on the ice. Our fans come for the pleasure of the game, not to watch fights."

The Hockey I Love is a good look into the mind and psyche of an outstanding world class hockey player who is a veteran—at 25.

Daniel Martin by John Fowles. Collins pub, 627 pp. \$13.95
The Hockey I Love by Vladislav Tretiak. Fitzhenry and Whiteside pub. 178 pp. \$7.95

You and your pet

by Dr. C.E. Leitch

I will assume that you have acquired your new pet and have probably been told or heard as many different ways of training and feeding as there are people.

Most puppies are acquired between eight and 12 weeks of age. Until that point the pup has

been with the litter and mother or has been weaned and separated from them.

Ask the breeder or previous owner what the pup has been fed and how often his feedings have been. I recommend finding one of the many commercial dry designed

feeds for puppies—mixed with a small quantity of a good commercial canned food.

The dry foods have been manufactured to meet the nutritional requirements of a growing pup and should be fed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

I usually recommend Purina Puppy Chow mixed with a medium high-priced canned dog food. If the pup has been fed differently, remember to introduce the new diet slowly (over a four or five-day period) to prevent any digestive upsets.

Water should be available at all times for the pups. Initial feedings should be three to four times daily. Increase the amount fed in 10 per cent increments daily, until the stool is soft but formed.

If the pup develops diarrhea or extremely soft stools reduce consumption by 10 per cent until the stools are again properly formed.

No table scraps
Do not feed your pup table or "people food." Dogs very rapidly develop a taste for scraps and will quickly turn away from commercial dog foods! Table scraps are not balanced and will not give the pup balanced protein, carbohydrate vitamin or mineral requirements it requires to reach its maximum growth potential.

If the pup refuses commercial food—take it away from him and present it at the next feeding. Usually 24 hours of this routine will teach the pup that dog food can really be good! Do not let your emotions get the better of you—persist through the day and I think you will get the desired results.

If the pup is upset the first few nights don't be surprised. The pup is a stranger in new surroundings with strange smells and sounds. Give him an area of his own to live in. It is extremely helpful to get a cardboard box, turn it upside down and cut a hole in it so the pup can get in and out. Pups seem to be happier in this "cave" type of situation than roaming around loose in a room.

Housetraining can be traumatic to both pup and owner.

Every time the pup eats or drinks, wakes up or has played with a toy, take him outside to one particular spot. If the pup performs tell him how good he is. Dogs are a very orally or mouth oriented animal. Any oral stimulation results in stimulation of the entire digestive tract resulting in house soiling. If you can catch him tell him how bad he is and quickly take him outside to the "toilet" area. Don't put the pup out by himself.

Don't let the pup see you cleaning the mess up because often time this will fortify the problem. If the pup soils and you are not sure when he did it—don't scold him! He won't have any idea why he is being scolded.

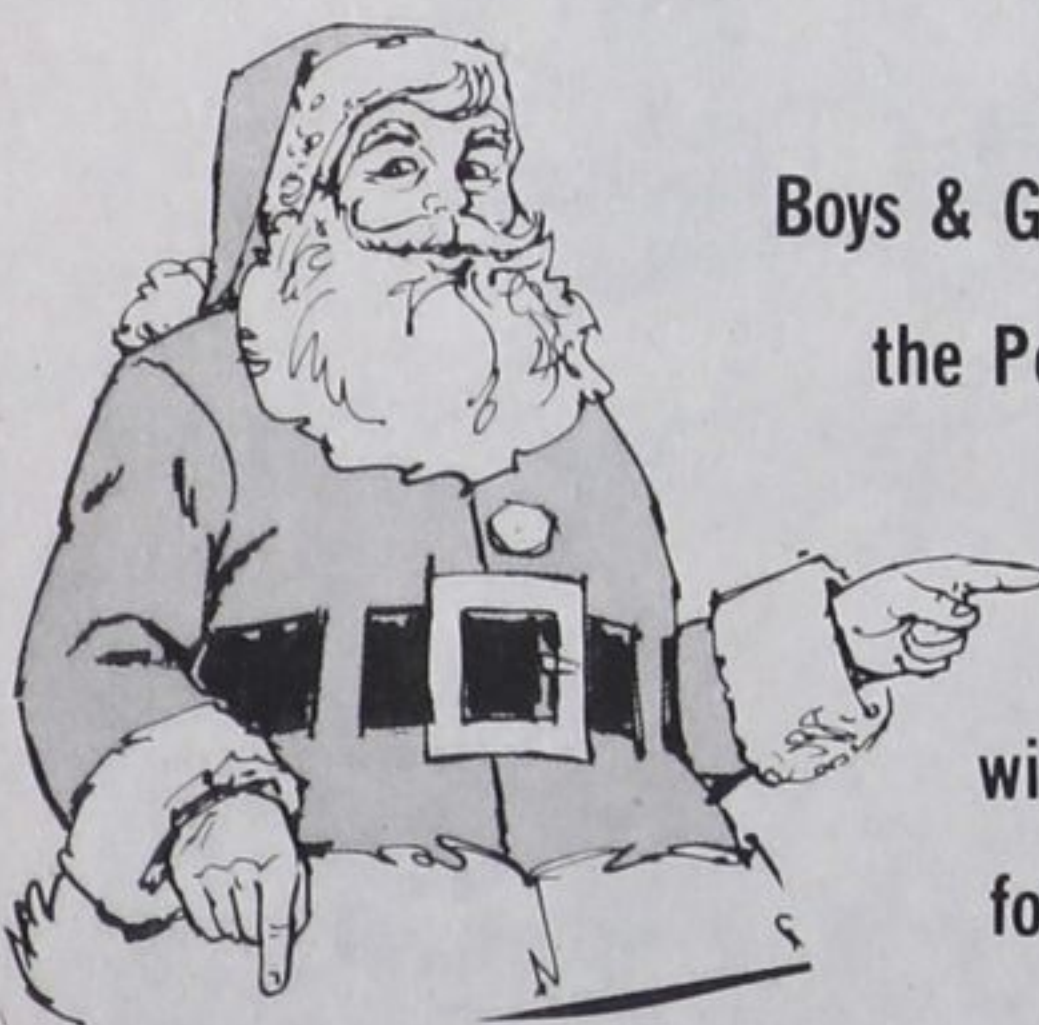
The most intelligent dog has an attention span of about five minutes. Harsh words are usually sufficient. Harsh physical punishment will only produce a sneaky house soiler. Even the slowest soiler will quickly remember the kind word and a pat when he has done well or the harsh words or the dirty looks when he has been bad.

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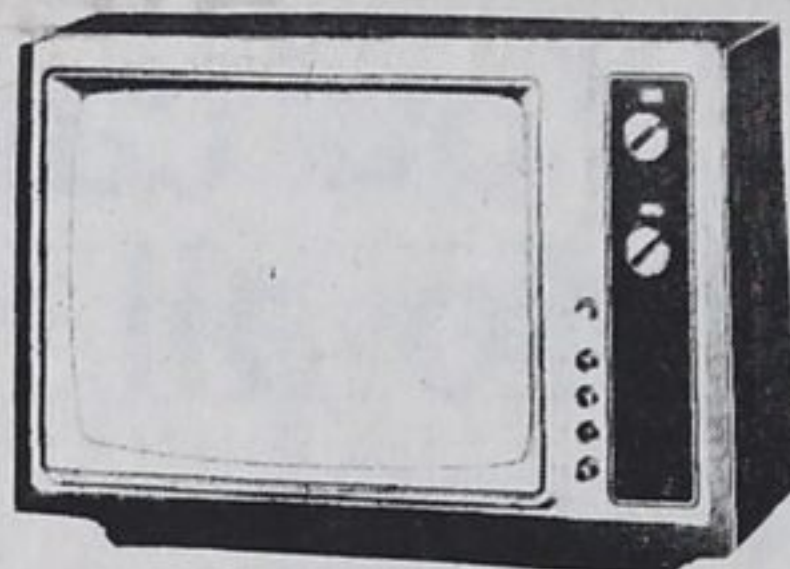
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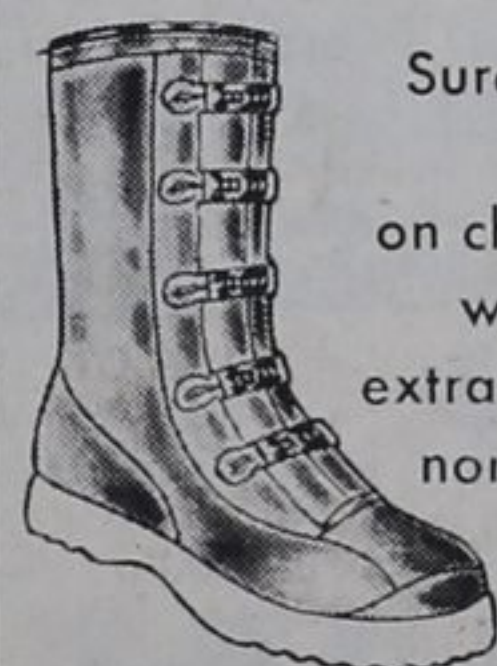
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