

BOOK REVIEW

All those April showers had better bring the promised May flowers. While waiting for them to come up, you might want to read Helen Forrester's newest, The Lemon Tree. Or Arthur Hailey's Evening News. Both are what we have grown to expect from these very popular authors.

On the waiting list for Barbara Taylor Bradford, Dannielle Steel? Try LaVysle Spencer. Some of her previous books have been made into movies. Now she's made it into hardcover. Forgiving

has the usual romance format with better-than-average writing. And for Catherine Cookson fans, there is her newest, The Gillyvors. She and the Queen Mum haven't let being in their 80's slow them down.

For younger readers taken by the dinosaur craze, Lee J. Ames has Draw 50 Dinosaurs. (Not bad! I tried one and it actually looked like a dinosaur!)

The Library has received more in the Eyewitness Books: take home Reptiles (more than you ever wanted to know - deliciously yucky!); Flying Machines, Inventions and others.

Since moving to the Bay of Quinte, Roy Bonistell has written columns for the Kingston Whig-Standard. Now these and some other "meditations" can be read in There Was a Time. And Farley Mowat also has a new book of interviews with environmentalists. Rescue the Earth! subtitled Conversation with Green Crusaders has interviews with the Sierra Club, Ark II and the Toronto Humane Society, Gara Women and, of course, Canada's environmental Ralph Nader - David Suzuki.

Or you can take a look at Quilt by Leslie Linsley, full of ideas for Christmas gifts - Well, it is only 8 months away. If you are handy with hands and hair, check out The 5 - Minute Hair Stylist, by Christine Moodie. Unlike the dinosaur, my experiments here were a failure. But don't let me be a deterrent: I handle chopsticks better than a comb and brush.

Two points of information. First: Yes, there will be a summer reading program this year. In the past, there have been dinosaurs, frogs, Dr. Why. Prepare yourselves for the coming of (ta-ta-ta!!) Captain Book and the Bookaneers. Watch for more details in your local branch of RLUL.

Two: The July Book Sale. Clearing off your shelves? Bring books to your local branch where they will be cheerfully accepted.

Better books may find a new home in the Library itself.

Yes, the Library must pay the 7% GST. While it is true that half of that (3.5%) is eligible

for rebate, you must also deduct bookkeeping costs from the rebate. Come to think of it, have we ever seen Brian Mulroney or Michael Wilson with a book in hand? Could it be that they are part of the 25% of Canadians

who can be classified illiterate? (At a cost, according to the series done in mid-April by The Citizen, of some \$4.2 BILLION per year!) Please be generous with your donations. Take care. Jose Mann



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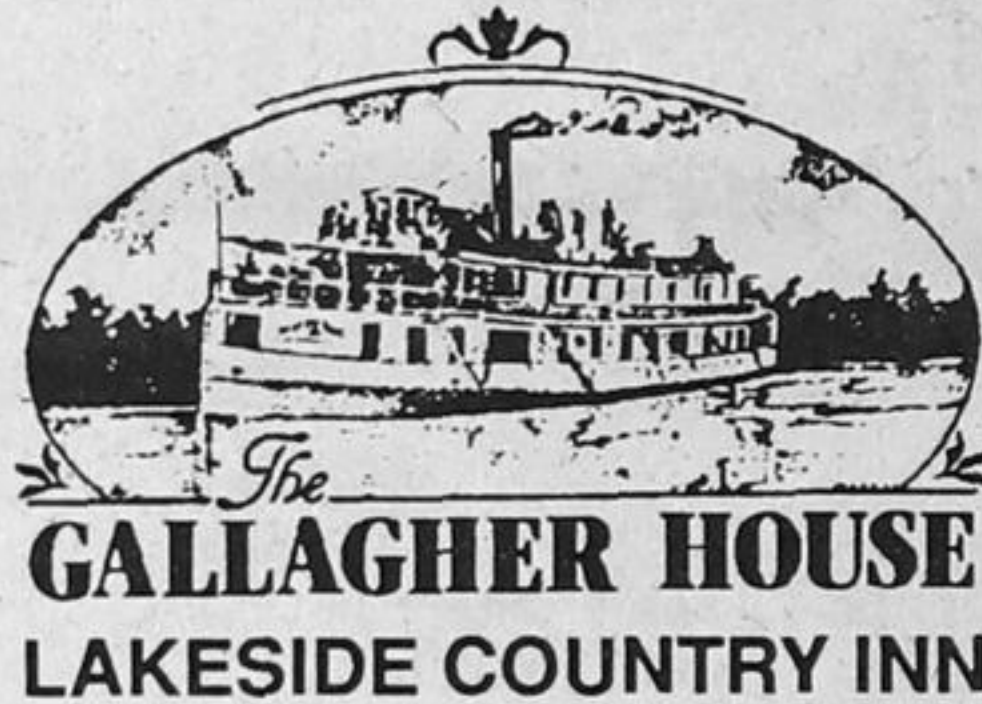
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