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The Second Annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Award Breakfast held on June 30th at the 1997 Annual Conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco by the GLBTF was an overwhelming success and was attended by a sell-out crowd.

The award for best □ctional work went to"Hood," written by Emma Donoghue. The non□c-

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Annual GLBTF Book Award Breakfast a Success

The 1997 GLBTF Book Award Breakfast was held on June 20, 1997 at the Crown Park Plaza Hotel in San Francisco. A record crowd of 180 shared the morning with several dynamic speakers. Award winners for 1997 were Emma Donoghue and Fenton Johnson, both of whom were present to accept their award plaques.

David Tuller, author of Cracks In The Iron Closet, read from his work on Russia's gay and lesbian world. He o□ered insight into how homosexuals in a non-Western culture work out solutions in their lives in order to survive and live with dignity despite great obstacles.

Author and editor Wickie Stamps, o□ered a unique look inside the production of Drummer Magazine. Her remarks expressed her □erce conviction to be " the voice of the men on the line...who call requesting her to help in the preservation of leather history and their memories."

Fiction winner, Emma Donoghue sparked frequent laughter from the crowd while describing how the British press considers her to be the "spokeslesbian" for all of Ireland. She also gave a very powerful reading from her novel.

Fenton Johnson took the audience along with him on a poignant visit to his deceased lover's parents as he read from his work Geography of the Heart, this year's non□ction winner.

The solid attendance at this second annual event indicate a strength and growth in the work of the GLBTF that should be supported for years to come.

-- Rob Ridinger
Northern Illinois University

I would like to publicly thank those that made the ALA/SRRT/GLBTF Social in San Francisco a success:

Local Arrangements Committee members: Je□ Thomas, Jim Van Buskirk, Rachel McLachlan, Katie Lynds, Nancy Silverrod, Desu Sorro, Kenn Bicknell, Rowan Fairgrove, Gen Engel, Jim Mason, John Guarino, Laura Perkins, Adan Griego and Cathie Scalice. You did a great job... let's throw another party!

I also need to thank Marcia Schneider, Public Relations Librarian at San Francisco Public Library, who made it possible for us to use the Gay and Lesbian Center for the social and the children's bookmobile in the parade.

Special thanks goes to the San Francisco Public Library Foundation for granting us $1,500 to pay for the social. Thanks also to Stanford University and A Di□erent Light Bookstore's Tommi Avicolli-Mecca for sending out invitations to over 200 bay area authors for the social. Thanks to Curve Magazine for donating 100 magazines that were passed out at the social. c 41(T)7(hanks t

Thanks to author Lawrence Hellman for catering the social. Thanks to over 40 volunteers who served as prep crew, greeters, bartenders, and clean-up crew for the social. Je□ Thomas ncc as er

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Program Planning Chair Apologies to GLBTF Friend

Due to many glitches and one inappropriate speculative comment, I must apologize to Susie Bright for adding angst to her already full and busy life!

I'm sorry that her name was not removed from the ALA Annual Conference program before the publication went to print. I'm sorry for making a speculative comment regarding large publisher non-support of small press initiatives -her publisher or manager in particular. I will never air speculative comments in a public forum again.

Finally, I'm sorry that my speculative comment was misquoted as a de□nite fact as covered in a ALA's Cognotes article reporting on the Annual '97 GLBTF program. Below are a few comments from Susie, cut and pasted (read "directly quoted") from her e-mail message to me dated Thursday, July 3, 1997...

QUOTE

"But, as you guessed, I am anxious to reach the people who attended the workshop, and also the overall ALA conference attendees and programmers, to let them know that:

a) I was not scheduled to make an appearance at the ALA conference this year,

b) that personal reasons prevented me from accepting an invitation to attend this summer's ALA,

c) I respect and enjoy the ALA conventions, which I have attended with much pleasure in years past, and,

d) Unlike the rumors that spread before and after the event, no one prevented me or counseled me against appearing at the ALA, least of all my publisher or agent."

END QUOTE

Once again, I apologize for any inconve-

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REVIEWERS WANTED:

Reviews are a regular feature of the GLBTF Newsletter. If you would like to be a reviewer or receive reviewing guidelines, please contact:

Barbara R. Stevens
GLBTF Book Review Editor

Reviewers Needed:

Have you ever found yourself taking issue with reviews of your favorite works? Do you enjoy knowing which of our issues are attracting the attention of the popular press? Have you haunted bookstores to spot the latest literary works with a gay, lesbian, bisexual themes? Are you interested in evaluating scholarly research which focuses on our community?

If your answer to any of the preceding questions is a resounding "Yes!" and you're not currently serving on the GLBTF Book Award Committee, then we need you to consider serving as a reviewer for the GLBTF Newsletter book reviews section. Currently we have an urgent need for people to review poetry, literature, and scholarly works.

Reviewers may request the book review editor to obtain speci□c titles for review, or, may simply opt to receive works in a particular genre for review. Reviewers may also indicate how many books they

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Queer Representations: Reading Lives, Reading Cultures. Edited by Martin Duberman.
New York University Press, 1997. $60.00 cloth (ISBN:

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Terence Rattigan. By Geo□rey Wansell.
St. Martin's Press, 1997. $29.95 cloth (ISBN 0-312- 16521-8)

My personal rule of thumb when reading a biography is the author must fully engage one's interest by the end of the □rst chapter or one should move on to the next book. Mr. Wansell accomplishes this handily in this biography about the popular British playwright Terence Rattigan.

Wansell introduces this work by □rst speaking about why he wrote the book and then painting a series of dramatic vignettes which very e□ectiely introduce you to Rattigan, whose works were produced regularly from 1930s through the 1950s.
The vignettes convincingly create not a collection of dry facts, but a person who lived and breathed. After the introduction, Mr. Wansell shifts to a much more scholarly tone for the remainder of the book. It covers Rattigan's life from before his

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Call for Book Nominations

Nominations for the 1998 Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award are now being accepted. The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award is presented to English-language works published in the year prior to the announcement date by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Task Force of the American Libary Association. All books published in December 1996 or the □rst eleven months of 1997 are eligible. The award is given in two categories: Literature and Non□ction.

Nominations for the Book Award may be made by any individual not a□liated with the publisher of the book being nominated. Authors may not nominate their own works. A short statement (30 to 50 words) describing why the book is being nominated must accompany the nomination. This nomination must by submitted to the Book Award Committee Chair by November 30, 1997 and be postmarked by this date or it can not be

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association has launched the Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, a multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed, quarterly scienti□c journal.

Individual personal subscriptions are $55 annually; institutional subscriptions are $165. For subscription inquiries and orders, write to the publisher: Subscription Department Plenum Publishing Corp. 233 Spring Street New York, NY 10013 or call 212-620-8468. The announcement of the journal appears on page 14 of "The Nation's Health" for July 1997.

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Outsourcing Book Selection and Cataloging in Hawaii Strongly Criticized

On Sunday, June 29, 1997 during the ALA 1997 Conference, the decision by Hawaii to outsource book selection and cataloging in State managed libraries was discussed. This program was sponsored and co-sponsored widely by committees including SRRT, IFRT, A25 556.2D 104

Volunteer with the GLBFT !!!

Win a Toaster !!!

Join us! We are always looking for energetic committee members. Interested candidates must be members of SRRT, and of course ALA. Please mail/email your nominations to the GLBTF at the ALA address on the back of this newsletter, or attend our meetings during conference and see if you would like to volunteer. We look forward to working with you!

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