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**BOOKS and REVIEWS**

**The Private World of Pablo Picasso**  
 By David Douglas Duncan. 176 pp. New York. The Ridge Press. \$1.50.

Reviewed by **ANN JACOBS**

The man who creates will always be a subject of fascination to the great life of us who don't. And whatever else Picasso may be, he is surely the greatest creative force our century has known. The pages of photographs in this book are a tribute to this man who makes no compromise with life or himself. Although the few pictures of Picasso's work are mediocre, Duncan uses his camera extremely well on his animal subjects (which include peacocks, doves, pigeons, and goats).

He shows the household at Cannes filled with the most expensive clutter in existence—sculpture, ceramics, and paintings—are scattered about like old clothes. He shows the goat that lives on the second floor, and Lump the dishwasher, and Van the boxer.

BUT MOSTLY he shows Picasso, who has as great a capacity to live as to create. The French term *joie de vivre* belongs to him whether he is horsing around in costume, dancing a homemade ballet, or fantasizing with masterful paper cut-outs. It is a celebration of being alive.

Perhaps the most amazing qualities of this man are his energy and his ability to turn the most mundane objects into art. The skeleton of a fish eaten for lunch becomes, with hardly a pause, the decoration of a ceramic plate. The materials for his sculpture have included coffee mugs, forks, wrenches and bicycle handle-bars.

Duncan's pictures will give you no insight into this artist, at least a real respect for Pablo Picasso: his dedication to his work and life, and the way he finds in both. "The Private World of Pablo Picasso" gives you a great deal for a very small price.

**Afternoon of an Author**  
 By F. Scott Fitzgerald. 226 pp. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons. \$4.50.

Reviewed by **TOM PHILLIPS**

Arthur Mizener writes in his introduction to F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Afternoon of an Author," a choice handful of previously uncollected stories and essays, that: "The sense of his past is very sharp in Fitzgerald; his memory and for the objects to which these feelings cling is remarkable, as if he lived... in a room full of clock and calendars."

The twenty stories and essays in this collection demonstrate Fitzgerald's remarkable ability to capture the essence of a past time and to bring it glowingly alive again both amply and well.

The pieces are arranged to cover the twenty productive years of Fitzgerald's life from 1927 to 1940, permitting the reader to trace the growth of both the author's style and content.

They range from a bright humorous story detailing a 15-year-old boy's experiences in securing his first pair of long pants to the poignant tale of a father who creates a fantasy world for his six-year-old daughter, although he knows that he can never can participate fully in his own creation.

"Afternoon of an Author" not only is a memorable and exciting reading experience—it also brings before the devotee of fine writing fourteen uncollected short stories and six uncollected essays by a master artist.

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Mary Bachman has begun her occupational therapy clinical practice at the New Hampshire state hospital, Concord, N. H., where she will remain until October 4. She is a senior OT student at Western Michigan university, Kalamazoo.

Miss Bachman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Bachman, 32323 Lahser, Birmingham. She graduated from the Birmingham high school, and attended Wayne university.

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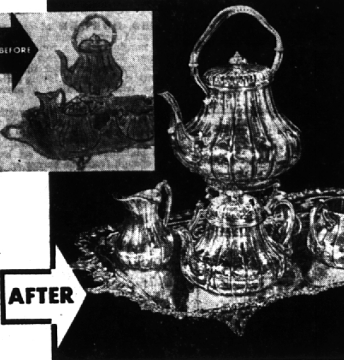
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**The Guide**  
 By R. K. Narayan. 220 pp. New York. Viking Press. \$3.50.

Reviewed by **MARY SCHMIDT**

A strange story, this, written by an Indian and surely it could have been written by none other. Likewise, the story could happen only in India, but strangely it reveals truths equally apropos of Americans.

In brief, this is a yarn about a racial—most engaging one his rise as a courtier, his bewitchment by a dancer, his "rebirth" as her manager-escort-lover-keeper, his popularity as a prisoner, and finally his "reincarnation" as a reluctant holy man.

It's fascinating. Simple souls think Raju holy because he does nothing but sit and stare; and gradually the scamp finds himself living up to the expectations of his followers. And being a holy man

**REGISTRATION NOTICE**

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1958**

Notice is hereby given that any person wishing to vote at this election must register on or before July 7, 1958, at eight o'clock P.M.

Any person who is a citizen of the United States 21 years of age, will have resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 30 days and in the State of Michigan 6 months prior to the date of election may register by calling at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. except that on Monday, July 7, 1958, the Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Those persons who have already registered under the permanent registration system, and have voted within the last four years do not have to re-register.

**ROBERT J. STADLER**  
 City Clerk

**REGISTRATION NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD **TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1958**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, the final date for registration in order to vote in the General Primary Election is Monday, July 7, 1958, at 8:00 p.m.

TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION, all persons must be registered.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the Township of Bloomfield thirty days prior to August 5, 1958, are eligible to register.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any person who is not already registered upon the registration books of said township may register on or before July 7th, 1958, during regular office hours, Monday through Friday of each week, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and in addition to the regular office hours the office of the Township Clerk will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations during the following hours:

Monday, June 30, 1958—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, July 1, 1958—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, July 2, 1958—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 and on the LAST DAY Monday, July 7, 1958 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TO TRANSFER a registration from one address to another WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, send a signed request to the office of the Township Clerk, stating present address, former address, and date of moving to present address, such transfer may be made any time up to and including Monday, July 7, 1958, at 8:00 a.m.

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