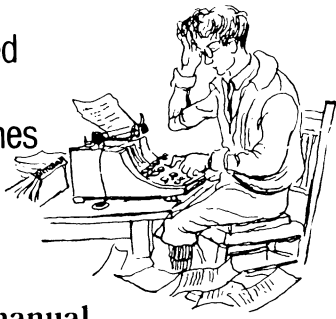


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AEII User manual

Searchers using the online version of the *Australian education index* on AUSINET will welcome the appearance of Margaret Findlay's *Australian education index data base (AUSINET): Users manual*.

This 42-page manual outlines the coverage of the database in terms of literature covered, subject areas and time span. It details the format of the online records, and gives a helpful number of hints for search formulation.

Online one can search, of course, by personal or corporate author, institutions, source of publications and document type, as well as by title and subject. A list of periodicals currently scanned is included and there are notes on the availability of documents included in the database.

Margaret A. Findlay's *Australian education index data base (AUSINET): users manual* was published earlier this year by the Australian Council for Educational Research and costs \$6.00. (ISBN 0 85563 235 6).

Maintaining standards

After numerous requests from libraries for information on standards, and how to order them, the Standards Association of Australia has developed a number of package ordering plans for Australian standards.

Service 4, which costs \$800.00 per year will buy one copy of each Australian standard, new or revised, and all amendments during that year. To obtain only the amendments and corrigenda for one year you can use Service 2, which costs \$30.00.

The SAA *Annual list* (which costs \$13.20 plus \$2.50 handling charge) can be kept up-to-date using Service 3, which provides ten cumulative issues updating material in the *Annual list*. Service 3 costs \$30.00.

Further information can be obtained from the Sales Manager, SAA, PO Box 458, North Sydney, NSW 2060, phone (02) 929 6022.

China sources

There has been a flood of Western publications on the People's Republic of China since the normalisation of relations.

A recent Saur publication identifies some of this material which is judged to be useful in teaching programs.

Educators' source book on China lists over 900 items, all in English and all published between 1970 and 1980. There are sections devoted to general reference sources, materials for elementary schools, secondary schools and tertiary courses and a selection of journal titles. Publishers' addresses (almost exclusively North American) are listed, as well as the addresses of distributors of the audiovisual materials which are also included in this work. There are no annotations other than an indication of the grade suitability of some items.

This work will be useful for institutions where considerable emphasis on China is given in the curriculum, and in the library. Elsewhere it could be used as a general selection aid for materials on China — annotations would certainly have enhanced this function.

Educators' source book on China, by Alice R. Songe and Pauline B. Mangin, was published in 1981 by K. G. Saur. It costs DM32.00 and is available locally from the James Bennett Group. (ISBN 3 598 40020 9).

Drug abuse

Supplements have a habit of becoming larger than the main work, and this is certainly the case with *A bibliography of drug abuse* by Theodora Andrews.

The main volume, published by Libraries Unlimited in 1977, described 725 items. *A bibliography of drug abuse: supplement 1977-1980* deals with 741, mainly dating from 1977 onwards, but with a few older items omitted from the main work.

Annotations range up to a half page in length, and are evaluative as well as descriptive. Most of the materials reviewed by Professor Andrews are reference works or treatises, although there is a separate section on periodicals. She covers a pretty broad spectrum in terms of the substances (which include alcohol and tobacco) and approaches to the topic, including pharmacology, rehabilitation, history, public attitudes. And she covers the subject well.

A bibliography of drug abuse: supplement 1977-1980 by Theodora Andrews was published in 1981 by Libraries Unlimited. It costs US\$25.00. (ISBN 0 87287 252 1).

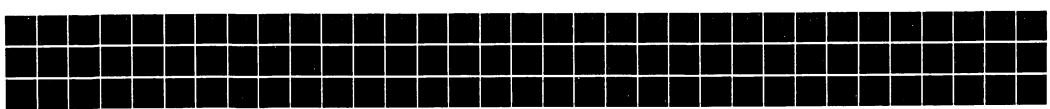
Better than par

The literature of golf is varied and extensive — just how much so one can gauge from the size of a recently-published bibliographic guide to the game.

Don Kennington's *The sourcebook of golf* spans 255 pages and describes and discusses works on golf from its origins to the present day. Separate chapters deal with golf history, the biography of golfers, how to play the game books (a very large section, that one), golf essays, fiction and humour, works about golf as a business, reference sources and golfing organisations. The emphasis is decidedly British, although other golfing nations are by no means neglected.

Those seeking an American slant would probably find Joseph S. F. Murdoch and Janet Seagle's *Golf: a guide to information sources* (Detroit: Gale Research, 1979) a useful primer also. Kennington's commentary is refreshing and to the point, and his coverage is excellent. It is good to see that Prestel and some online databases are not overlooked as information sources on golf, even if the database SPORT doesn't rate a mention. An interesting appendix by Sarah Baddiel discusses collecting 'golfiana', which ranges from Delft tiles (c. 1650) depicting 'golf scenes, to mechanical golf toys.

The sourcebook of golf by Don Kennington, whose lifelong passion for the game comes through, in the nicest possible way, is thorough and very well-produced. It was published in 1981 by the Library Association and costs £15.00 (£12.00 to LA members). (ISBN 0 85365 584 7). □



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