

# The Times Book Page

## THE FIRST READER . . . By Harry Hansen 'Intruder in the Dust' Gets High Rating Among Novels; Portrays Story of South

"INTRUDER IN THE DUST," by William Faulkner. Random House, New York, \$3.

FOR HIS FIRST NOVEL in eight years, William Faulkner, of Oxford, Miss., the foremost living novelist of the deep South, illuminates the new situation of the Negro in a way far superior to anything in recent synthetic novels on this subject. He calls it "Intruder in the Dust" (Random House, \$3).

Here, in the murky half-light of minds darkened by years of abhorrent social conventions, we see cold facts bring a sense of justice to overbearing, inured whites; village cowards, ready for a lynching, shrink away when leadership fails them, and patience repay the man with Negro blood who has been calmly standing his ground.

With Scriptural exactness, it is a boy who gets the grudging help of his elders when he presents his case.

TO UNDERSTAND what Bill Faulkner is aiming at, and to unravel the mysterious doings in the dark that appear like an unfinished dream, we have to remember the obstinate technique of "Sanctuary" and the social plane of "The Hamlet."

Here we meet again that jungle of thoughts and spoken words by which Mr. Faulkner tries to disclose the story as it is understood by the principal actors.

This is not the place for a reporter anxious to meet a newspaper deadline with a clear-cut narrative about two murdered men, a growing lynching, four grave robberies (same grave) and the grotesque recovery of a corpse by which a father jumps into quicksand and alights on the shoulders of his dead son.

Viewed in the light of the police blotter, Mr. Faulkner's imagination surpasses the most macabre inventions in the history of crime.

WILLIAM FAULKNER is not a mystery writer, but a recorder of psychological tensions, both individual and communal, and as such he is a man of the century. His books have taken high rank among his published works. For in taking the timely subject of the Negro's readjustment in Southern society, Mr. Faulkner speaks with the authority of the small-town Southerner who knows the Negro intimately, and who also knows the half-literate whites who hold their power to browbeat and overawe solely by doing in a dark.

First there is the fact of resentment, both personal and general, against Lucas Beauchamp, who with a modicum of white blood, meets the "whites-on-a-plane of equality and looks them calmly in the eye."

The lad who is humbled by him and wants to humble him in return is held in thrall like the Ancient Mariner when Lucas is rushed to jail for shooting a white man in the back.

So the boy gets his uncle to

### Hate Highlights New Western Book

"THE FURIES," by Niven Busch. Doubleday, New York, \$2.50.

A girl with a terrific hat is the central figure in Niven Busch's new western thriller, "The Furies."

Seems Vance Jefford loved her father so devotedly that when he married again her love turned into violent hatred.

He was a big ranchman with a passion for gambling; she thought up a devilish scheme to revenge herself on him.

As Mr. Busch relates this, it is not a Greek tragedy, and while he describes in her the customary Western heroine, he also makes it impossible for the reader to be sympathetic interested in her or anyone else.

H. H.

### Publish New Book By Hoosier Author

"This Same Flower," by Jeanette Covert Nolan, author of "Gather Ye Rosebuds," has been published by Appleton-Century-Crofts Inc.

This book by the well known Hoosier author is the story of a young woman's adventures in the Chicago of 1811.

Robert C. Ruark takes the American scene apart, laugh by laugh . . . in his new book

### I Didn't Know It Was LOADED

R. TAYLOR  
did a column on  
Look for the exploding typewriter  
on the jacket.

TONIGHT!  
MARGARET  
O'BRIEN  
introduces her Aunt,  
Marissa O'Brien  
in an exciting drama on  
Hollywood Star Theatre

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THE CAMEL CARAVAN  
Vaughn Monroe

WITH HIS  
FAMOUS  
ORCHESTRA

NEW  
TIME  
TONIGHT  
FOR CAMEL  
CIGARETTES

WFBM-6:30 P. M.

SUNDAY

MARLENE  
DIETRICH  
WALTER PIDGEON  
in  
"The Letter"  
Can just a letter cost one man his life...  
another man his honesty... a husband  
his faith... a wife her devotion?

Theatre Guild on the Air  
WISH-8:30

presented by  
UNITED STATES STEEL

GRAND  
OLE OPRY  
WITH  
RED FOLEY  
ROD BRASFIELD  
MINNIE PEARL

TRY TONIGHT:  
GEORGE MORGAN

WIRE,  
9:30 P. M.

PRINCE ALBERT  
SMOKING TOBACCO



AT HERON—Theatrical Emotion of Mr. Vincent Crummles, an original water color portraying the ham actor in Charles Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby," is on display at the John Heron Art Museum. This water color by Philz (Habib Knight Brown) was done for the first edition of the Dickens classic. With other original illustrations, it will be displayed until Oct. 24.

Ruark Rocks  
Quality Rules Sea Novel;  
Margaret's 'Diary' Is Frank

"I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED," by Robert C. Ruark. Doubleday, New York, \$2.50.

"MY DIARY," by Margaret O'Brien. Philadelphia, New York, \$1.75.

Salem, the port of sturdy clipper ships, energetic sea captains and the like, is the setting for the first two pages of his new book, "I Didn't Know It Was Loaded," to explain there is no connection between the title and the text. So that's settled.

Then he prints an index, a device that practically disappeared with the scarcity of paper, and that a reviewer can see at a glance who's mentioned inside.

Finally Mr. Ruark adds a number of chapters already printed in this newspaper, and since I don't want to give away the plots of the rest, my work is practically done.

I MUST add, however, that the chief character is not listed in the index. That is Robert C. Ruark himself.

ESTER FORBES, who won a Pulitzer prize with her biography of Paul Revere, has a new complication and new characters for her Salem story.

This is the tale of the fortunes of the house of Inman, in which the grandmother, Ma'am Inman, at 70 was still in command, placing her grandsons as masters on her own ships.

Ralph Inman, nicknamed Dash after a ship, was 24 and in disgrace for having lost a fine East Indiaman, the Antelope. But when the new Victrix was ready to sail for the Far East, Ma'am Inman chose him, out of her four grandsons, to command her.

ON THE SEA he had a flair for crowding on sail, getting results. But on land his life was complicated by women.

Polly Mompesson was the nervous daughter of a judge; he loved her in a way. Dulicey was a plain girl; she provoked his passion.

His brother Peter was the best-heeled of the whole Inman lot; he loved the little girl born to Dulicey and tried to smooth his brother's way. But frustrations cluster like barnacles on their ship.

A GOOD HISTORICAL novel deals primarily with the tensions of the human heart, rather than a period. Miss Forbes, a careful craftsman, observes this rule. The life and times do not, in fact,

READERS may be surprised to discover how much of a little girl Margaret really is.

We have the impression that movie prodigies are precocious in all things. Margaret, showered with gifts, has the natural outlook of a 10-year-old.

One reason seems to be her close association with a saugacious mother.

Some fans might account it a tragedy that Margaret was spanked on Jan. 18, three days after her birthday. She had received a tape from an Indian tribe, which made her a princess. So she and a little girl played Indian and she scalped all her dolls. That was too much for mother. "Next time I will remember not to play massacre," writes Margaret. H. H.

The SS-State

"The SS-State," a definitive study of the German concentration camp system, is now being translated into English and will be published by Farrar, Straus in 1949.

A Religious Center With a Civic Circumference

THE CAMEL CARAVAN  
Vaughn Monroe

WITH HIS  
FAMOUS  
ORCHESTRA

NEW  
TIME  
TONIGHT  
FOR CAMEL  
CIGARETTES

WFBM-9:15 A. M. SUN.

Dr. E. Burdette Backus  
Speaks on  
"Science and Conscience"

11 A. M. AT THE CHURCH  
"JUDGE NOT"

ALL SOULS  
UNITARIAN CHURCH  
1453 N. Alabama St.

GRAND  
OLE OPRY  
WITH  
RED FOLEY  
ROD BRASFIELD  
MINNIE PEARL  
TRY TONIGHT:  
GEORGE MORGAN

WIRE,  
9:30 P. M.

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THIS EVENING  
(The Indianapolis Times is not responsible for inaccuracies in program announcements caused by late station changes)

WFBM 1260 CBS	WIBC 1070 Mutual	WIRE 1430 NBC	WISH 1310 ABC	WXLW 1590 FM After 1:00 P. M.
1:00 Make Mine Music	Iowa-Indiana	W'western-Purdue	Iowa-Indiana	Scoreboard
1:15 " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1:30 " " "	Football Salute	" " "	Speedrome	" " "
1:45 " " "	" " "	" " "	Dorothy Fulholm	" " "
2:00 " " "	Take a Number	" " "	Ernie Felice	Music Hall
2:15 " " "	True or False	" " "	Football Scores	" " "
2:30 " " "	Football Scores	" " "	Saturday Date	" " "
2:45 " " "	Music Box	" " "	Harlie Brothers	" " "
3:00 " " "	Sammy Kaye	" " "	Luke Walton	Music You Like
3:15 " " "	Famous Jury Trials	" " "	Frank Edwards	Eddie Lamar Urch.
3:30 " " "	Allen Jeffries	" " "	Fiesta Time	" " "
3:45 " " "	Hollywood Theater	" " "	Music from Ilywd.	" " "
4:00 " " "	20 Questions	" " "	Proudly We Hall	" " "
4:15 " " "	Quiz Show	" " "	Football Game	" " "
4:30 " " "	Camp Fire Music	" " "	What's My Name?	" " "
4:45 " " "	Hoosier Hit Parade	" " "	Whizz Quizz	" " "
5:00 " " "	Wayne King	" " "	Grand Old Opry	" " "
5:15 " " "	Guy Lombardo	" " "	Hayloft Hoedown	" " "
5:30 " " "	Billboard	" " "	News-Sportsman	Good Music Hour
5:45 " " "	Popular Batons	" " "	NBC Orch.	Western Trails
6:00 " " "	Easy on Record	" " "	Rollini Trio	Sign Off

WFBM 1260 CBS	WIBC 1070 Mutual	WIRE 1430 NBC	WISH 1310 ABC	WXLW 1590 FM After 1:00 P. M.
7:00 Christian Hour	Country Topics	Brotherhood Hour	Berean Hour	Sun Dial
7:15 " " "	Ed Rickenbacker	" " "	" " "	" " "
7:30 " " "	Public Report	World News	Calvary Tabernacle	" " "
7:45 " " "	Sermons in Song	The Funnies	Church of Christ	" " "
8:00 " " "	E. Power Biggs	Hosier Pulpit	Living Music	" " "
8:15 " " "	Wheeler Mission	Christian Science	Revival Hour	Rhythm Ranch
8:30 " " "	Dr. Backus	Sweet Music	Circle Arrow Show	News
8:45 " " "	3d Christ's Church	Fire Prevention	" " "	Waltz Time
9:00 " " "	News	Uncommon Sense	I. U. Roundtable	Bing Crosby
9:15 " " "	Everson Class	Sunday Serenade	101 Bible Class	Bright Spot
9:30 " " "	Ave Maria Hour	Serenade	Deluxe Four	" " "
9:45 " " "	" " "	Sunday Serenade	Piano Varieties	" " "
10:00 Bid to Learning	Church Services	Rabbi Fox	Church Services	Texas Jim
10:15 " " "	Ray Noble	News	One Man's Family	UN Reporter
10:30 " " "	Sparks & Ritter	Sunday Serenade	News	Patti Clayton
10:45 " " "	Wm. L. Shirer	W. L. Shirer	Donald Bruce	Hawaiian Echoes
11:00 " " "	J. B. Kennedy	J. B. Kennedy	Bob Eberle	Jan Garber Orch.
11:15 " " "	Pet Show	Four Top Singers	Visiting Fireman	Peggy Lee
11:30 " " "	Remember	Movie Menu	Norman Cloutier	Surfside
11:45 " " "	Festival of Songs	in Hoosierland	1st Piano Quartet	Band of Week