

THE TIMES BOOK PAGE

'The Woman of Rome' Called a Profound Literary Experience

"THE WOMAN OF ROME." A novel. By Alberto Moravia. New York, Farrar, Straus, \$3.50.

By EMERSON PRICE, Book Editor, Cleveland Press
ALBERTO MORAVIA, frequently called Italy's leading novelist, is the author of what can only be described as one of the most remarkable books from abroad to be published in the United States since the war.

This novel is one long cry of anguish that is dominated by an almost unbearable element of hopelessness. But it is hopelessness made so eloquent, that the shuddering reader is forced to pursue it into the bleak silence and nothingness which yawns beyond the final page.

There is nowhere in this book a suggestion of happiness, unless it be—and rarely at that—in the definition by Arthur Schopenhauer: That happiness is only an absence of pain. And it is negative as such a phrase indicates, for it results, as the author sees it, from intellectual incapacity from the inability to understand that human life is without meaning or purpose.

MORAVIA seems driven into a tortured acceptance of morality as a contrived and futile doctrine; a puny antagonist of evil, foredoomed to failure and defeat. Yet one has the feeling he is himself irresistibly imprisoned by the moral rule and must therefore turn, sometimes in regret and sadness, and sometimes in outright anger—to attack what he must believe is his own foolishness.

The author's characters are neither pawns nor puppets, though they are fully and admirably characterized, they are less than these. For there is nothing to guide them. What initially appears to be their moral decisions are not strictly decisions at all, but responses to glacial demands and to a purposeless arrangement of confused requirements, imposed without cause and without reason.

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While this book describes evil beyond all ordinary conception of evil, it is nevertheless a magnificent work of art. And its superb creative design seems to me to deny, in some measure, the author's negative philosophy of despair.

In any case, if you seek profound experience in literature, one such awaits you here. However, if you have not sufficient fortitude to sustain it you had best leave this novel resting comfortably on its shelf at the book shop.

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Police Laugh at Locksmiths In Rush to Release Shut-ins

Gallant Gendarmes Gallop to Rescue Of Imprisoned Women and Children

It's a case of locked out, locked in and all around inconvenience because of locks on doors.

It took two squads of police and a fire truck to reunite an Indianapolis mother with three small children early today.

Mrs. Joseph L. Halmond, 551 E. 38th St., told police she stepped out into the yard, leaving her three small children, and a slamming door locked her outside.

The children cried and Mrs. Halmond ran from house to house in the neighborhood to borrow a ladder. There were no ladders and somebody called the police.

When police failed to gain entry they called Ladder Co. 22 and Fireman Robert Fowler hurried through a second floor window.

Late last night, police rescued three young women who were locked inside Hook's Drug Store, Illinois and Market Sts.

Locked in Powder Room
Misses Patricia Gonthier, 360 S. Downey St.; Virginia Pearson, 6023 College Ave., employees, and Dorothy Earl, 4913 W. Beecher St., went to the powder room at the Department of Foreign Affairs down through 1948.

Mr. Stuart, who has had a long career in both scholarship and public service, was born in Cleveland, and graduated from Western Reserve University, where he was in later years a visiting professor. He is now a professor of political science at Stanford University.

A WHOLE wonderful world of newspapering, grown faded with an older season and the changing moods of history, is brought vividly to life in "Heywood Brown," by Dale Kramer (A. A. Wyn, \$3.50). This is a deeply penetrating biographical portrait of a great newspaper columnist and a great reporter, who was not content to present readers with facts but wished always to make those facts understood.

Brown's newspaper career is related here—from his early sports writing days, his clash with his publishers over the Sacco and Vanzetti case, his passionate crusading in the interest of justice down to his untimely death.

Much of the era between the two great wars is admirably recovered, as is the character of Heywood Brown, a man who thrashed and subdued his own timidity in the interest of justice and human brotherhood. It is a sympathetic and altogether accurate story of a man who earned the love and respect of his fellow craftsmen, and of the people at large.

IN THE PAST YEAR or so Hollywood has reached coyly into history to dramatize the lives of numerous desperadoes. They usually have appeared on the screen as men who have suffered great wrongs at the hands of society—as heroes who, like Robin Hood, seized wealth from the rich and gave to the poor; gallant men and great lovers.

If certain recent biographies have tended to justify this insupportable notion, you will find these bandits just as they likely were in real life in "DESPERATE MEN," by James D. Horan (Putnam, \$4). Here the lives of Jesse James and his band, the Younger brothers, the Wild Bunch and others are recounted from records which have, until now, been sealed.

Source material for this book was taken largely from the files of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency. Read this book and never again believe that cold-blooded murders and scoundrels may ever emerge as heroes.

DAVID BEATTY employs an unusual form in bringing us an altogether interesting novel of the war titled "THE DONNINGTON LEGEND" (Morrow, \$3). The place is an airfield on a North Atlantic island. Each chapter deals with the flying officer Keith Donnington as he is seen through the eyes of an acquaintance or friend. Thus he emerges as a

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Mrs. Major Estes Dies Here at 62

Services Set For Monday

Services for Mrs. Hallie Estes, who died yesterday in her home, 601½ Stevens St., will be at 10 a. m. Monday in G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home. Burial will be in New Crown. She was 62.

Born in Bowling Green, Ky., she was a member of the New Salem Baptist Church there. She had lived in Indianapolis nine months.

Survivors include her husband, Major Estes; a stepson, Charles Smith, and two sons, James Estes, both of Indianapolis, and Garland Estes, Glasgow, Ky.; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Fletcher, Hustonville, Ky., and Mrs. Gertrude Lucas, Indianapolis, and her mother, Mrs. Sara Cochran, Bowling Green.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Tarrant, Bowling Green, and Mrs. Alma Flike, Indianapolis.

Allen H. Davis
Services for Allen H. Davis, who died Thursday in his home, 138 N. Alabama St., will be at 10 a. m. Monday in Ryster & Askin Mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Land Cemetery, Noblesville. He was 73.

A retired molder, he lived in Indianapolis 25 years. Born in Noblesville, he was a member of the Christian Church there. He also belonged to the Masons, Red Men and Woodmen.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Esther Derby, Wyandotte, Mich., and Mrs. Edith Brake, San Antonio, Tex., and two brothers, Leonard and Vern Davis, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Catherine Piggott
Mrs. Catherine Piggott who died yesterday at her home, 618 E. Iowa St., will be buried in Holy Cross cemetery after a mass at 9 a. m. Monday at St. Catherine Catholic Church.

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Piggott had resided here about 36 years. She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church and a former member of Holy Angels' Catholic Church. She was 79 years old.

She is survived by two sons, John and Richard, of Indianapolis; three daughters, Mrs. Edward Lewis and Mrs. Lawrence Weaver, Indianapolis, and Mrs. J. W. Head, Morgantown, and a brother, Martin Tarpy of Toledo, O.

Miss Rose Macke
Requiem mass for Miss Rose E. Macke, 1526 S. Meridian St., who died Friday in General Hospital, will be sung at 9 a. m. Tuesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church after services at 8:30 a. m. in G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

5 DIE OF EXPOSURE
MEXICO CITY, Nov. 5 (UP)—Five persons have died of exposure here since temperatures dropped close to freezing three days ago, police reported today.

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RADIO PROGRAMS

THIS EVENING

(All Radio Programs on Central Standard Time)

WFBM 1260 KC	WIBC 1070 Wabash	WIME 1430 WMB	WISN 1310 ABC	WILW 1590 WMB	WMLW 700 WMB
4:00 Football Roundup	Easy Does It	The Lone Star	Too and Crumpets	News—Fun With Junes	Canary Show
4:15 Mike Mine Music	Easy Does It	Confidential Chop		Gene Krupa	Naval Reserve Band
4:30 Mike Mine Music	Women's Club	Melody Billboard	Football Scores	Eric Madriguera	Sketches in Melody
4:45 Wimpich Club	Guest Star	U. S. Marine Show	From the Bandstand	Songs of Our Times	Confidential Chop
5:00 Gilbert Forbes	Football Scores	Sports Scoreboard	Norlin Bros.	News—John Galt Trio	Voices of the Enclave
5:15 Music for Modern	O'Sullivan News	Highways to Safety	Lube Walton	Eric Madriguera	News—Jack Hudson
5:30 Vaughn Monroe Show	Quick as a Flash	Eddie Howard—News	Rep. Jacobs Speaks	Songs of Our Times	Midwestern Hayride
6:00 Gene Aubrey Show	Twenty Questions	Allen Jeffries	Dick Jurgens	News—Buddy Cole	Builders of Destiny
6:15 Philip Marlowe	Straight Arrow	Wood Star Theater	Eddy Duchin	Chamber Music	Truth, Consequences
6:30 Gang Busters	Hoosier Hits	Truth, Consequences	Sammy Kaye	News—Good Music Hour	Midwestern Hayride
6:45 Russ Case Orchestra	Guy Lombardo	Donna Day	America is Playing	Donna Day	Midwestern Hayride
7:00 Sing It Again	Country Hit Parade	Judy Canova	National Barn Dance	Sign Off	Judy Canova
7:15 Sing It Again	Meet the Press	Grand Old Opry	Piano Portraits	Sign Off	Grand Old Opry
7:30 Sing It Again	Meet the Press	Allen Jeffries	Silver Serenade	Sign Off	Sign Off
7:45 Gilbert Forbes	O'Sullivan News	Edith Brown	Dance Band	Sign Off	Sign Off
7:55 Secretary Johnson	Larry Fortune Orchestra	Edith Brown	Dance Band	Sign Off	Sign Off
8:00 Million \$ Party	Record Party	Edith Brown	Dance Band	Sign Off	Sign Off
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Auto Plunges Into Fall Creek

Three Are Injured In Two Accidents

Two traffic accidents early today sent three persons to local hospitals.

A car driven by Fred Maher, 24, of 1718 N. Delaware St., went out of control in the 3900 block of Fall Creek Parkway and plunged into the creek.

Maher was taken to General Hospital with leg injuries. The accident occurred at 3:15 a. m.

Earlier, an automobile driven by Fred A. Kennedy, 24, of 2162 N. Gale St., smashed into a taxicab injuring two passengers.

Evelyn Bradford, 22, of the Linden Hotel and Robert Tharp, 28, of 833 Martin St. They were taken to Methodist Hospital. Mr. Tharp was treated and released.

The cab driver, James Hood, 23, of 2520 Guilford Ave., was uninjured. The smash occurred about 1 a. m. at the intersection of Southeastern and Villa Aves.

Home. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. She was 80.

Born in Richmond, she lived in Indianapolis 40 years. She was employed 14 years in Stokely-Van Camp, Inc. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. John McAvoy and Miss Fame Macke, both of Indianapolis, and a brother, Harry Macke, of Richmond.

On the Air

TWENTY QUESTIONS—Peggy Ann Garner, teen-age actress, will join regulars Fred Vandeventer, Florence Rinard, Herb Polesie and Johnny McPherson for a session of the old-fashioned guessing game.

WOL 7 p. m.
HOLLYWOOD STAR THEATER—Gene Kelly will introduce actor Kenneth Garcia who will play the lead role in a drama titled "Death Turns the Wheel."

WIRE-WLW 7 p. m.
DENNIS DAY—A slogan contest becomes a battle when Dennis runs up against his future mother-in-law in trying to take first prize in a cigar manufacturing firm contest.

WIRE-WLW 8:30 p. m.
MEET THE PRESS—Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, diplomat representing the Chinese Nationalist government, will be interviewed by a panel of newsmen.

WIRE-WLW 9:30 p. m.
BRIG. GEN. CARLOS F. ROMULO—A delayed transcription of the address to be given by Gen. Romulo, president of the United Nations General Assembly, at the Indiana World War Memorial auditorium earlier in the evening.

WIRE 11:30 p. m.
Singer's Biography
"I Hear You Calling," the life of John McCormack, by the great Irish tenor's wife, Lily McCormack, will be published by Bruce, Nov. 15. The book will be the November selection of the Catholic Literary Foundation.

WFBM-TV PROGRAMS

(CENTRAL STANDARD TIME)
Saturday, Nov. 5, 1949

1:10—Football Preview
1:25—Buller-Western Michigan
4:00—Football Scoreboard
5:30—Test Pattern
5:55—Program Preview
6:00—Kukla, Fran and Ollie
6:30—Teletunes
6:40—Sonny Landis
6:50—Chuckwagon Tales
8:00—Who Said That
8:30—Tschelchewsky
8:40—Land Builders
9:00—Cavaliers of Stars
10:00—Program Preview
10:05—Sign Off

On Hunting by Air
Some time next year Alfred A. Knopf will publish a book to be called "Hunting and Fishing From the Air," by Raymond R. Camp of the New York Times. The book is a discussion of regions in the United States and Canada teeming with game and fish and easily accessible to sportsmen by light plane.

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