

CAN YOU WRITE?

A STORY we mean—a short sf story? A member writes: 'I'm sure most science fiction readers get an inspiration occasionally,' and suggests that these would make good material for *SF News*. We agree, and offer three book prizes to the value of one guinea each. Limit 750 words; closing date 1st March 1959. Here is a good chance for you to get into print, for, as another member who wants to write says: 'How does one get to be a big name without being very small beer first?' So we look forward to your entries.

THE NEXT CHOICE IS

THE NAKED SUN

by Isaac Asimov

(*Michael Joseph 13s 6d; SFBC 5s 6d*)

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Moontalk

READERS of *SF News* will know that we do not take the view that science fiction is all rockets and space travel. For us the frontiers of science fiction are no less than the frontiers of imagination and, as the known boundaries of the physical world are extended, so science fiction tends to look, must look, further afield and indeed to other fields, if it is to survive. And we have no doubt that it will.

In this connection the success, and it was a success, of the American moon probe by the 'Pioneer' serves to inform the non-sf public that those who dream are not asleep and to remind us that reality is close on our heels.

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Of all the scientific writing about the moon we find some of the most readable is produced by Dr Raymond Lyttleton. There is, for example, in his book *The Modern Universe* * a chapter devoted to the moon, in which we

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