

And, by the way, SFBC has increased its membership by 25 per cent in little more than twelve months, so, clearly, ours is a policy that appeals to fans.

Oh, and on the point of not taking members into our confidence, many are perhaps wondering why we had such ghastly delays earlier this year. The reasons: (1) late deliveries at Christmas followed by (2) Asian 'flu followed by (3) accounting machine breakdowns. [Remember we handle six book clubs, three as big as SFBC, one twice the size and one with five times the membership!]

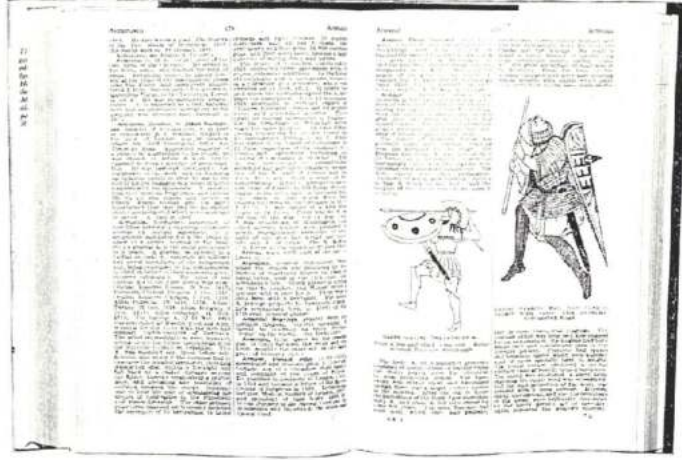
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

BECAUSE of some difficulties over the rights, we have to postpone the July Choice, *Time out of Joint*, and move up Walter Miller's *A Canticle for Leibowitz*, which we had intended to include in our next programme. For this our sincere apologies.

A short description of *A Canticle for Leibowitz* follows. We think you will agree when you get your copy that it is one of the finest books SFBC has ever done.

Time out of Joint will now appear in October, and *City* in November.

A CANTICLE FOR LEIBOWITZ

by Walter Miller

Those who like their sf well supported by a thoughtful and powerful imagination—remembering, perhaps, *A Case of Conscience*, *Ape and Essence* or *1984*, though it is like none of these—will really enjoy this magnificent, unique novel. John Carnell gave it 'my vote for the outstanding novel of the year—or the past five years', and Kingsley Amis wrote: 'Just now and then we meet a book with an equal claim on the attention of subscribers to *Asounding Science Fiction* and readers of, say, the *Observer*. One such was *1984*... another is *A Canticle for Leibowitz*.'

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