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14. *Outreach Activities.* Catharine Stimpson put forward for council discussion two ideas for outreach activities that the association might organize. First, she noted the profession's need to improve and expand channels of communication with the press and suggested that the association explore ways to achieve that goal, perhaps drawing on comments made by Barbara Herrnstein Smith in her 1988 presidential address. Second, Stimpson proposed that the association organize short seminars designed to inform faculty members of new developments in the field of literary studies. Council members debated this proposal, with some noting that such seminars could also serve to inform journalists about the work of literary scholars. Several council members supported the idea and proposed various models for the seminars; others expressed reservations about such an undertaking. At the conclusion of the discussion, the council asked the staff to develop further both ideas for outreach activities and to present a report to the council in May.

15. *Rushdie Statement.* The council drafted the following statement concerning Salman Rushdie:

The Executive Council of the Modern Language Association of America deplores the call for the assassination of Salman Rushdie and of all those involved in the publication of *The Satanic Verses*.

We affirm the right of authors to free expression and the right of all to read and interpret for themselves. We recognize that

some people may be offended by certain books, but dissent must never extend to persecution and violence. We urge publishers, book dealers, and readers not to succumb to terrorist threats.

The statement was sent to reporters and editors of various newspapers and news organizations with a letter urging its dissemination.

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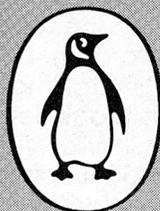
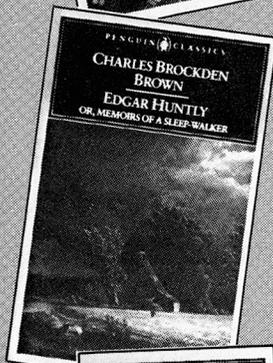
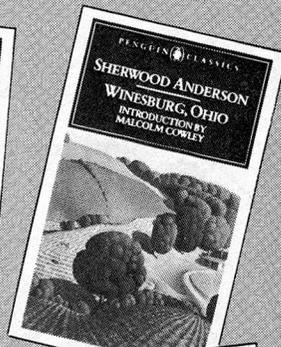
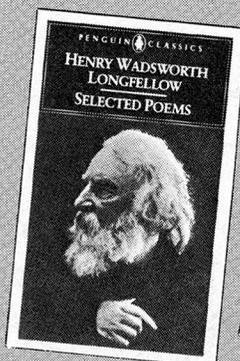
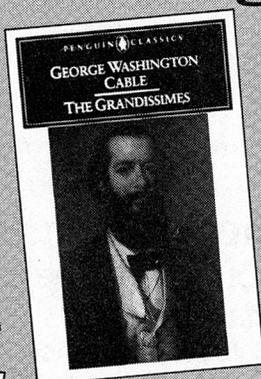
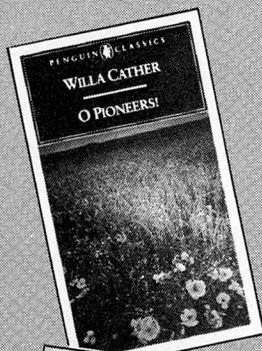
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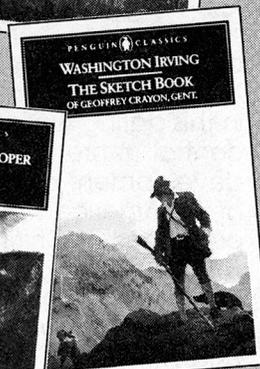
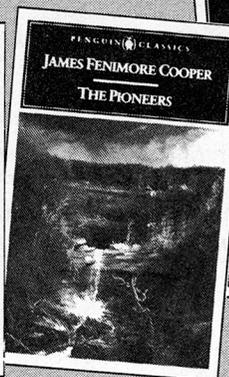
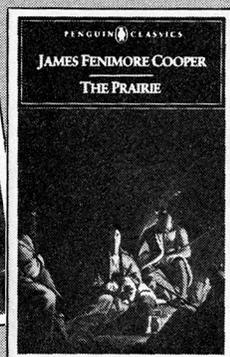
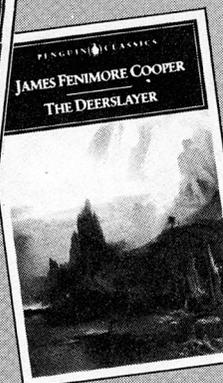
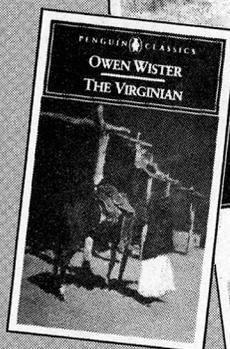
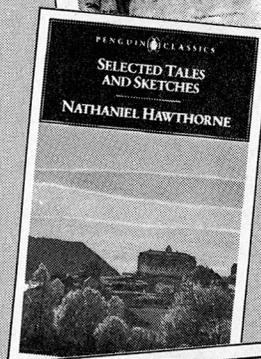
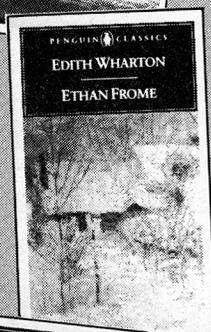
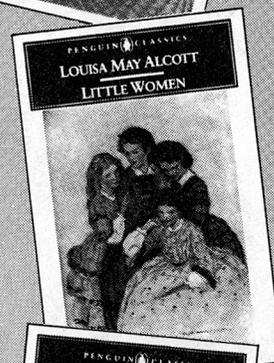
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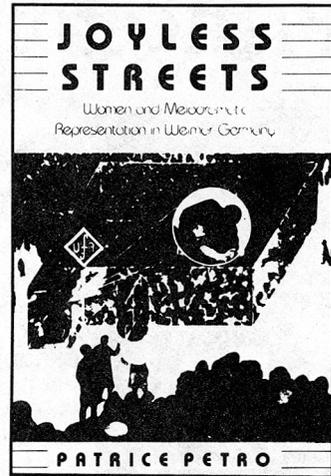
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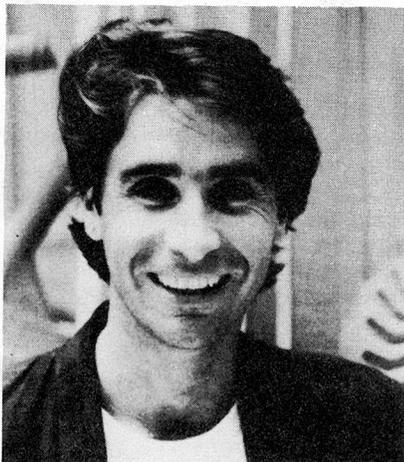
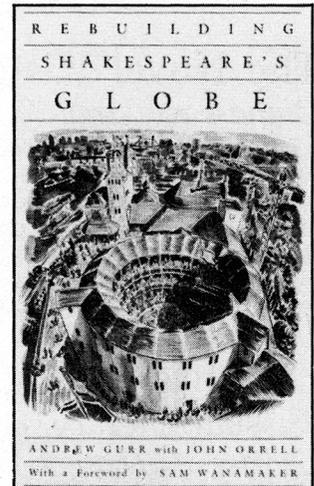


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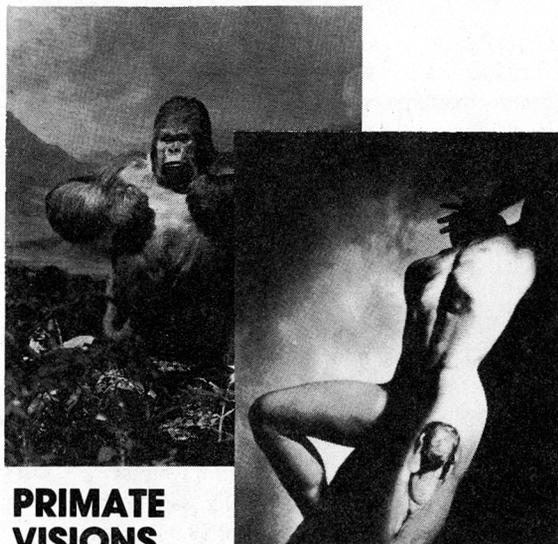
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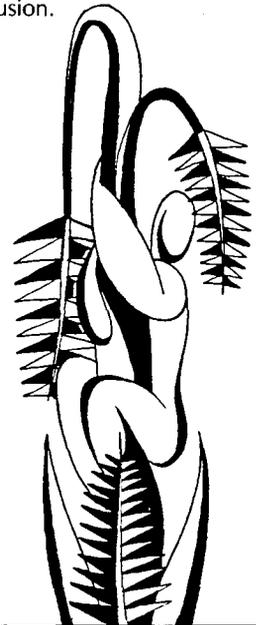
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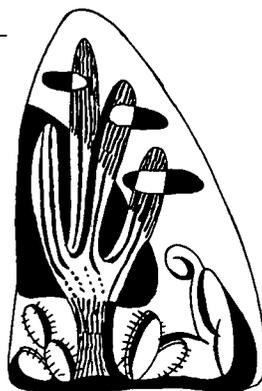
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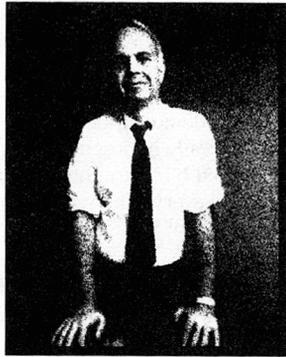
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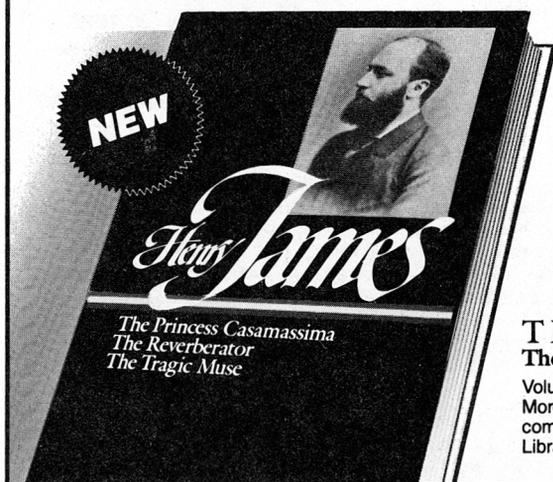
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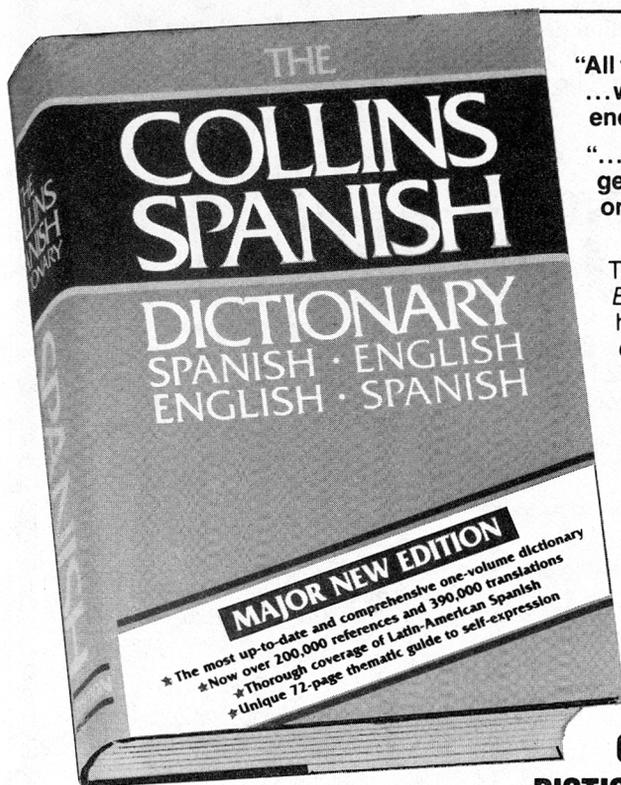
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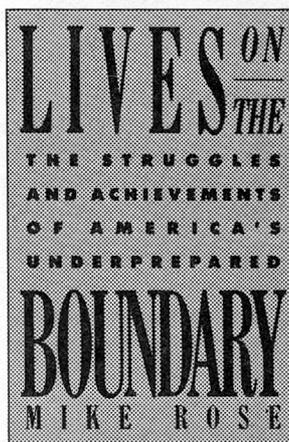
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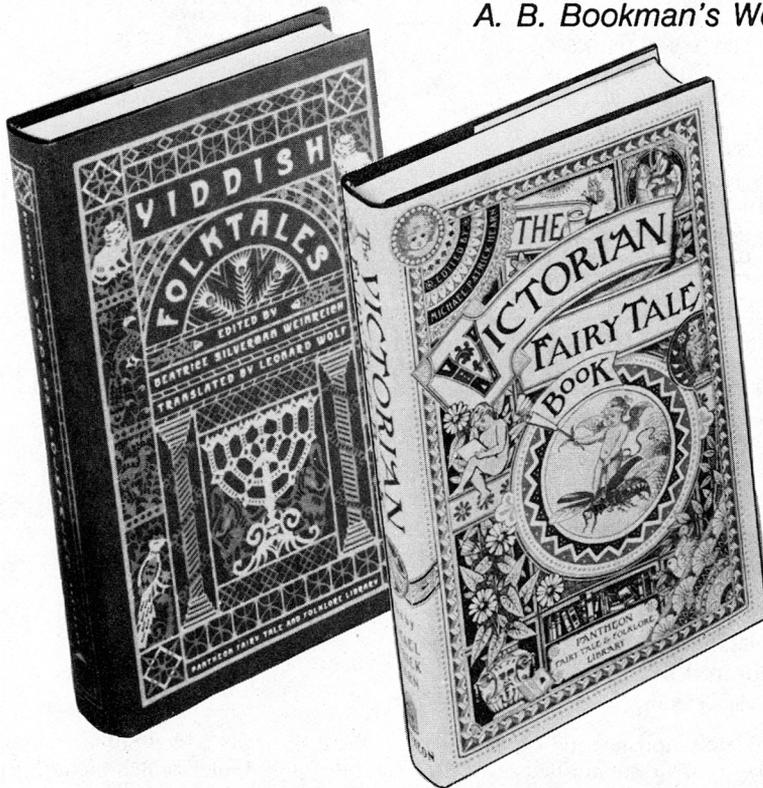
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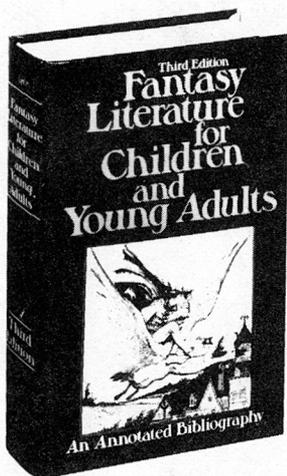
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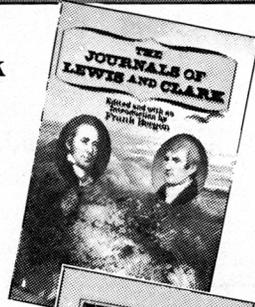
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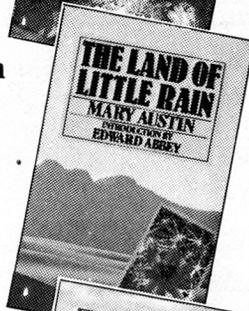
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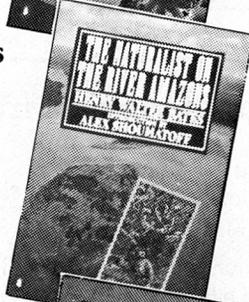
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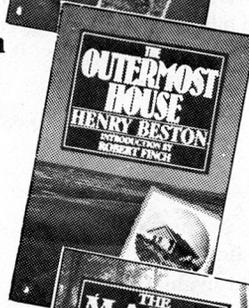
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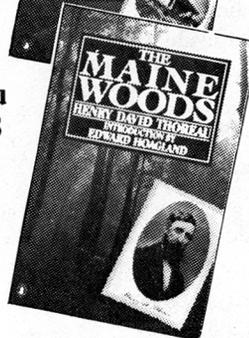
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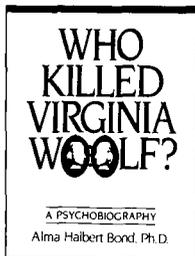
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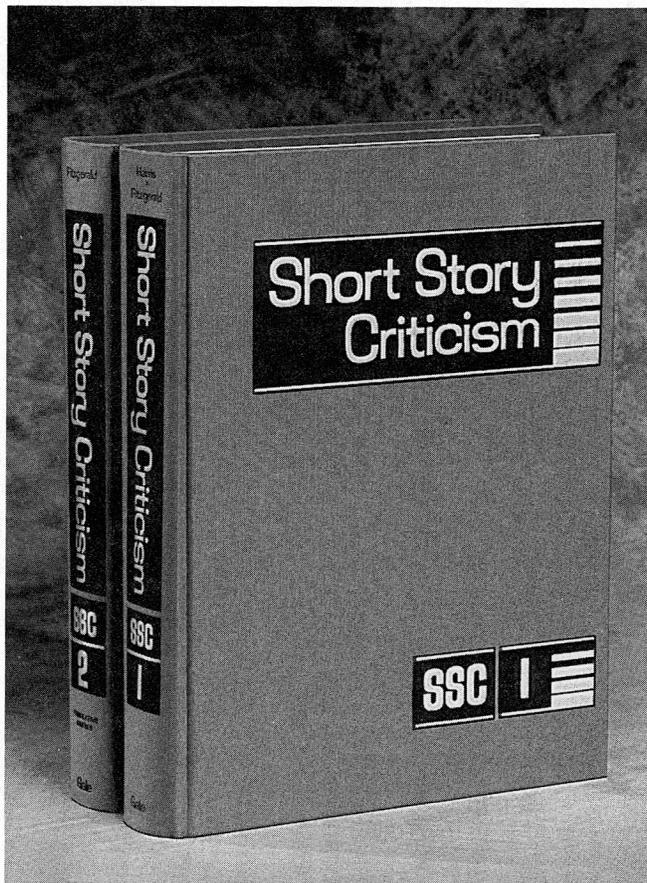
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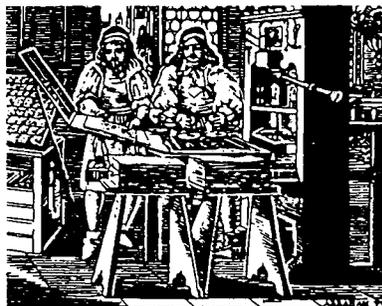
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