

wegian autobiographies. Perhaps it is a little premature for the post-war period to be included, but one is left with an impression that Norwegian scholars concerned with their whaling industry are neglecting an important literary source. The corpus of recorded interviews is also under-utilized in the book as a whole.

The other works in this valuable collection range from 'American whaling, 1820–1910' (Lance E. Davis and Robert E. Gallman) and a useful paper on Newfoundland and the Norwegians (1896–1916) by Anthony Dickinson and C.W. Sanger, to a survey of German interests in whaling from the 1860s to the 1960s by Klaus Barthelmeß. In his study of the geographical discoveries in Antarctica made by members of the whaling industry, Robert Headland reminds the reader that there were many by-products of the hunt for the whale. For this reason especially, no scholar interested in polar history should ignore this symposium, which has also been generously furnished with illustrations. (Ian Whitaker, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6, Canada.)

BRIEF REVIEWS

MOUNTAINEERING: CATALOGUE OF THE GRAHAM BROWN AND LLOYD COLLECTIONS IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND. National Library of Scotland. 1994. Edinburgh: National Library of Scotland. xvii + 453 p, illustrated, hard cover. ISBN 0-902220-98-5. £15.00.

For students of the polar regions, unquestionably the most important special collection in the National Library of Scotland is the Wordie Collection of printed books, pamphlets, journals, reports, and miscellaneous papers. This collection was presented in 1959 and is listed in *Shelf-catalogue of the Wordie Collection of polar exploration* (Boston: G.K. Hall & Company, 1964). This new publication complements the Wordie shelf-catalogue in that it includes the majority of non-British polar material purchased during the last two decades from funds bequeathed to the the National Library of Scotland by Thomas Graham Brown (1882–1965). As a copyright library, the National Library of Scotland receives British publications on legal deposit, and hence they are not listed here. However, an active policy has been pursued of purchasing publications relating to polar discovery and exploration, with some coverage of topics such as polar oceanography, whaling, and international relations. As the title makes clear, however, the bulk of the entries relate to mountaineering, a field in which both Brown and Robert Wylie Lloyd (1868–1958) built up comprehensive collections.

Entries are arranged alphabetically by title, with indexes providing access to personal names, series, and miscellaneous items. The printed catalogue (current to 30 June 1987) is supplemented by a microfiche listing Graham Brown acquisitions catalogued between July 1987 and the end of 1992. Further supplements can be ordered by completing a request form in the microfiche pocket.

A FIELD GUIDE TO WHALES, PORPOISES, AND SEALS FROM CAPE COD TO NEWFOUNDLAND. Fourth edition. Steven K. Katona, Valerie Rough, and David T. Richardson. 1993. Washington, DC, and London: Smithsonian Institution Press. xix + 316 p, illustrated, soft cover. ISBN 1-56098-333-7. US\$15.95.

The first edition of this handbook was published in 1975 and proved so popular that another three editions have followed. The fourth edition contains a wealth of up-to-date information pertaining to the identification, dietary preferences, behaviour, and reproductive cycles of the seals and whales that frequent the Gulf of Maine and eastern Canada. Although this is a book intended for the general public, and researchers into marine mammal biology will gain little from it, the fourth edition has an impressive 38-page bibliography that includes some non-scientific works and also covers some of the most recent academic literature.

The handbook is divided into three sections comprising information on whales, dolphins, and porpoises; basking sharks, sunfish, and leatherback turtles; and seals. Each section contains a comprehensive introduction, an account of each species with photographs and drawings, maps, and a key to identification. There are also appendices that cover major prey species and scheduled whale and seal watching tours with names and addresses of tour operators.

Publications Received

KAIROONDAK: BEHIND THE WILLOWS. Richard Martin, as told to Bill Pfisterer. Katherine Peter (Translator). 1993. Fairbanks: Center for Cross-Cultural Studies, University of Alaska Fairbanks. xii + 294 p, illustrated, soft cover. ISBN 1-877962-26-0. US\$19.00.

SAMERNA OCH DERAS HISTORIA: METO-DÖVNINGAR I SAMISK 1600– OCH 1700–TALS-HISTORIA. Peter Sköld. 1993. Umeå: Center for Arctic Cultural Research, Umeå University (Rapport 29). 81 p, soft cover. ISSN 0283-9717.

FRA MARKAFINN TIL SAME: ETNOPOLITISK MOBILISERING I EN LÆSTADIANSK KONTEKST. Eivind Torp. 1994. Umeå: Center for Arctic Cultural Research, Umeå University (Rapport 30). 171 p, soft cover. ISSN 0283-9717.