

BOOKS

BOOK REVIEW POLICY

With the establishment of a regular book section, a statement of the policy is presented as a service both to reviewers and to publishers. Persons prepared to review for the Journal are invited to submit their names to the Book Review Editor. Prospective reviewers should indicate their position or rank, academic affiliation, and areas of interest.

In general, two types of publications are not reviewed: textbooks and those that do not readily lend themselves to unified reviews. Books sent to reviewers have undergone this initial screening; however, if a reviewer does not think that a review is possible or desirable, he should notify the Book Editor as soon as possible.

Although the significance of a book will usually determine the length of a review, our policy is that a book which warrants a very short assessment should not be reviewed. In order to allow for adequate evaluation, regular reviews should be approximately 1000-1500 words in length. Major studies, especially when comparative assessments are involved, may require somewhat longer treatment; but in any case, reviewers are requested to limit themselves to 2000 words.

Reviewers are to supply the necessary bibliographical information in the form illustrated by the examples below:

Loren Jay Lind. *The Learning Machine: A Hard Look at Toronto Schools*. Toronto: House of Anansi, 1974. Pp. 228. \$8.50 (cloth). \$4.95 (paper).

Sarah H. Sherwood. *Heroic Childhood: English Evangelicals and Nineteenth Century Child-Rearing Practices*. New York: Cliopsyche Press, 1975. Pp. xxiv, 327. \$17.50.

In addition to conventional book reviews, each issue of the Journal will include at least one review essay. The review essay is intended to be a substantial survey of major bodies of writing on particular topics. Such essays can range from a collective review of several books on a given topic to highly original and interpretative studies of important scholarly trends. Since review essays are more ambitious undertakings, they would be approximately 3500 to 10000 words in length.

Persons interested in preparing review essays are invited to submit their proposals to the Book Review Editor.