

# What's News

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## October Dreams

*Coming This Halloween . . .*

Editor David Kubicek barely finished one anthology when he announced that he would begin work on another, this time a collection of short stories of horror and the supernatural. *October Dreams* (available in September, 1989) is the premier volume of a horror annual. So far reaction to the news has been tremendous.

"We're looking for stories in the tradition of Poe, Lovecraft, and Ray Bradbury," Kubicek says, "stories that create a strong mood and evoke an emotional reaction from the reader."

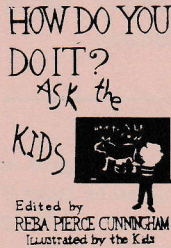
Although there are some graphic descriptions, Kubicek said, he is striving to make *OD* something more than "just another horror anthology." He is looking for entertaining stories with polished writing and maybe a nugget of deeper meaning than what meets the eye.

Several writers organizations, including the *Science Fiction Writers of America* and *The Small Press Writers and Artists Organization* have (or plan to) run announcements in their newsletters. *Scavenger's*

## Kids Give Advice

*K&A Spring Release*

*"I laughed till I cried when I read her collection and even would have rolled on the floor had not the arms on the chair I was sitting in prevented me from doing so," says Herb Hyde in the Lincoln Journal-Star (Jan. 15, 1989) of Reba*



Edited by REBA PIERCE CUNNINGHAM  
Illustrated by the Kids

*Cunningham's How Do You Do It? Ask The Kids. ". . . Teachers, parents—everyone who was or is a kid—can identify with this warm, humorous and altogether human book."*

Having trouble teaching your kitty to use the litter box? Or do you need advice on how to fix a leaky faucet, change a baby's diaper, or teach a monkey how to drive a car?

"Anything you want to know," says Mrs. Cunningham in the preface to her latest book, "just ask the kids. They know everything."

*How Do You Do It? Ask The Kids* began when Mrs. Cunningham was approached by several elementary school teachers in

the Lincoln, Nebraska, public schools and asked to teach creative writing to their third and fourth grade students. She replied that she'd be happy to.

The result was this book, gleaned from the writings of nearly 400 kids who turned in nearly 4,000 pieces of writing.

So the next time you need advice on how to stuff and roast a turkey, how to baby-sit, how to rid your dog of fleas, how to catch a mouse, how to stop a runny nose, how to kill head lice, or how to cut hair, consult this book. Also stirred in are menus of the kids (where you'll find establishments that serve such delicacies as 'crap' legs and 'chilled grease' sandwiches), short stories, and bits of philosophy through the eyes of the children.

"The wonder and delight of childhood," says Mrs. Cunningham in her preface, "with its unconscious humor and amazing innocence is captured in these kids' pearls of wisdom."

As with her first book, the popular *Cowboy's, Cooks, and Catastrophes*, all of the author's royalties from *Ask The Kids* will be donated to agencies that feed hungry children throughout the world.

*Available in May, 1989*

*Newsletter* published market information in its January, 1989, issue, and *Writer's Digest* is also planning an announcement. Submissions are pouring into K&A offices at the rate of about 200 a month.

Lincoln, Nebraska, artist and co-editor Jeff Mason, who specializes in science fiction and fantasy illustration, will design the four color process cover and do black and white interior illustrations. Writers who have been signed so far include: Tom Elliott (whose novel, *The Dwelling*, will be published by St. Martin's Press in June), Shirley Gilfert, Robert C. Guenzel, Jr., David Kubicek (Editor of *The Pelican in the Desert*), Robert E. Rodden, II, and Anton J. Pettersen.

