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The Reactor

You could put together a small library just with books by Pacifica authors. It would be a varied collection, with representative books from the world of poetry, cooking, mysteries, biography, autobiography and others.

You can buy a number of the books in question at Florey's. For others it might be difficult to run down a copy, but the search might be fun.

John Stanley, who combines a job on the Chronicle with a rather weird array of interests (he's the host of something called "Creature Features" on TV. It's not my cup of tea but might be yours) has a book out called "Creatures At Large." You can get that at Florey's.

There is a book called "I Used To Be a Know It All, But Now I'm All I Know" by Carol Hope. I haven't read that, but it's an intriguing title.

Howard Edminster, Evelyn Jess, and Mac Stimac are published authors. Ann Fields' book is called "Someone Is Coming."

Kathryn Greathouse Delaney's book is "And Then The Morning." One of the more poignant books by a Pacifican, "Camp II, Block 211" features Jack Matsuoka's cartooning on a serious subject. He has an insider's view of what happened when our neighbors with Japanese ancestors were jailed for that "crime". Their property was often dissipated. Jack's memories form a counterpoint to the memories of another Pacifica resident, Father W. Adalbert Gluszek, who was interned far more brutally for his "crime" of being a Catholic priest in the Poland of World War II. Cliff Hollander has put together Father Gluszek's story, one that should be better known by the young people who don't realize that the man they see quietly walking our streets is a genuine hero.

More Pacificans are likely to read Henry Henn or Kenn Davis, who write mystery stories. Kenn Davis (I don't know why he uses two "N"s) has published "Dead to Rights" and other books. Perhaps someone can give me a run down on Henry Henn's titles.

The Pacifica Writer's Workshop has put together a book of writings from their members. You can get that from Florey's of course, as well as "Great Recipes from the Versatile Kitchen," which are from Mike Bradley, who does his cooking in public on Cable Channel 8.

I've only touched the books that Pacificans have produced. There's Helen Cutlir's reminiscences of younger days in the west. I have managed to mislay my copy.

Not all fiction writers are geniuses, but as far as I'm concerned, all good ones are. The same goes for poets. It's not even easy to be a bad poet, but it's got to be extraordinarily difficult to be a good poet.

I wish those Pacificans who are creative writers continue to create, and I hope more Pacificans will come to enjoy the results of that creativity.

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