

Give some 'hahaha' for 'hohoho' gifts

You can't be at home for Christmas to relate your favorite jokes? Your budget was blown three months ago and you can't afford a designer sheet set for the folks? Send them, or anyone for that matter, something inexpensive and forever hilarious. Therefore here are a smidgen of newly published humor selections:

Are You Happy? And Other Questions Lovers Ask, by Edward Koren, looks at new love and old love in a quite unusual way. Koren's characters are big-mouthed, toothy and extremely hairy beasts who have been known to banter on the pages of the *New Yorker*. They are posed hugging, cuddling, or perhaps lounging on, a double bed one asking, "What are you like when you get angry?" or "How can someone as wonderful as you not like yourself?"

Koren successfully presents situations adding those furry beasts to force a humorous look at love and the questions lovers ask each other. **Are You Happy?** (hardback) is a Pantheon Book and sells for \$3.95 at most bookstores.

One of the best books to come out of the sexual awareness revolution is Richard Smith's **The Dieter's Guide to Weight Loss During Sex**, Workman Publishing, a paperback at \$2.95.

"Richard Smith," says the cover notes, "is a well-known writer who lost 112 pounds during his busy season." Hmm. Not seriously at all folks, Smith gives a rundown on how many calories you can lose, and how you can lose them while engaging in that great international sport of sex.

For example: 53 minutes of French kissing or 25 minutes of normal foreplay or six minutes of abnormal foreplay will work off

one cheeseburger with 14 french fries and a dollop of ketchup. You get the ideaOne anonymous source profoundly states, "If you like exercise, you will like this

Oregon I or II) presents our lovable Oregonian with the permanently attached umbrella with permanently attached raindrops

lunge the brain. Brought to you by Bruce A. McMillan, **Punography** is a Penguin Book and sells for \$2.95 paperback.

between two punch bowls. Sorry.

Although this last selection is not in the inexpensive category, it makes a wonderful gift. At \$12.95 Chronicle Books brings us Ken Botto's **Past Joys**, 96 pages of color photography and colorful toys.

Past Joys, which is itself a toy, is filled with toys from the "Golden Age of toymaking when playing was still supposed to be fun and didn't have to be 'educational'." A self-described fanatical toy collector, Botto has assembled period postcards and other backdrops to portray his toys. In his collection are various (first half of the century) trucks, cars, planes, people, houses and some famous names including Charlie McCarthy, Andy Gump, Superman and Buck Rogers.

Humor not being beneath him, Botto quietly slips in some subtle funnies — the Lone Ranger and Silver are joined by some farm cattle, some doing "what comes naturally." On a tomato farm a suited businessman sits in a tree? The idea is that you don't see everything about each toy on first glance, therefore we have a book of lasting enjoyment.

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book. If you loathe exercise, you will love this book." But wait. Not only do we learn how to lose weight, but also how to cope with emergencies and disasters such as afflictions, call of nature, and fighting off pets. The added bonus is The Height Report, an at-a-glance chart that tells you how tall you should be. Really!

Hot off the Eugene-based Image West Press is Jame's Cloutier's latest, **ORYGONE IV, or if this is July and it's raining, this must be Oregon**. For \$4.95 we have new material in the continuing saga of rain, no sun, and keeping tourists out of Oregon.

Cloutier also boasts T-shirts, calendars and a special Passport. But **ORYGONE IV** (Not to be confused with Ray Atkinson's

in some famous Oregon places. "Eugene is a friendly university town where people enjoy jogging up hillsand running down tourists." "Folks in Eastern Oregon can tell when a duststorm is comingthey just listen for the sneezing of rattlesnakes."

And we have a new set of state symbols with this edition. Our state animal is the ubiquitous slug, and our state shrub, of course, is poison oak. Cloutier's rendering of the state highway system is quite niceI-5 no longer bisects the Willamette Valley, it instead runs along the state's eastern bordergroan.

Speaking of groaners, now for punsters everywhere a new dimension—a series of visual puns that delight the eye and chal-

McMillan, a sometime TV producer-director-photographer, begins his photographic puns with a bookplate, which is a plate inscribed with *Ex Libris* sitting on a book shelfwarning, this is only the beginning. In "A fork in the road" we have four shots of, you guessed it, a real fork (eating utensil) in a real road.

A favorite is "A salt and battery" a series of a salt shaker attacking a battery; get it? In "Bark up the wrong tree" a fir tree has birch bark on it, while "Blind leading the blind" (you have to see it to appreciate it) is one store-window venetian blind being pulled ahead of another.

For those of you who are not fond of puns, you can "Roll with the punches" a roll (with butter)

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