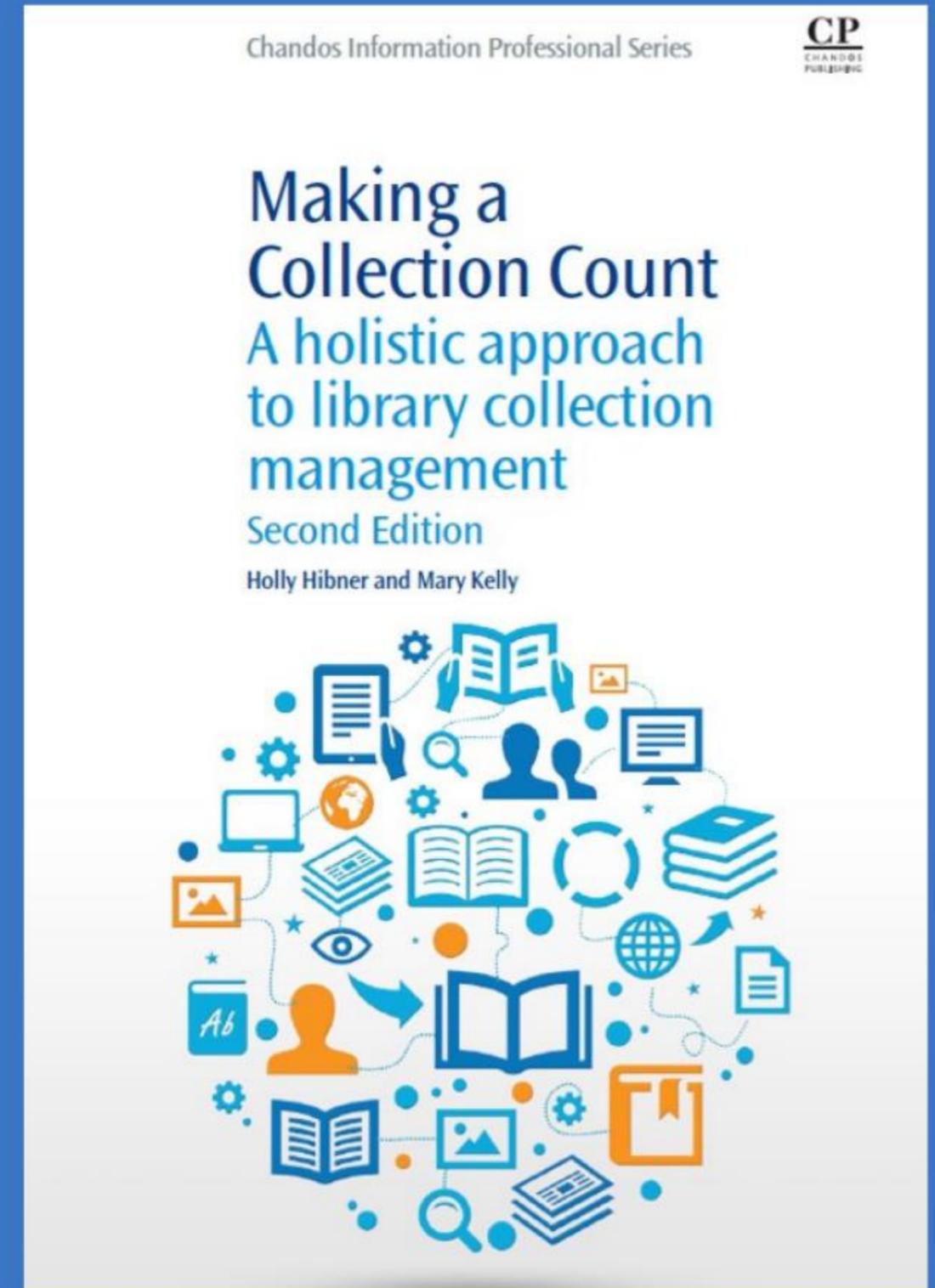


Weed 'Em and Reap

Getting Your Collection from Awful to Awesome

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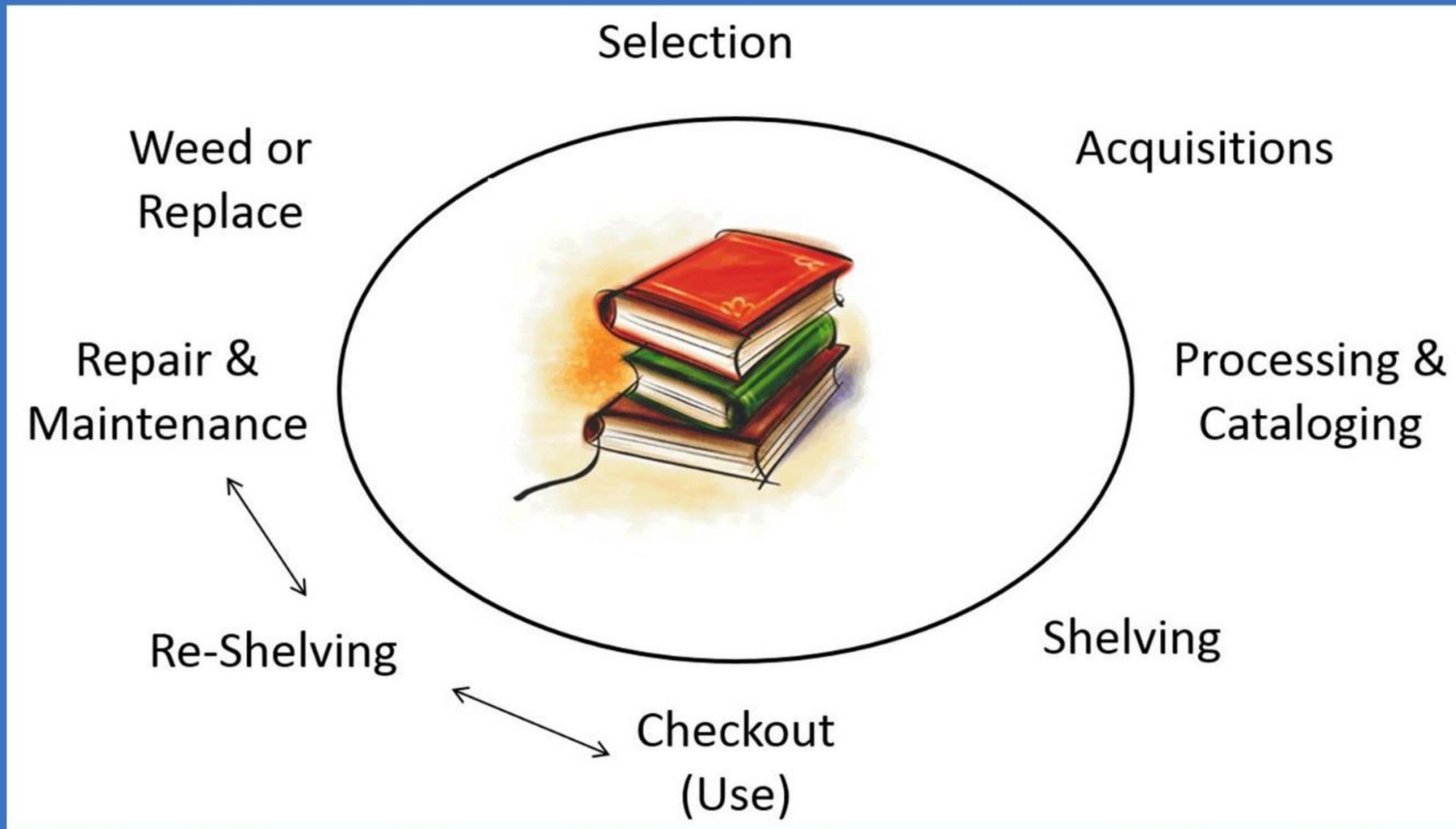


*Does your collection
help meet your mission?*

Are you proud of your collection?



Collection Life Cycle



Collection Management Policy

IDEA: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access

**General
Selection
Criteria**

**Genres,
Formats,
Collections**

**Cooperatives
& Resource
Sharing**

**Preservation,
Conservation,
Maintenance**

**Weeding
Efforts**

**Holds to
Copies Ratio**

Management = Control & Attention
Development = Growth



*"A good library is
like a good haircut.
It's not what you
cut – it's what you
leave".*





Libraries are not in the business of collecting “things,” but providing content and access to content.





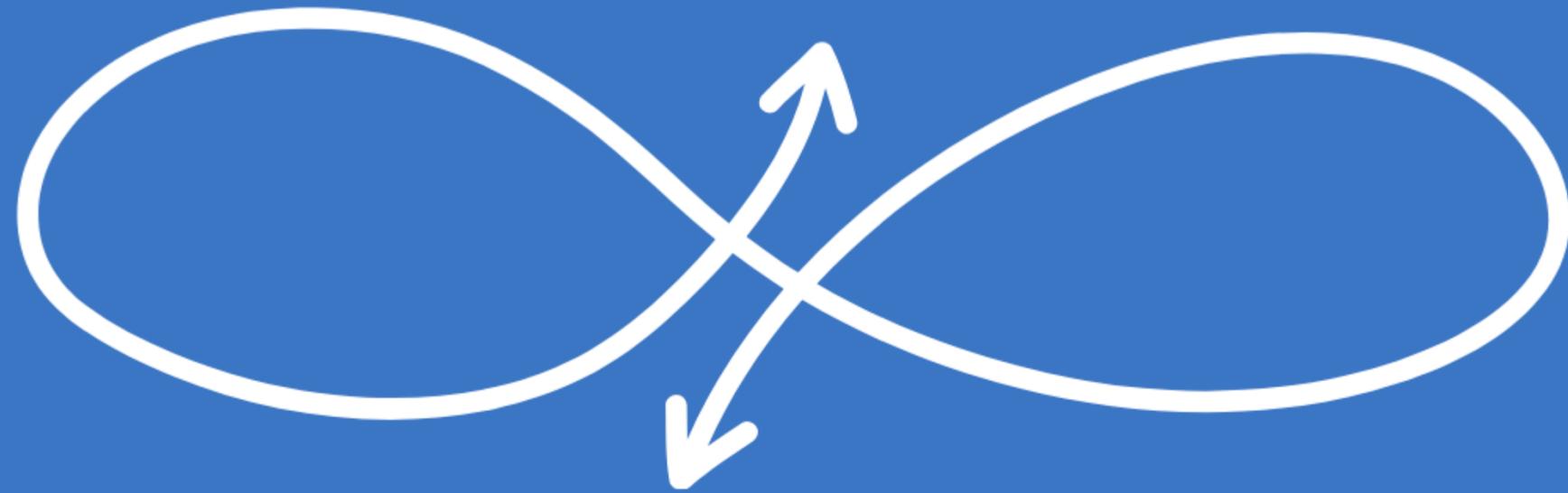
...But the public doesn't "get" it!



Avoid the weeding frenzy



*What are
people supposed
to think?*



Ongoing & Continuous

Make collection management part of your daily, weekly, or monthly routines.

How to weed continuously



**Set up
automated
reports in
your ILS**

**Use the help
available to
you**

**Give some
items
another
chance**

**Walk the
stacks**

...But it's historical

Why President Richard Nixon Should Be Impeached
American Civil Liberties Union
1973

WHY PRESIDENT
RICHARD NIXON
SHOULD BE
IMPEACHED

American Civil Liberties Union

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NIXON
AMERICA
1973

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRESS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

McCall's GIANT GOLDEN

MAKE-IT BOOK

More Than a Thousand Things for Boys and Girls to Make and Do
The Most Complete Book of Crafts and Activities Ever Published



*...But someone
might need it*

McCall's Giant Golden Make-It Book

John Peter

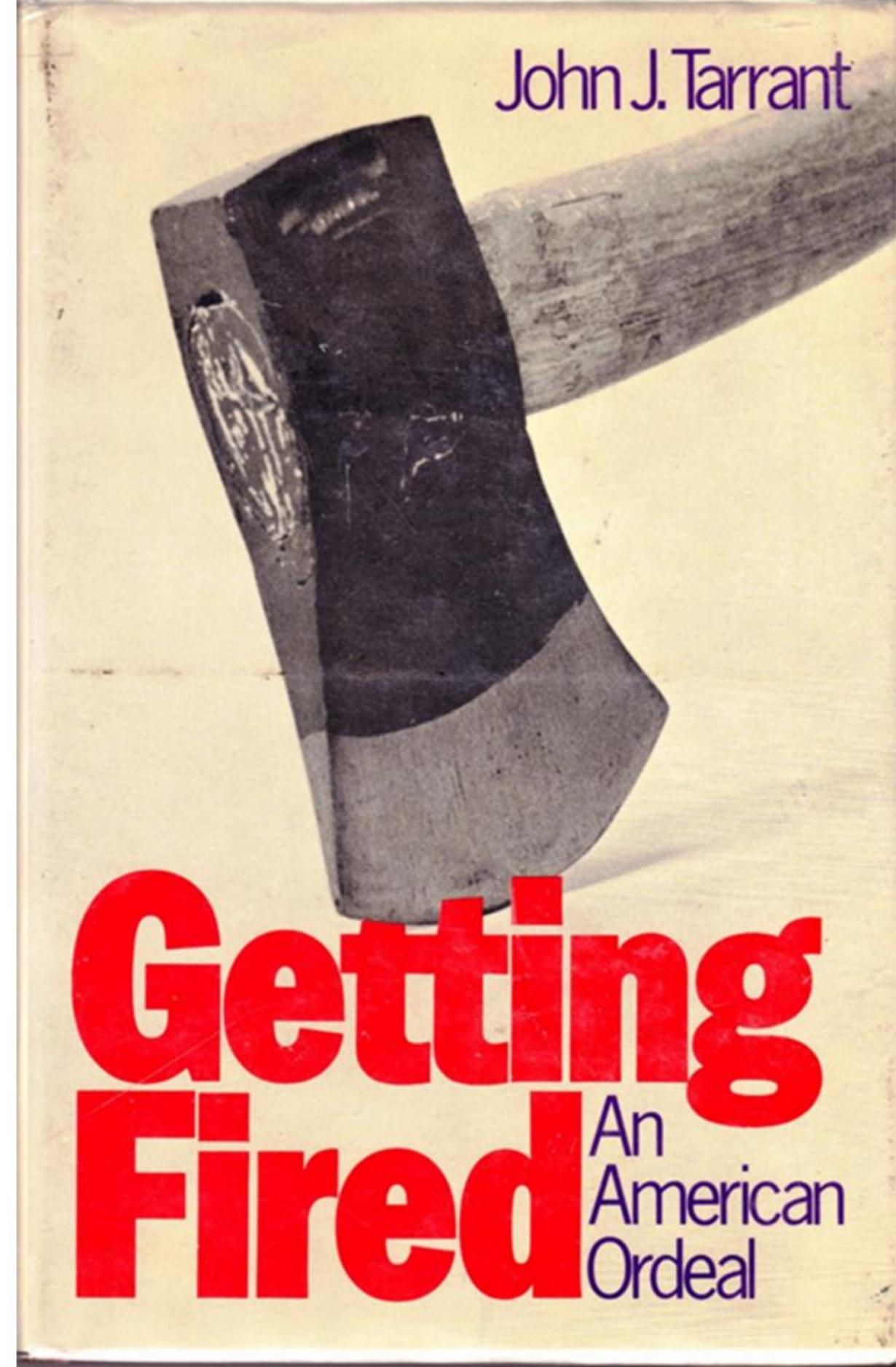
1953



*...But I don't
have time*

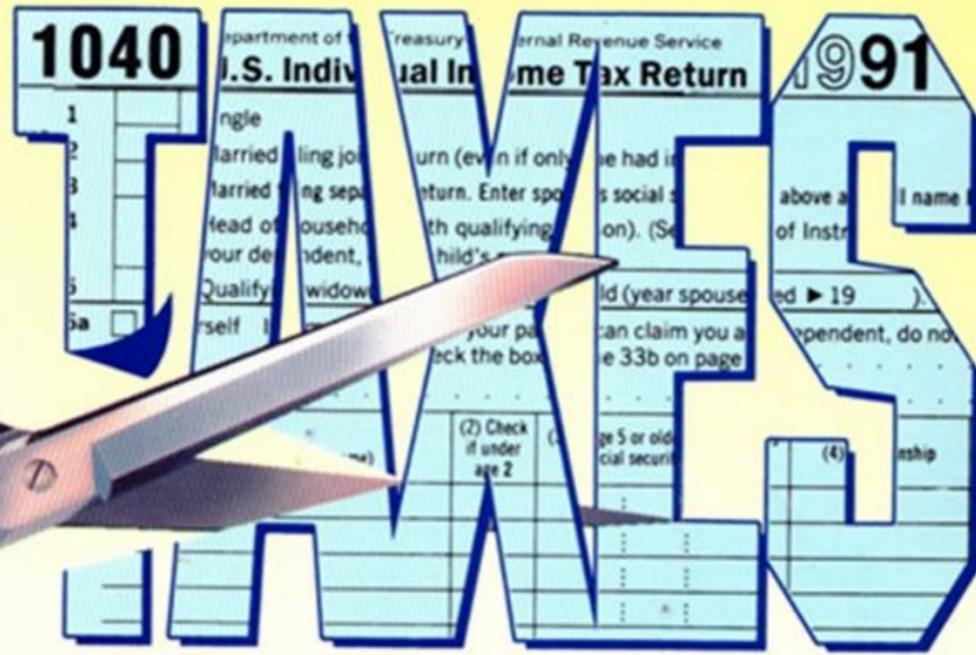
Why We Weed

Getting Fired
Tarrant
1974



KIPLINGER'S

SURE WAYS TO CUT YOUR



Revised for 1991
Includes latest tax changes

BY KEVIN McCORMALLY
TAX EDITOR, *CHANGING TIMES* MAGAZINE

Why We Weed

Kiplinger's Sure Ways to Cut Your Taxes
McCormally
1991

rites of passage at \$100,000+

*...the insider's guide to
absolutely everything about
executive job-changing.*

TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY

JOHN LUCHT

Height and Weight

Nice to put in if it's favorable; although women often omit weight because it seems sexist to raise the subject. Overweight men and women might consider listing an optimistic weight toward which they're dieting, as a way of cushioning the inevitable visual shock with some advance notice.

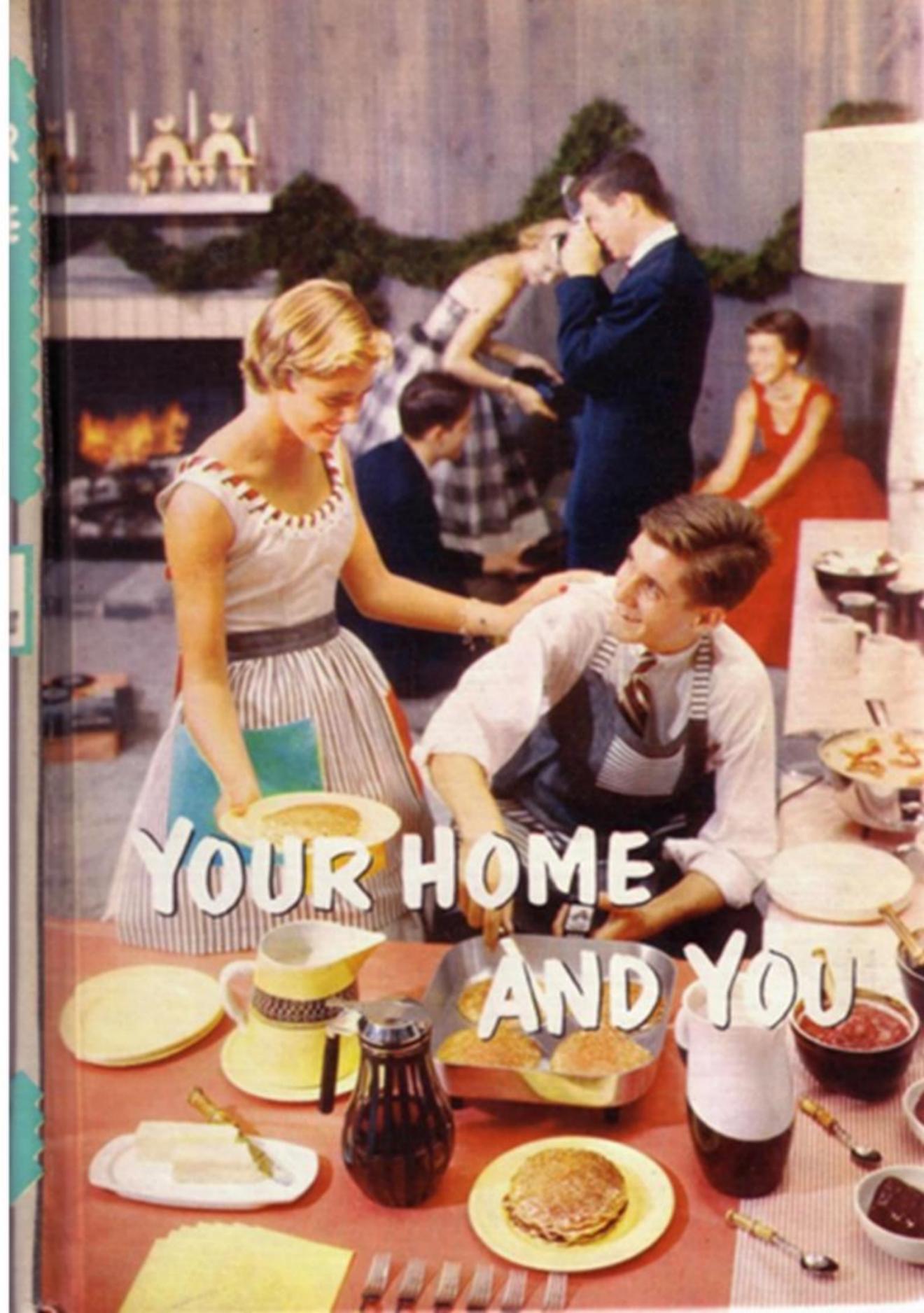
Race

Probably silence. For all minorities but Black, surnames dispell any impending visual surprise. . .hardly a major consideration anyway. For the Black who wants to dispel surprise, mentioning support of any obviously Black institution. . .possibly along with similar non-rationally-defined institutions. . .will do the trick.

Rites of Passage at \$100,000+
Lucht
1995

*...But it's in
good shape*

Your Home and You
Greer and Gibbs
1960





...But there's so much to weed!



Weeding Made Easy
Step 1: Duplicates



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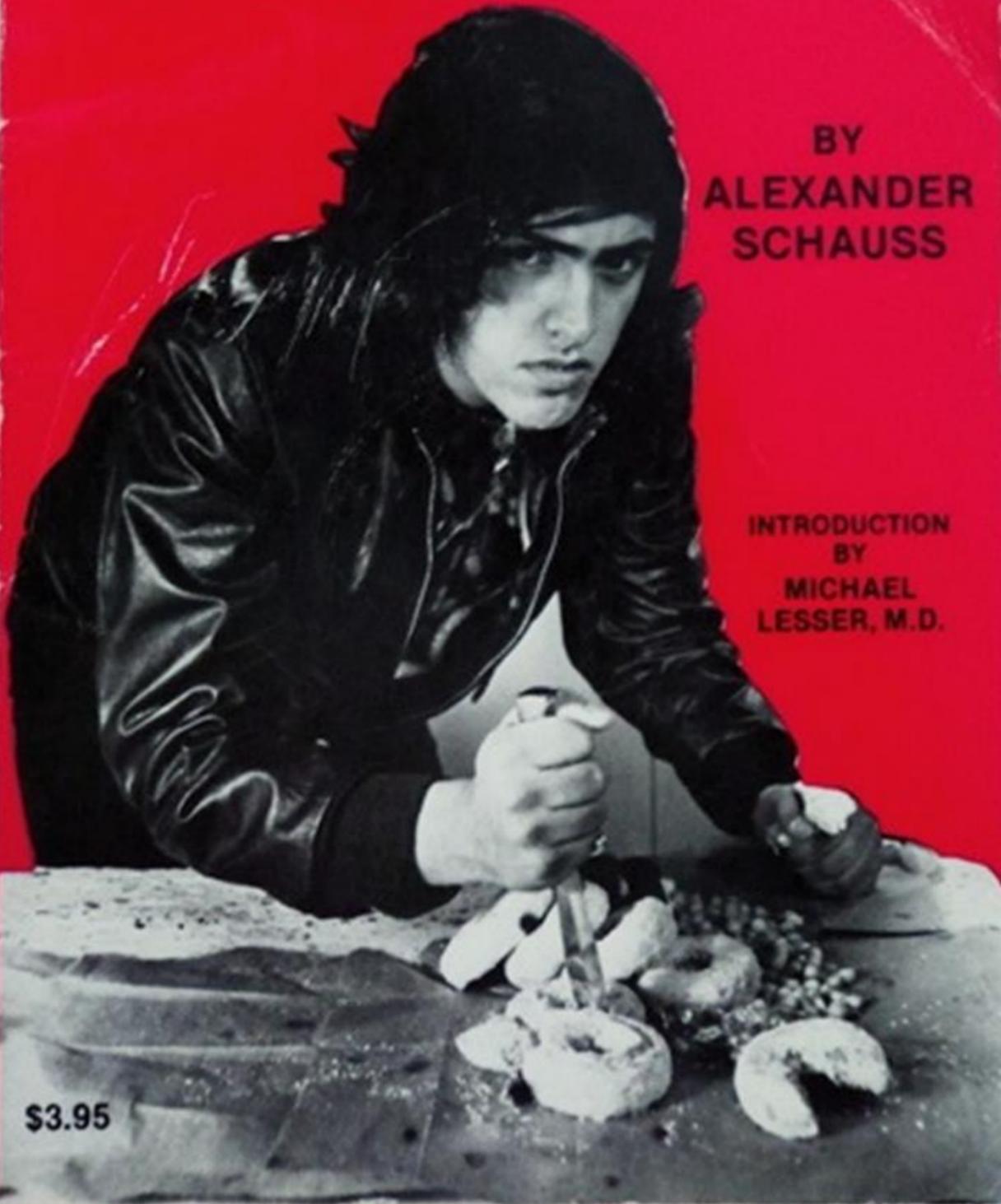
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Step 2: Condition

DIET, CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

BY
ALEXANDER
SCHAUSS

INTRODUCTION
BY
MICHAEL
LESSER, M.D.



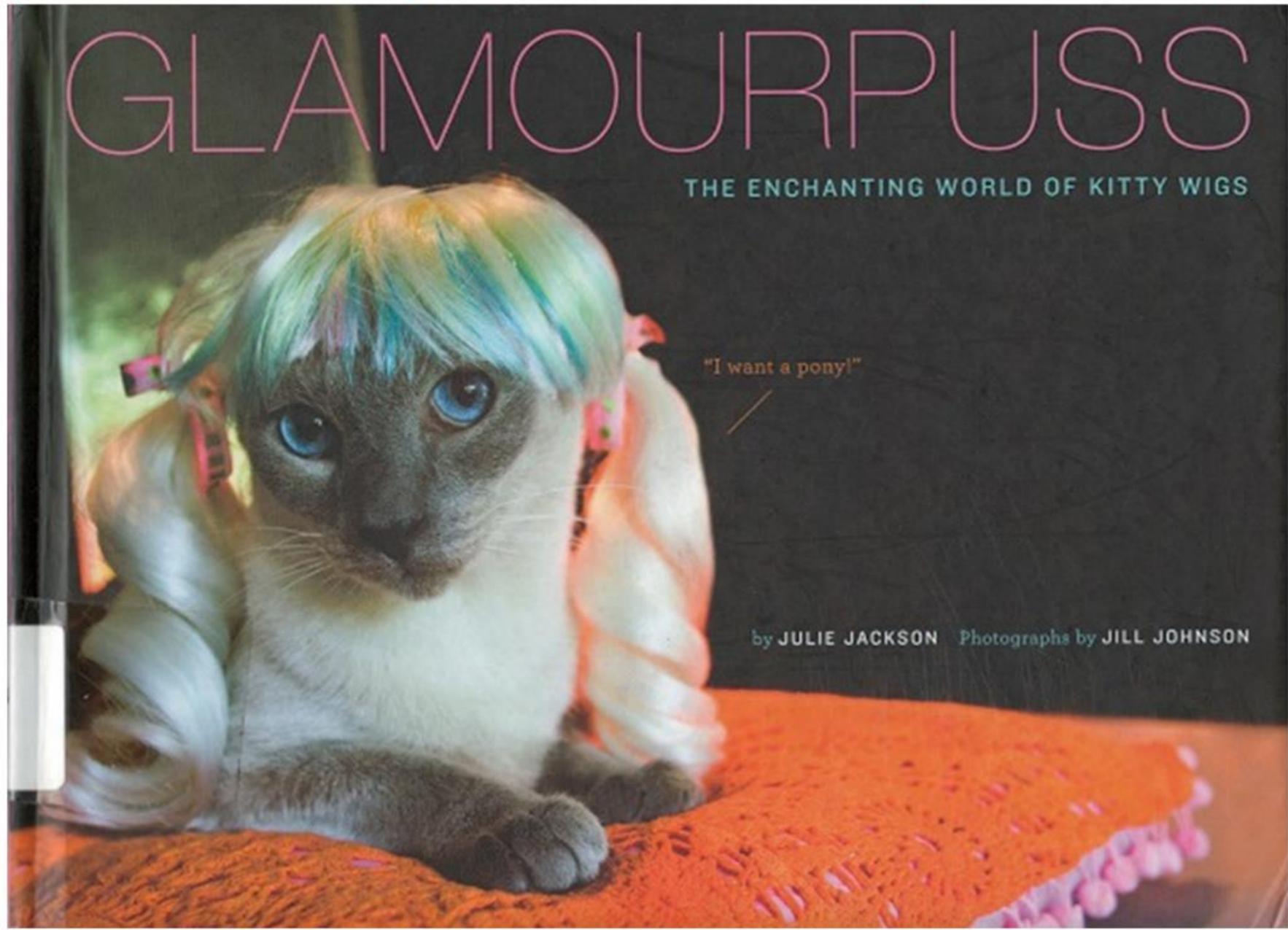
\$3.95

Glamourpuss: The Enchanting World of Kitty Wigs
Jackson, 2009

Diet, Crime, and Delinquency
Schauss, 1981

Weeding Made Easy

Step 3: Stupid



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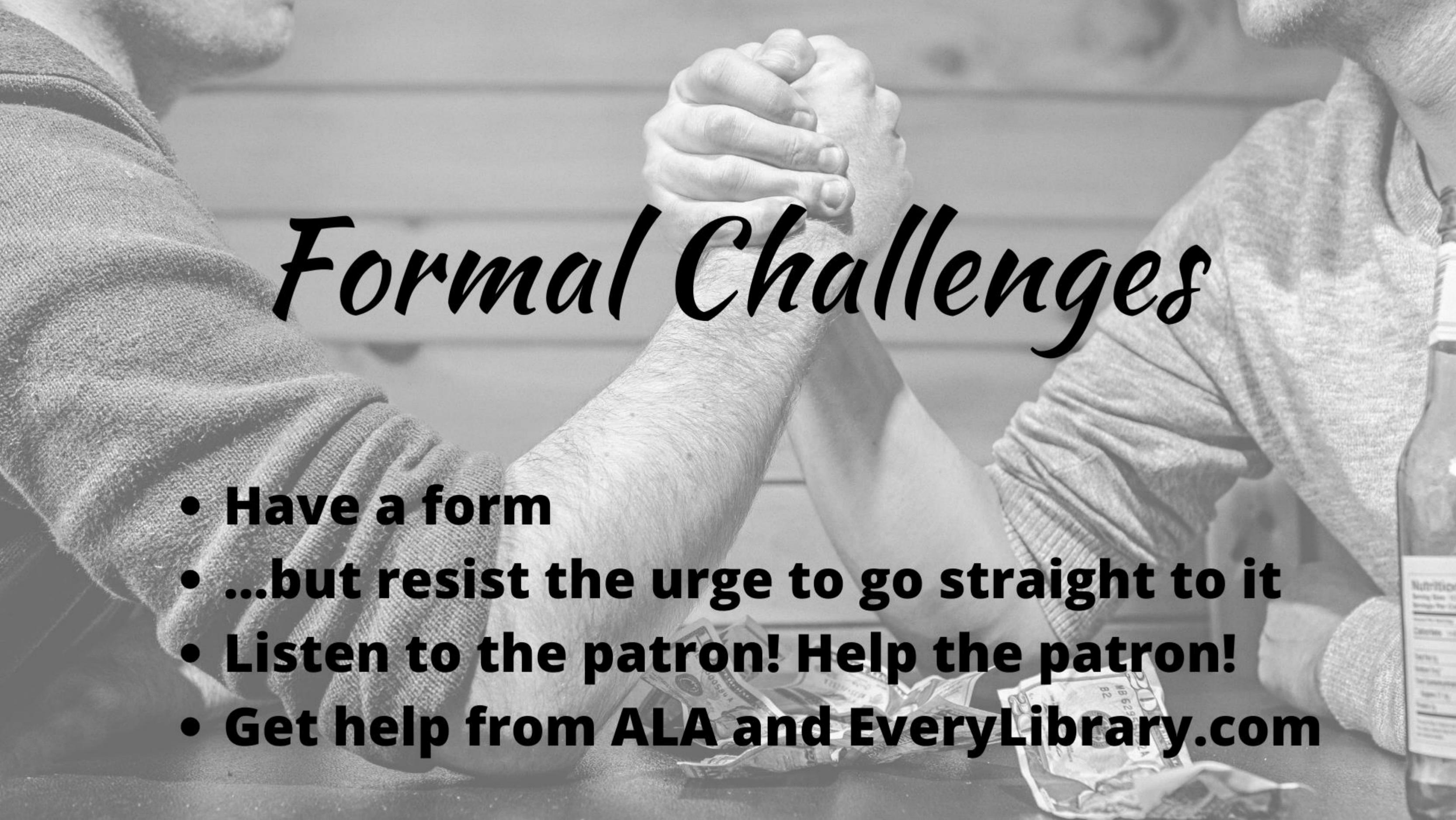
Step 4: Reports

Reports are not a substitution for physically interacting with the collection.



Censorship vs. Weeding





Formal Challenges

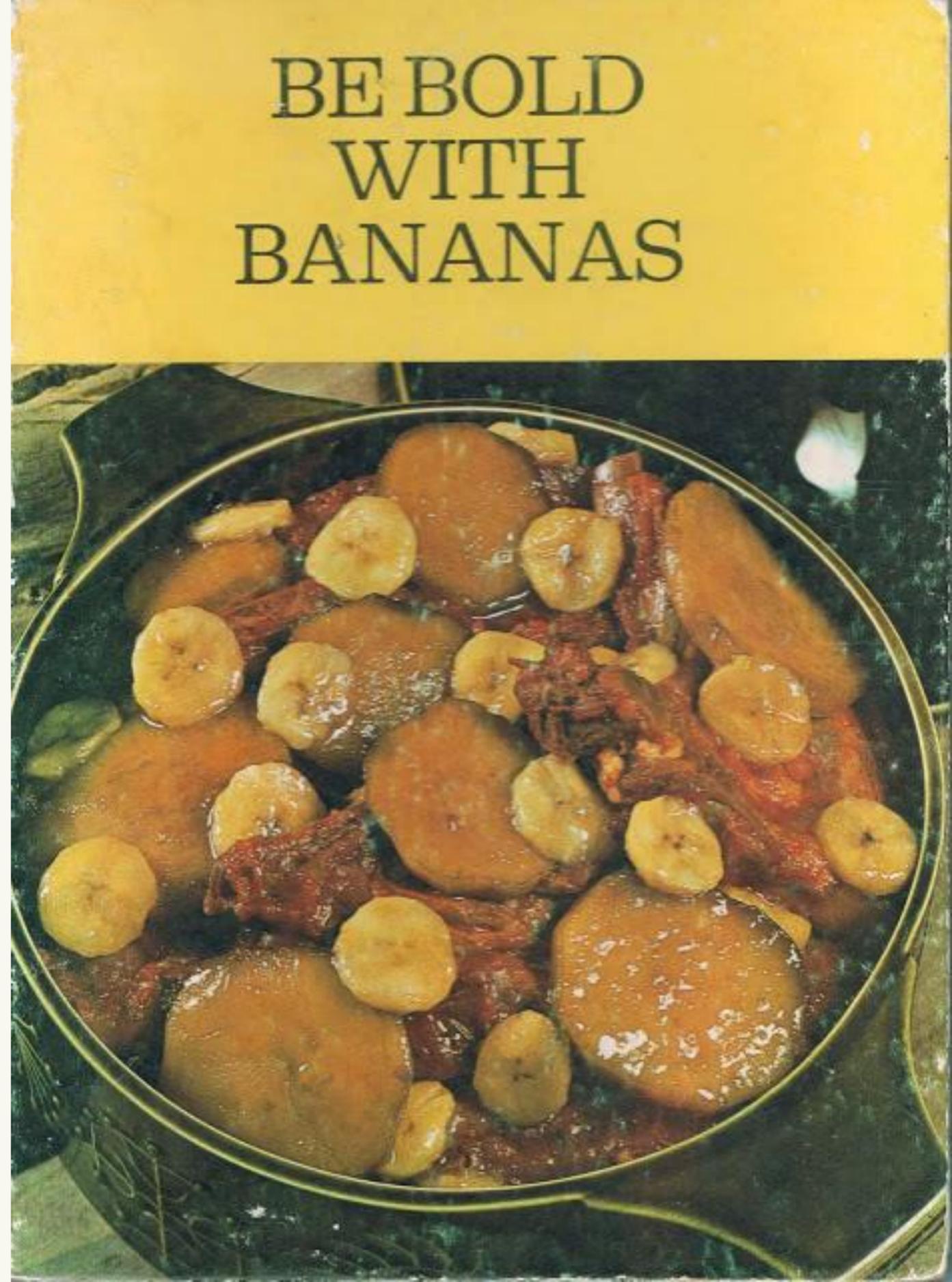
- **Have a form**
- **...but resist the urge to go straight to it**
- **Listen to the patron! Help the patron!**
- **Get help from ALA and EveryLibrary.com**

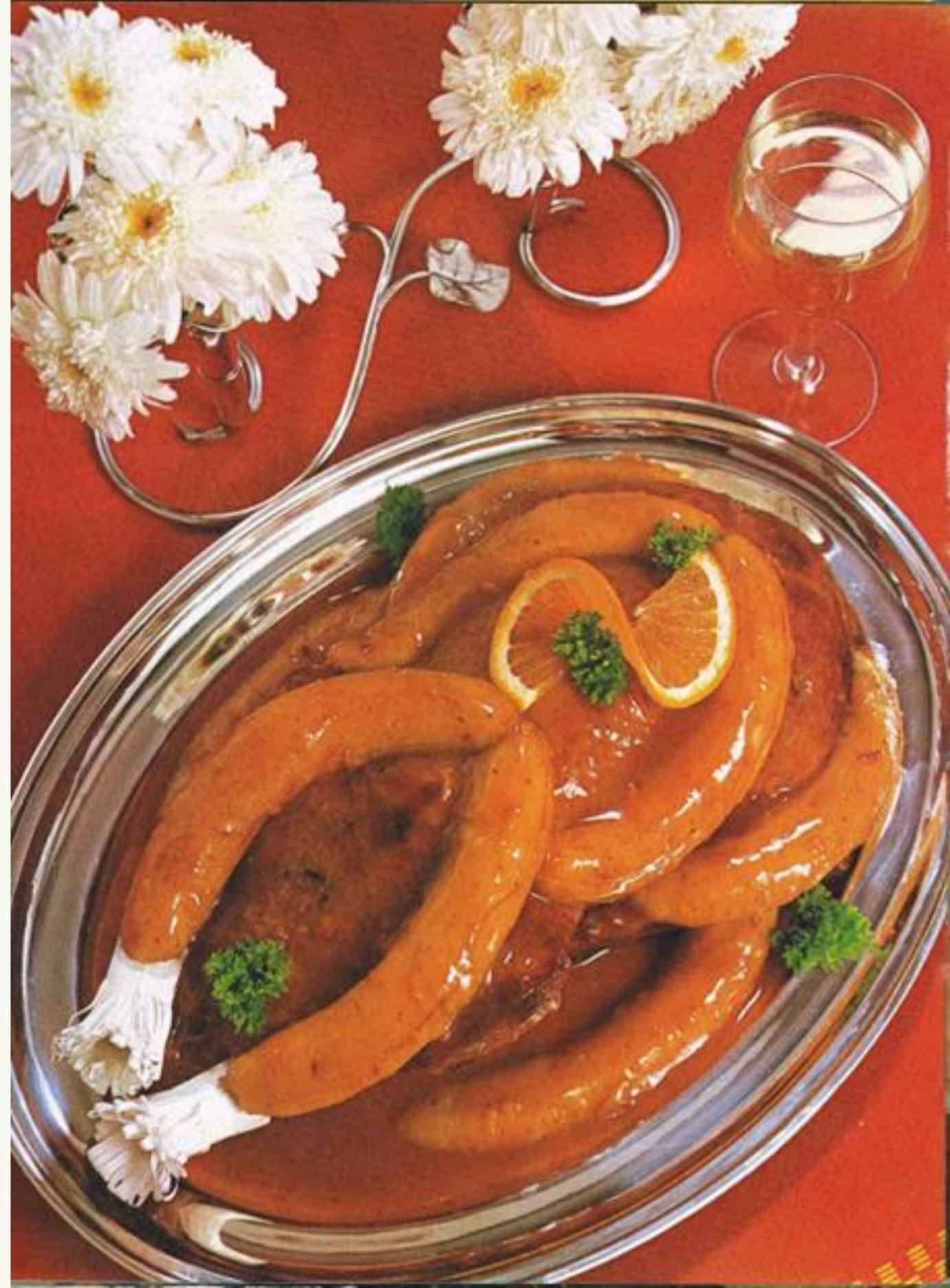


Everything is Connected

Keep or Weed?

Be Bold with Bananas
Banana Control Board
1970



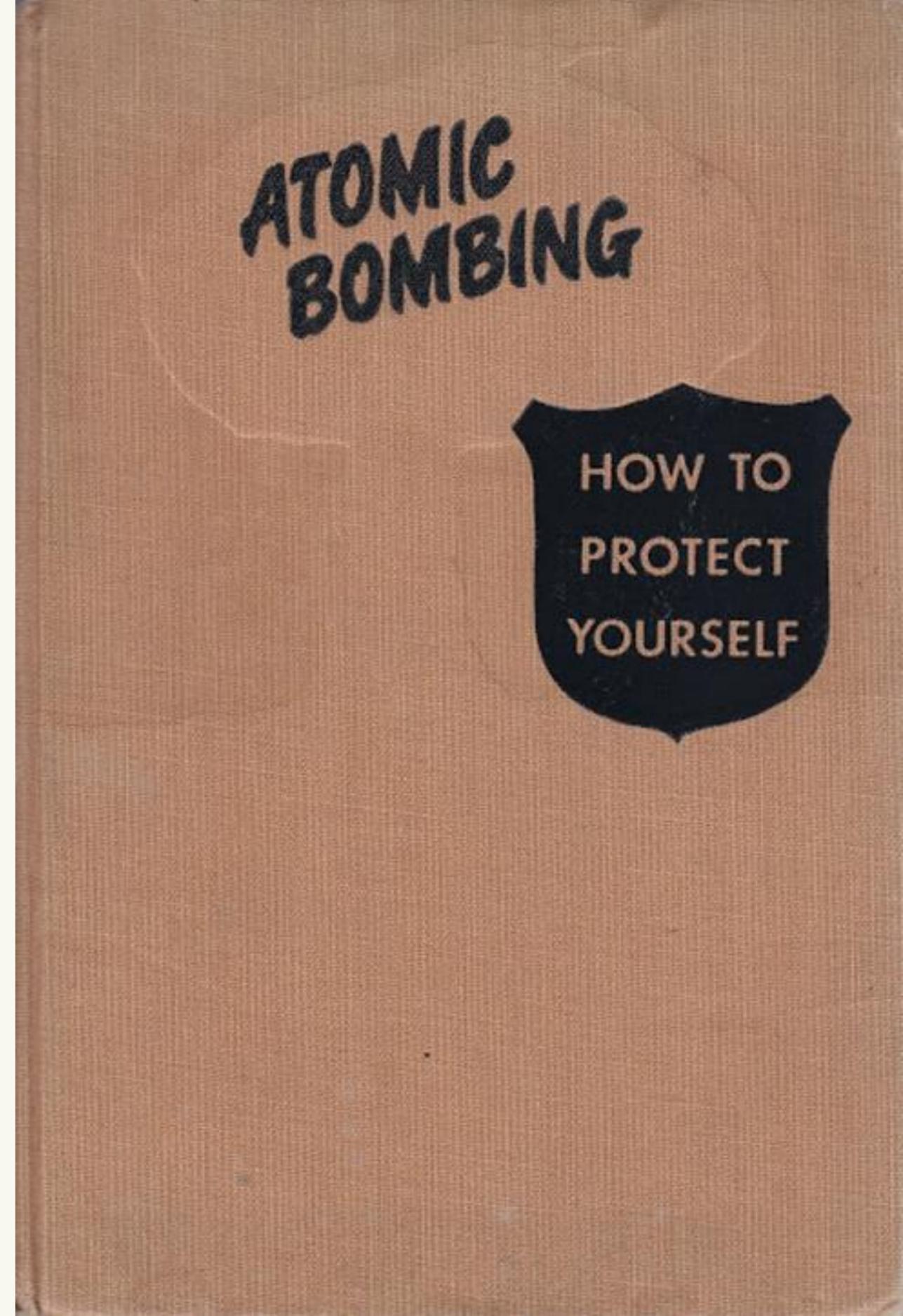


Keep or Weed?

Atomic Bombing

Davis, Ed

1950



Curl up in a ball as you hit the ground. Put your hands (and arms, if they are bare) against your stomach, and duck your face into your chest. If you can shade all exposed areas of your skin, you are far less liable to be burned.

Stay in a ball for ten seconds. Both the heat and the blast wave will pass over you in that time. Then, if you can, stand up. You will be among the survivors—provided you can move fast enough to avoid falling rubble and fire.

If the explosion catches you one step from a tree-trunk or doorway, you can take that step and crouch with your back



In this position debris and broken glass will fall out beyond you—

to the light. But if a possible shelter is two or three or four steps away, don't try to make it. You won't have time.

After the crucial ten seconds, the fronts of brick buildings may be crashing into the street. Your safest move will be to press yourself tightly against the nearest wall—preferably the wall of a concrete building, for concrete will not strip away like brick. In this position, also, cornices and broken glass from above will fall out beyond you.

Should the giant flash come when you are indoors, dive for the floor with your back to the window and crawl beneath or behind the nearest table, desk or counter. Anything between you and the window will stop not only the heat rays but also the jagged bullets of broken glass. The blast will be followed by wind of hurricane force; stay away from all windows for



The safest place inside any building will be near the interior partition—

RESCUE WORKERS

Rescue workers might well be called the skilled workers of civil defense. It is not a matter of just clawing away at falling rubble until you get to a trapped person. Rescue work calls for high discipline and technique. It is obvious, for instance, that clumsy clawing away at rubble might bring more rubble down upon the rescue worker and further block the avenues of escape for the trapped victims.

If and when an A-bomb comes, thousands of trained and skilled rescue workers will be needed. You will have the opportunity to train for this difficult but rewarding assignment.

The government is hoping that at least 20,000,000 of us will take first aid courses. Except for the minority of casualties who will have radiation sickness, the larger number will be injured in familiar ways—burned, hit by falling masonry, in shock. Elementary treatment of these everyone should know.



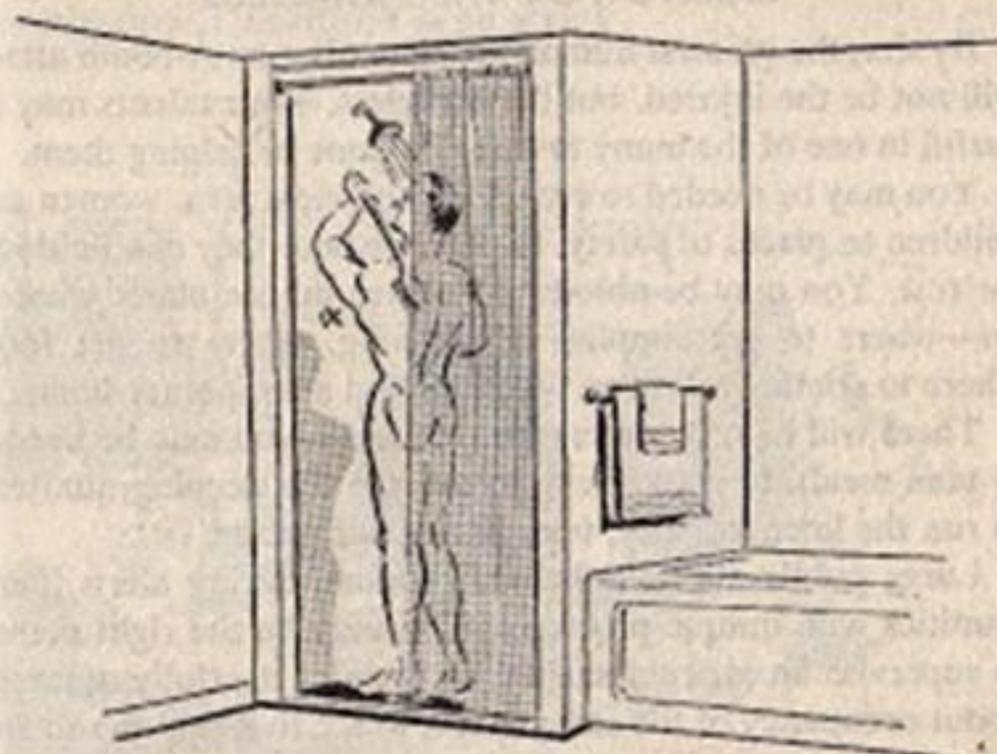
Rescue workers will have to know first aid and stretcher bearing—

Rescue workers particularly will have to know first aid and stretcher bearing. Another job for you in which first aid will be particularly important is driving an ambulance.

The British have the appropriate word for everything. One section of their civil defense corps organization is called "pioneers." In a sense on which the British probably never figured, the word is apt.

Pioneer workers will be the first to clear the way for the new beginning of living after an A-bomb attack. Whatever we call them, they will be one of the most important parts of our American volunteer civil defense effort.

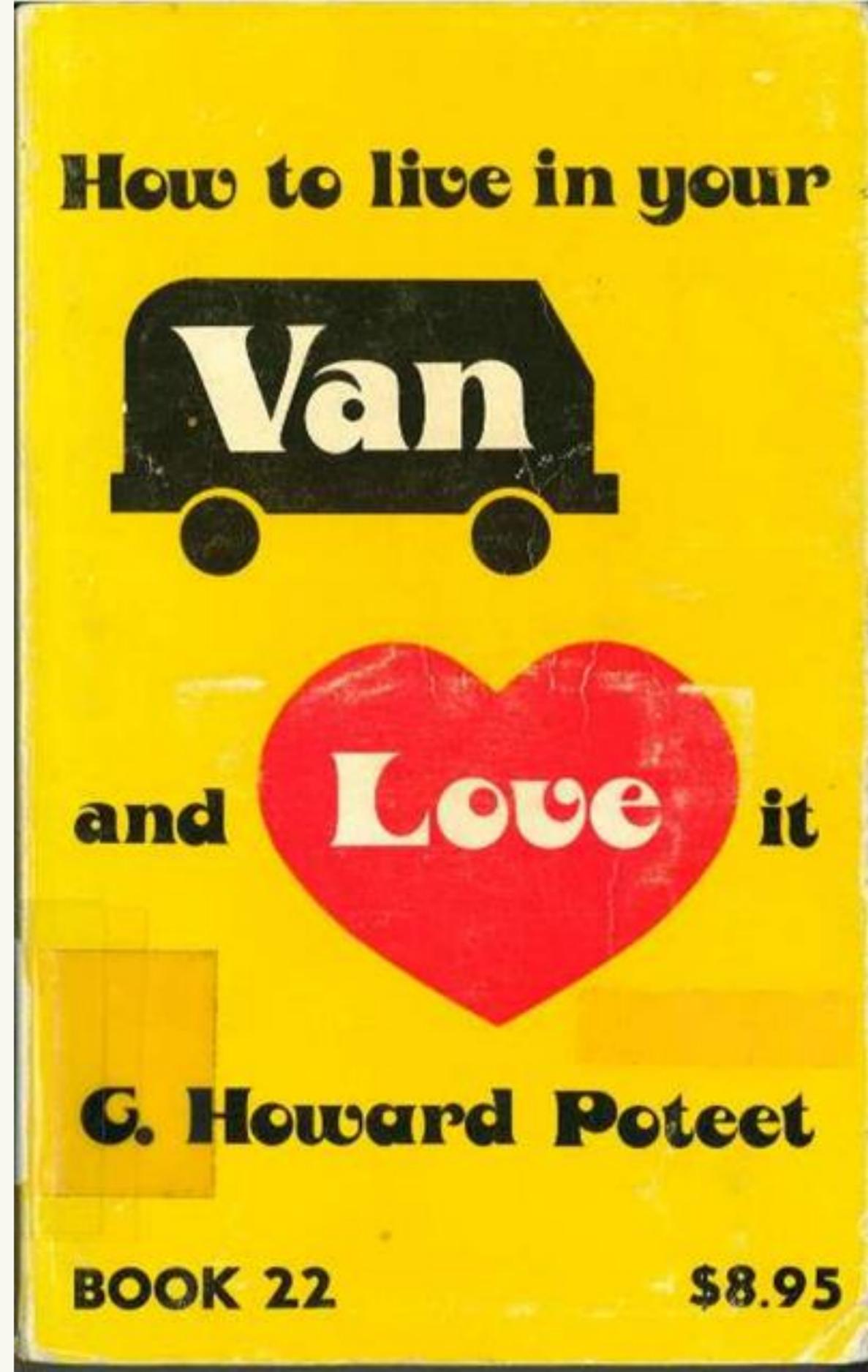
Pioneers will clear away the debris and rubble left by an attack; they will plant the explosives which destroy unsafe



Uninjured persons who may have come in contact with radioactive materials should thoroughly scrub themselves—

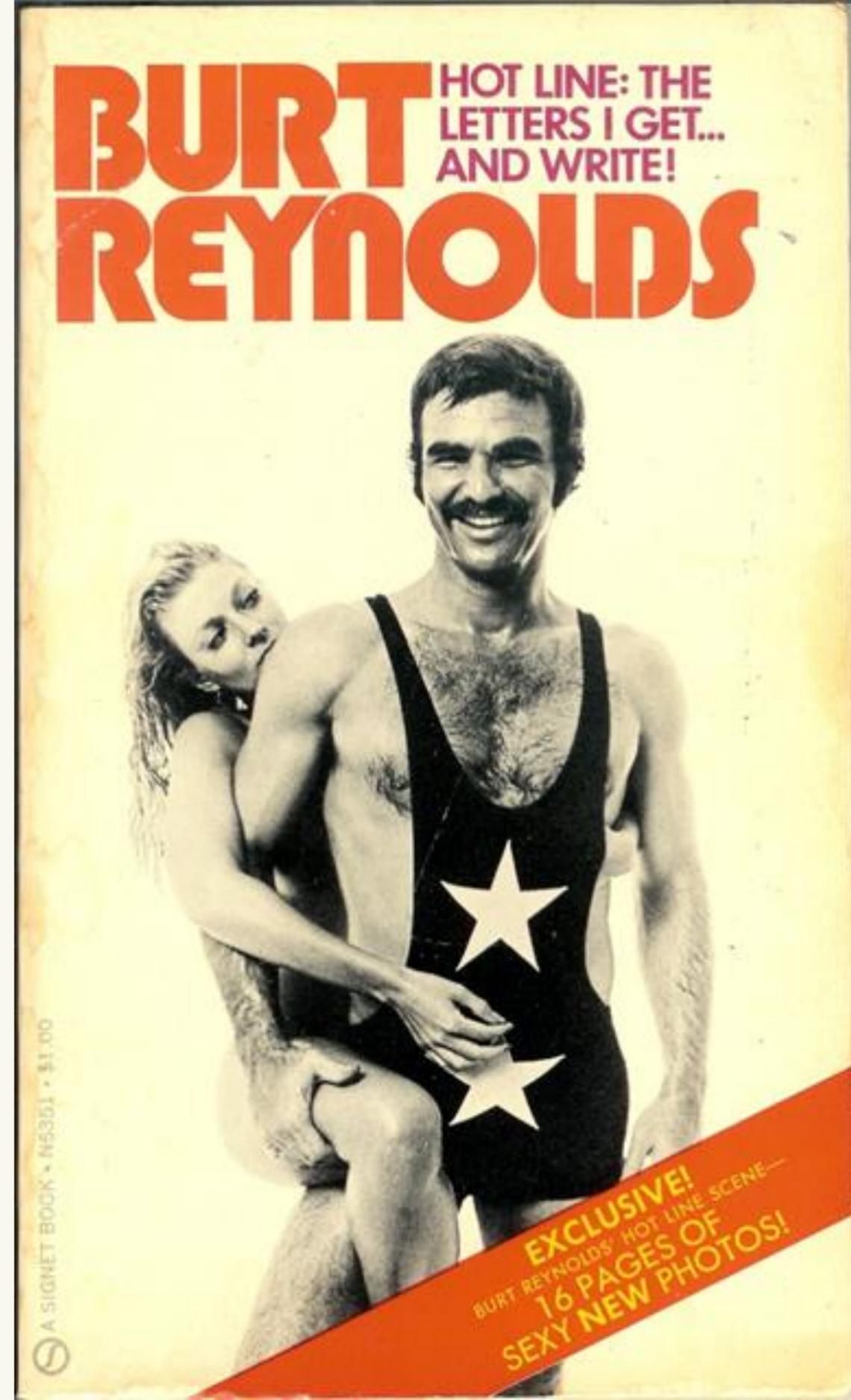
Keep or Weed?

How to Live in Your Van and Love It
Poteet
1976



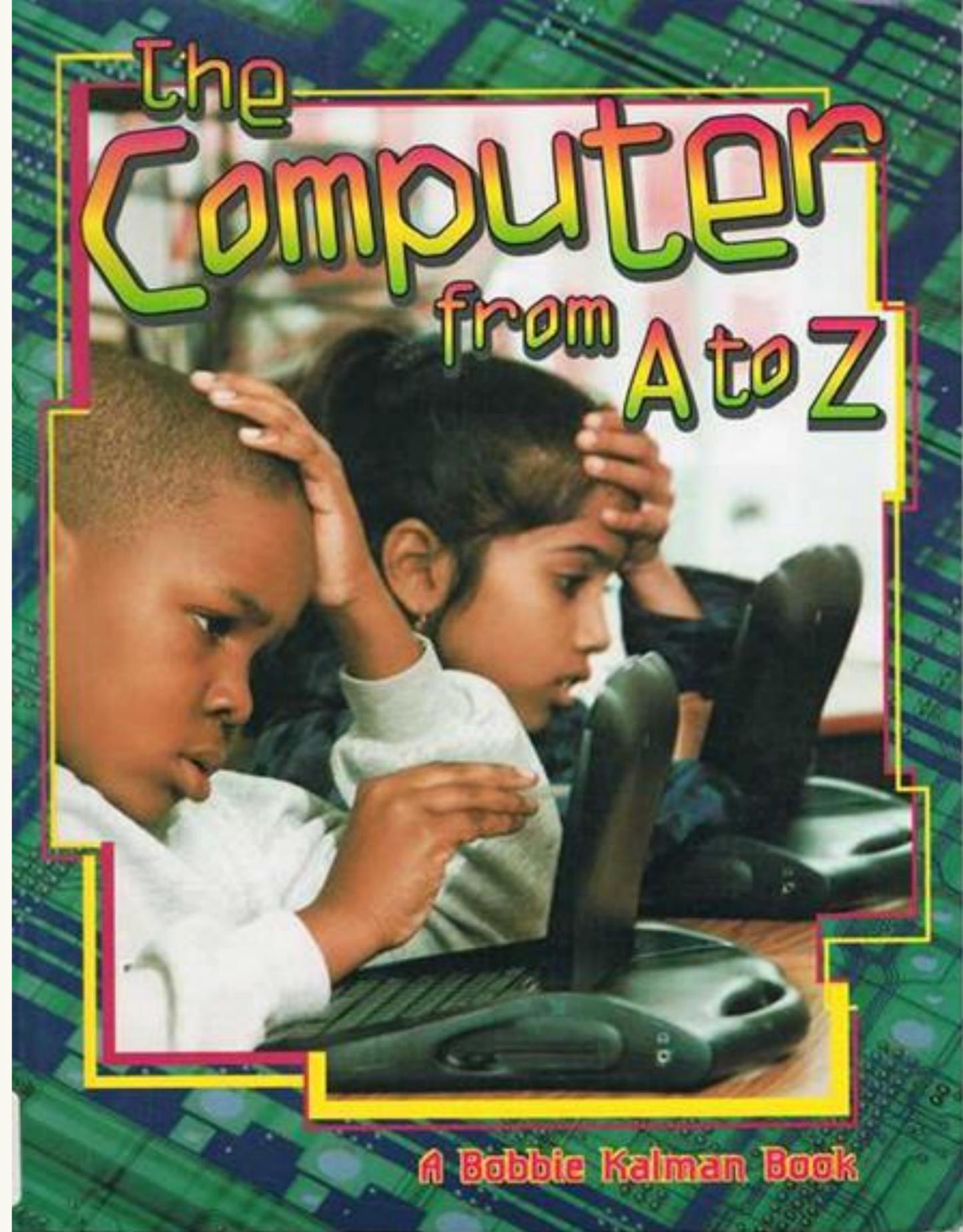
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Hotline: The Letters I Get...and Write!
Reynolds
1972



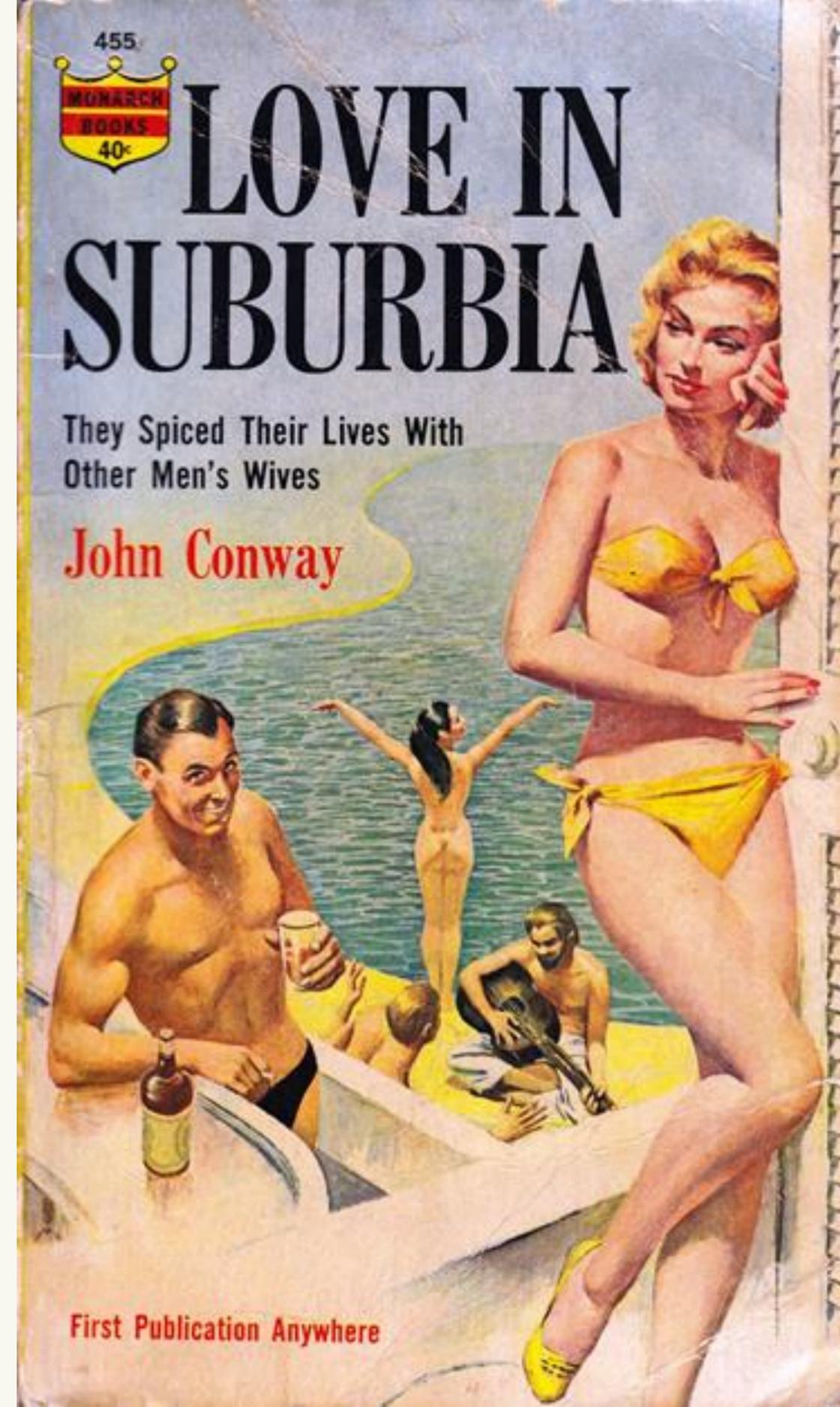
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The Computer from A to Z
Kalman
1999



Keep or Weed?

Love in Suburbia
Conway
1964

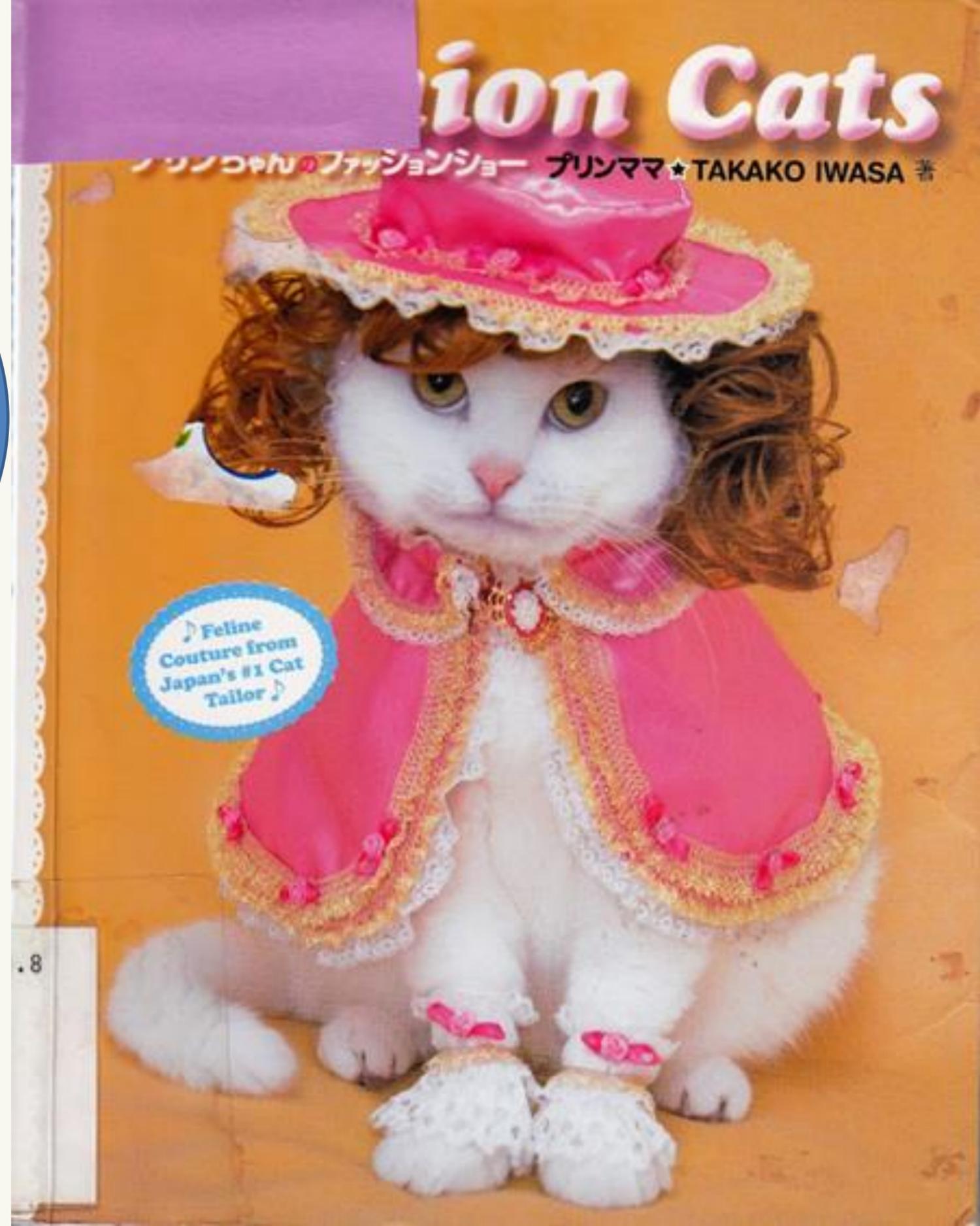


Keep or Weed?

Fashion Cats

Iwasa

2011





**Prince Henry's Coat,
Hat, and Frilled Shirt**

The hat comes with blond curls. The fluffy white feather on top blows gently in the wind. Hey, make sure you don't chew that feather! The hat is perched on top of the cat's head without covering the ears. The coat is a vivid violet color, while the frills and golden lacing add elegance to the smart attire. The frilled shirt is decorated with full-bodied pleated lace, rose buds, and gold roses. Wait, is that your tongue sticking out?! My, Prince Kotaro, you mustn't lick your face like that!



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