

Notes

New/Old Pynchon

In April, 1984 Little, Brown and Company will publish a collection said to contain five of Pynchon's six previously published short stories, plus a 7500-word introduction by Pynchon. Which story will be omitted has not been revealed. According to an item in the New York Times of September 23, 1983 announcing the publication, "'Pynchon became annoyed about the illegal pirating of his stories,' Melanie Jackson, the author's literary agent, said."

The Viking Press has recently acquired reprint rights to V. and The Crying of Lot 49 from J. B. Lippincott. The Viking editions of these novels will contain textual emendations which first appeared in, for example, the Bantam paperbacks. Publication dates have not been announced, though we understand that Viking, which has been expecting Pynchon's next manuscript for several months, may schedule release of the reprints to take advantage of publicity generated by the new novel--whenever that appears.