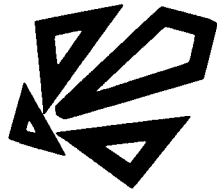
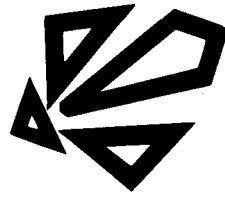


## BOOK REVIEWS



Book Reviews should be forwarded

C/- BOOK REVIEW EDITOR  
AUST. CHILD AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
313 KINGSWAY,  
SOUTH MELBOURNE. 3205.



**Marriage and the Family Under Challenge: an outline of issues, trends and alternatives.** Dorothy Fahs BECK. Family Service Association, N.Y., 1976. pp. 101. Recommended price: not given.

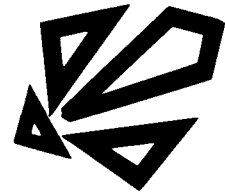
This brief publication which also includes an annotated bibliography by Emily Bradshaw fills an important need in the area of marriage and the family. It is often difficult to locate the type of information contained in this volume for the simple reason that the area of marriage and the family is the accepted province of a wide range of disciplines and hence recent research and theory is scattered throughout an equally wide range of publications.

The first section of this booklet provides a comprehensive, descriptive and well organized index arranged in sub-headings of the major issues, trends and alternatives in the area of marriage and family living. In this reviewer's opinion, the listing would provide an excellent source of topics for Seminar discussion groups and/or research projects. A further distinct advantage of this listing is that the author has cross indexed it with the annotated bibliography that forms the second part of the booklet. The bibliography is also comprehensive, highly informative and up to date.

The final section of the book provides a listing of all the major publishing sources quoted in the text. Such a listing which gives detailed addresses could be of considerable practical help to individuals wishing to correspond with publishing houses. Overall, this

is a valuable publication which could prove very useful to those involved in the area of marriage and the family, but particularly those involved in research or teaching.

**Peter A. O'Connor (Dr.),**  
Dept. Social Studies,  
University of Melbourne.



**Mentally Ill Mothers and Their Children,** Henry Grunebaum, Justin Weiss, Bertram Cohler, Carol Hartman, David Gallant. pp. 345. University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1975.

This book is an interdisciplinary study of the joint admission of mothers and their young children to psychiatric care. Today this is a fairly common practice and is the preferred mode of treatment when the mother's adjustment to the baby is seen as central, as in the case of post-partum or puerperal psychosis.

The authors were among the first to introduce the practice of joint admission in a psychiatric setting in Massachusetts in the early sixties. The research is relevant to social research generally for several reasons.

— it was designed from its inception to be part of an ongoing evaluation of the program.

— it is explicit about the use of the research for political ends, that is, to justify and enable the change in policy.

— it is interdisciplinary research, drawing on the professions of psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, psychology and social work.

— the research occurred in the practice setting, not in the