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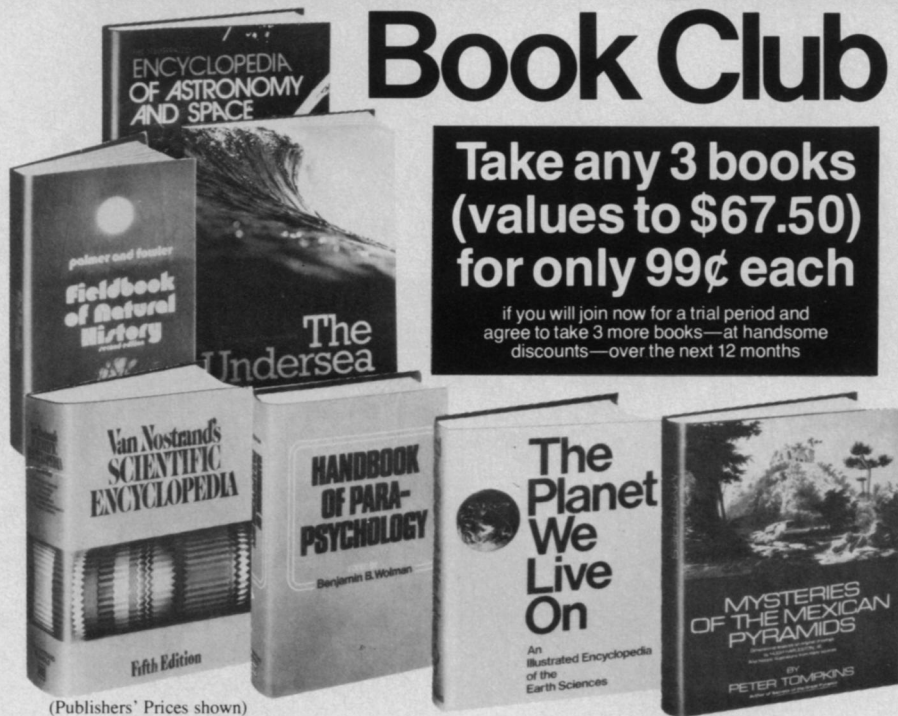


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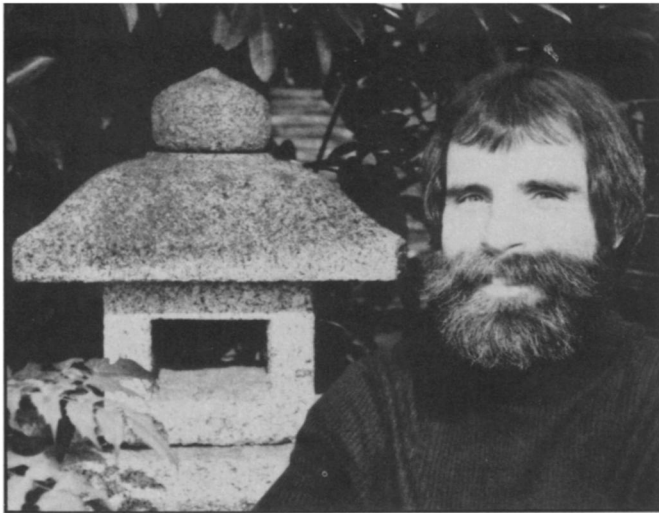
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*John H. Douglas,
our award
winning science
writer, at home in
Japan beside the
ishidori (stone
lantern) in his
garden.*



Marilyn K. Douglas

Congratulations!

The most rewarding awards for professionals are those that come from their colleagues. Accordingly, one of the highest honors a science writer can earn comes from the National Association of Science Writers. We at SCIENCE NEWS are proud to report that our friend and colleague, Contributing Editor John H. Douglas, has won the NASW's Science-in-Society Journalism Award (in the physical sciences) for his two-part series "The Great Nuclear Power Debate" (SN: 1/17/76, p. 44; and 1/24/76, p. 59).

John's well-deserved prize comes five years after he joined the staff of SCIENCE NEWS as a uniquely qualified reporter and talented writer. He holds a B.S. in physics from Vanderbilt University, a M.S. in physics from Cornell University and a M.J. (journalism) degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to joining us at SCIENCE NEWS, John worked as a physicist, a teacher, a reporter and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malaysia. As SCIENCE NEWS's Science and Society Editor, John used his talents (and his seemingly endless supply of energy) to investigate and report on a wide range of topics. He was fascinated by and wrote on such things as nuclear power, computer technology and human creativity. He also coordinated (and wrote much of) our special issues on science education. John's facility with a camera helped us to illustrate many of his (and our) articles.

As most of you who are familiar with SCIENCE NEWS probably know, John Douglas is currently working and studying as a Fulbright Research Journalist in Tokyo (and has been filing what we believe will be an award-winning series of articles on Japanese science and technology, see p. 154).

In response to the news of his award, John writes thanks to his present and previous editor (Kendrick Frazier) for "the encouragement necessary to follow long, difficult projects to their conclusion," and for "the constructive criticism needed to keep from wandering too far from the readers' general interest."

"Similarly," he writes, "I think every writer owes a debt to his colleagues, with whom he must compete for space in print and from whom he often receives the greatest inspiration. In researching the series I wrote on creativity I found that psychologists are looking increasingly at the role played by the environment in stimulating an individual's creative achievements, I cannot imagine a more stimulating, creative environment than that at SCIENCE NEWS, with its diverse group of talented writers and understanding editors."

"Finally, a word of personal thanks to the publisher of SCIENCE NEWS, E. G. Sherburne Jr. No relationship between a publisher and his editorial staff can be easy — theirs the freedom, his the responsibility. They must combine to produce good journalism. Like the owner of a thoroughbred race horse, he must exercise, most of all, patience — never pushing too hard, but giving the beast its head when it really wants to run. Thank you, Ted, for your patience."

And we in turn thank you, John, for reflecting so well on SCIENCE NEWS, for your years of service, for your stimulating companionship and for good times shared over good meals.

—Robert J. Trotter

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