## Tracking what's brewing on the literary front



book beat:

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"It's probably no accident that Margaret Forster's bestselling (in Britain) bloggraphy, "Daphne du Maurien," will hit American bookstores about the same time. Publisher here is Doubleday.

"Also in October, Warner Books will bring out "The Diary of Jack the Ripper," taken from a notebook discovered in 1991 by an amateur "Ripperlogist," and since judged the real thing by a number of highly respected an ince judged the real thing by an under of highly respected an ince judged the real thing by a number of highly respected an ince judged the real thing by a number of highly respected an understanding several at Scotland Yard's famed Black Museum. Yes, the identity of the mysterious Whitechepel murderer is apparently revealed within the book's pages. Absolutely no advance copies will be made available to reviewers. The book will be simultaneously published in Britain by Smith-Gryphon.

In Hollywood, film rights to John Grisham's next novel have

been purchased by Universal for \$3.76 million, according to Publishers Weekly. No title yet. No book yet, either. Apparently, you can judge a book by its author, or so believe prime movers at Universal Studios.

A cable TV channel devoted exclusively to books and related matters will be available to viowers by approximately this time next year, says writer EL. Doctorow, a major partner in the project. Booknet will broadcast

readings, interviews, reviews, dis-cussions, and all that wonderful stuff 24 hours a day. Sounds al-most too good to be true, doesn't it? Keep your fingers crossed. "Tove in Black and White" has gone nowhere since its publica-tion in Great Britain. It will be re-

gone nowhere since its publica-tion in Great Britain. It will be re-issued there by Mandarin in Oc-tober, this time around in paper-back. This time around, with a new cover. This time around, with its original, American title, "The Bridges of Madison County."

■ This year, the Quarterly Review of Literature, which helped to introduce such literary lights as James Dickey, John Gardner and W.S. Merwin to the public, colebrates a golden anniversary. Though the publication itself has changed (strictly speaking, it is no longer a quarterly or a review). Theodore and Rence Weiss remain at the helm after all these years. A free catalog/minianthology of QRL pross and poetry is available by writing QRL, 26

Haslet, Princeton, N.J. 08540. ■ Speaking of anniversaries and longevity, Encyclopedia Britannica turns 225 this year.

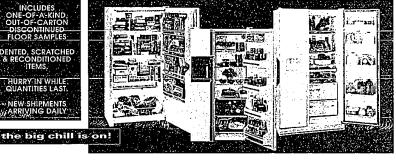
■ University of Virginia professor Rita Dove will succeed Mona Van Duyn as the new U.S. poet laure-ate in October. Dove won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for poetry ("Thom-as and Beulah").

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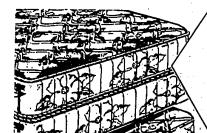
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