

Game shows made fortune

By MARYANN DUNITZ GREENSTONE

Chuck Barris is an affable maverick who created the "Newlywed Game," "Dating Game," and a plethora of other game shows that entertain millions of daytime T.V. viewers.

In town recently to plug his book, "You and Me, Babe" (a novel that spent seven weeks on the New York Times best-seller list, and now has an initial paperback printing of 500,000 copies), he casually slouched in his jeans and turtleneck talking about the "bit of fluff, the popcorn of the mind," that has made him a multi-millionaire reputed to be worth between 20 to 40 million dollars.

Barris contends that his shows are not intellectual exercises, but rather, "a little bit of escapism meant to entertain." The enthralled viewer is able to identify with the participant, "simply enjoying the people and their reactions."

"Certainly they serve a need," he adds, "for they break the normal pattern of life. Those watching can see someone a lot like themselves winning a Rolls Royce or something."

NOW 45 Barris produced his first

game show at 35, and the agonies of "arriving" in show business are recounted in his novel. A fictionalized autobiography, "You and Me, Babe" documents the American Dream turning sour.

Tommy Christian is a directionless wanderer, who is funny, honest, and a confirmed dreamer. At 30 he resolves to become a millionaire and a "somebody," but the cost of his ambitions is astronomical and disastrous.

Driven and tormented, he alienates the wife he truly needs, (in reality Lyn Levy Barris, niece of CBS board chairman William Paley). The irony of this is that while he married her for her money, he then fell madly in love with her, only to have her reject him once he attained affluence.

Talking to Barris, one senses an underlying guilt about what he is offering the American public: "I always wanted to write the Great American Novel," he admits, and this is Tommy's central obsession.

ONE REALIZES that despite his enormous success, he isn't satisfied with his accomplishments. Frankly cynical, Barris does not hesitate to use the word "exploitative" when describing his game shows, and because

of "personal recriminations" he talks longingly of Hemingway and Fitzgerald.

For Barris, his writing arises out of an "urge to purge." He always thought that money could provide happiness, but if the author is Tommy (and we know he is), money only brings torment, isolation, and pain. Barris is a seeker now turning to the pen for his answers.

"I used to have two Mercedes. I

had a Rolls" he wryly comments, but obviously these didn't bring the joy and security he desperately craved.

Rejecting, like Tommy, the "batter-cups" of those beautiful but empty women who surround him, he longs for a lasting, secure relationship. Like Sammy, in "What Makes Sammy Run?" he is always taking off at any hour looking for that ineluctable "something."

Soprano sings for musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit will present Kathryn Bouleyn, soprano, at its annual Artist's Concert Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Fries Auditorium of Grosse Pointe War Memorial.


Miss Bouleyn, a recent winner in the Metropolitan Opera National Auditions, has appeared with the Indianapolis Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and with the Minnesota Orchestra. She has sung under the baton of conductors Eugene Ormandy, William Smith, Claudio Abbado, and Skowronski.

Her leading operatic roles have been sung with the Philadelphia Lyric Opera, the Central City Opera, Pennsylvania Opera Company, Indiana University Opera Theater, and the Curtis Opera at the Curtis Institute, where she was a student.

Eugene Bossart of the University of Michigan will be her accompanist. Tickets will be available to the public at the door of Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For reservations for the luncheon following the concert, please call TU 2-4718.

Chuck Barris, author of 'You and Me, Babe'

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