

GUIDELINES FOR A COVER ILLUSTRATION

'Adventuress' is, as a term, this side of 'slut',
If only just. A sexist term and nothing but.

'Adventurer' touts heroism, if a sort
Whose purposes, in light of later ends, fall short

Of what Correctness calls for. As of now no one
Might be adventurer unless with knife and gun

And armor of the ethnocentric. Doubt, good works,
Children disqualify. The old way had its perks:

A native servant; chance to strike it rich; wear, more
Convenience than symbol, what the White Hard Core

Wear: jodhpurs and a real pith helmet. Low-rise jeans
On Peace Corps hips define what anti-hero means.

Nor does one quite see Vassar's Summer-In-Brazil
To-Count-Endangered-Insects grist for Marvel's mill,

Or Hanoi Jane as Earhart. What screen type today
Would not appear ridiculous if forced to play

Above a score by Korngold? Astronauts are backed;
Adventure is the free-form, unsupported act

Outside group think, and envied by the orthodox
As the ability "to think outside the box."

It asks, of the society that it excites,
Exemption. Heroes do not haggle for their rights,

Which are the summit set upon, the banner placed,
The tiger in the sights, enchantresses embraced.