

of haunting detail about the nightmare of the Nixon years and about a woman who makes you want to stand up and fight for Women's Lib. Why did she stay married to John Mitchell? "I've never had any faith in myself. I've never felt I could make it alone." After she returned from the California trip during which she had been beaten, injected, and imprisoned (because she might find out or say too much about the Watergate story that was emerging), she told the author, "I want you to make a promise Winny. Anytime you don't hear from me for a full day, if you can't find me, don't ask John where I am. . . phone the police and then tell the press."

—C.P.

**Merchants of Grain.** Dan Morgan. Viking, \$14.95. A good book by one of Washington's most underrated reporters. Morgan, who covers multinational corporations for *The Washington Post*, has done an impressive job of penetrating the veil of secrecy that surrounds the five giant (and family-owned) companies that dominate the world grain trade. Historically, the grain companies, and food policy in general, have been vastly underreported, so Morgan's work is especially admirable for his willingness to write about an "unsexy," albeit important, topic.

His last few chapters, in particular, attempt to analyze how the culture of the grain companies and American food export policy have combined to hurt, rather than help, the countries receiving millions of dollars' worth of American grain. For anyone who wants to understand the failures of noble-sounding ventures like the "Food for Peace" program this is the place to start.

—J.N.

**Money Rush.** Andrew Duncan. Doubleday, \$10.95.

**Of Grass and Snow: The Secret Criminal Elite.** Hank Messick. Prentice-Hall, \$9.95.

**One Man, One Voice.** Charles Morgan. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, \$12.95.

**Phoenix.** Amos Aricha, Eli Landau. NAL, \$9.95/\$2.50. Fiction

**Playing the Private College Admissions Game.** Richard Moll. Times, \$12.95.

**The Politics of Energy.** Barry Commoner. Knopf, \$10/\$4.95.

**Private Urban Renewal: A Different Residential Trend.** Eileen Zeitz. Lexington, \$14.95.

**Sexual Harassment of Working Women: A Case of Sex Discrimination.** Catherine MacKinnon. Yale, \$22.50/\$5.95.

**Shutdown: Nuclear Power on Trial.** Matthew McClure, ed. Book Publishing Co., \$4.95.

**A Time to Heal.** Gerald R. Ford. Harper & Row, \$12.95. The President who used to make his own breakfast in the White House has now written his own book, and the result is sadly predictable: it is long, ponderous, and dull. Ford comes across as an honest and decent man, at peace with himself and his accomplishments, but even culling that much from *A Time to Heal* requires reading heavily between the lines.

The book is a flat and uninspired recitation of all the events that took place during his vice presidency and presidency (special emphasis on Watergate, natch), but only when writing about Nixon does Ford tell stories worth repeating. He describes, for example, one meeting between Nixon and Benton Becker, a lawyer he sent to San Clemente to tell Nixon that a pardon was in the works: "Nixon seemed exhausted. 'You've been a fine young man,' he told Becker. 'You've been a gentleman. We've had enough bullies. . . . I want to give you something. But look around the office. I don't have anything any more. They took everything away from me.'

"Becker looked uncomfortable. 'That's all right, Mr. President,' he began.

"'No, no, no,' Nixon went on, 'I asked Pat to get these for me.' He opened a desk drawer and pulled out two little boxes containing cuff links and a tie pin. 'She got these out of my own jewelry box. There aren't any more in the entire world.'"

—J.N.

**Uprooted Americans: Essays to Honor Oscar Handlin.** Richard L. Bushman et al. Little, Brown, \$15.

**Why War?: Ideology, Theory, and History.** Keith L. Nelson, Spencer C. Olin, Jr. University of California, \$10.95.

**The Witness Who Spoke With God and Other Tales From the Courthouse.** Milton S. Gould. Viking, \$12.95. Fiction.

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