

GRAFFITISTS SPRAY HEALTH

Many of the staff members of this make their way to our Glebe offices by way of White Bay, that ugly part of Sydney where container ships unload their cargoes by the hundred, where some part of the State rail system plays games in an enormous shunting yard and where billboard companies try to hide the resulting ugly mess behind their even uglier hoardings. A regular topic of conversation around our morning-tea trolley (a luxury from past we are struggling to maintain) is the additions made to the White Bay hoardings by the witty people of B.U.G.A. U.P. (Billboard Utilizing Graffitists Against Unhealthy Promotions). These clever people (who really should replace the advertising people whose work they keep rewriting) have just released the B.U.G.A. U.P. Autumn Catalogue 1980; this catalogue is not only a work of art, it is also a fine tribute to the skills of the copywriter.

Here are collected the great works of B.U.G.A. U.P. Unhealthy products have been receiving their just deserts from the ever vigilant spray cans of the healthy graffitists; however, it is only for a short time as the billboard companies strike back promptly with glossy paper and more exhortations to tired commuters to drink and smoke ever increasing quantities of alcohol and tobacco. In the catalogue, photographs give the brief life of the graffitist's art more permanence. The catalogue is designed to be a wall poster; as such it is suitable for laboratories, waiting rooms and surgeries where people are inclined to light up cigarettes or think about the beer they could be drinking. At a mere 30 cents, the B.U.G.A. U.P. Autumn Catalogue 1980 is a genuine bargain! Not only is it a collector's piece, it is very healthy, it is educational and the funds from its sale go to a good cause. B.U.G.A. U.P. is not the most contactable of organizations, for obvious reasons, but the catalogue can be obtained from Exiles Bookshop, 207 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, N.S.W. 2010 (telephone: (02) 31-7948) and Gleebooks, 191 Glebe Point Road, Glebe, N.S.W. 2037 (telephone: (02) 660-2578). Interstate and country readers should include postage with their orders.