

Autograph Party Saturday

Tom Alibrandi, Ben Lomond author of the bestselling novel, *KILLSHOT*, will autograph his newest book, *BURNOUT* (published by Pinnacle Books), Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at Book Bank, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley.

Although *KILLSHOT* was his first novel, Alibrandi has published six other books. His *UNCLE JOE SHANNON*, Pinnacle Books, 1979, starred Bert Young in the movie production; another book, *CUSTODY*, will be an ABC TV production next spring, and *KILLSHOT* will be released by Samuel Goldwyn Jr. Productions next year. This novel was the 1979 winner of the West Coast Book Review Porgi Award for Outstanding Fiction.

Alibrandi's non-fiction *YOUNG ALCOLHOLICS*, CompCare Publications, was made into a film by TGB Productions in 1978, and also is used in classes he conducts at UC Berkeley, Irvine and UCSC, as well as psychology classes in other universities.

Another of his books, *CUSTODY*, about a father and daughter, is used as a text in 100 university psychology

classes throughout the U.S. and Canada.

BURNOUT (see review) is one day in the life of a psychiatric counselor at odds with his patients, the system and himself. Pinnacle Books has nominated it for the American Book Award.

Alibrandi says his books generally deal with greed, obsession and compulsion. "I write about reality, deteriorating relationships — basically changes people go through depending upon outside stimulus."

Of American people he says, "I think Americans feel life more. They are the most materialistic but also the most giving. As people they give a lot and take a lot."

"America is the place to be in terms of what's happening. There's more going on here than any other place in the world — the arts, culture, technology."

Alibrandi says his book, *BLOOD FORTUNES*, will be published by Dell/Delacorte Press next June and *LONG ODDS* will be published by Pinnacle Books in 1982 or 1983. He currently is writing *NUNCIO*, a book about Mexico.

— M.A.S.



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