

eye view. Finally, there is H. E. Bates's *The White Admiral* (Dobson, 18s), which recounts, with some excellent and bracing dialogue, the territorial wars of the wasps and the butterflies: the butterflies are lavishly, colourfully and (as it claims) accurately illustrated by Peggy Chapman, and the story has a sophistication that would make it a perfectly acceptable present for children of very varying ages.