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the younger generation will have curiosity aroused by the more substantial pop music of a previous era." It's true.— KATHY MATTER

MYSTERY TRAIN — Images of America in Rock 'n' Roll Music. By Greil Marcus, E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc. \$3.95.

Greil Marcus is a rarity in rock music writing. He avoids fanzine enthusiasm while skillfully telling the effects of rock 'n' roll on America's culture.

For example, the reader can't understand America today without taking the full measure of Elvis Presley's music, according to Marcus.

The book is divided into two sections: Ancestors and Inheritors. The Ancestors are Harmonica Frank (1951) and the legendary Robert Johnson (1938). Marcus lays the foundation for modern day music by explaining the interesting roles these two artists played. The Inheritors are The Band, Sly Stone, Randy Newman and Elvis.

The most fascinating chapter focuses on Elvis Presley. To understand the 1950's, James Dean and grease are must understand Elvis. Robert Johnson's legacy is attested to by many leading rock musicians, including the Stones.

Marcus makes a rather factual book into easy read-

ing, especially for the rock music lover. The price is a bit steep, but the paperback version will be out eventually. — ROBERT SCOTT

THE COMPLEAT BEATLES QUIZ BOOK. By Edwin Goodgold and Dan Corlinksy, Warner Books. \$1.95

Beatlemania continues to touch lives in the 1970s. This quiz book is a moderate challenge for real fanatics, but tough for the average fan.

Questions cover lyrics, flip sides, etc. There are puzzles, autograph matching and biographical facts galore. Photos of the Beatles in all stages are generously strewn throughout this paperback.

Sample questions are:

- 1) What airline do the Beatles patronize in their trip from Miami back to the U.S.S.R. — (B.O.A.C.)
 - 2) Name the flip side of "Hello Goodbye?" — ("I Am the Walrus")
 - 3) In the Paul-is-dead craze, what song when played backwards supposedly reproduces the sounds of Paul's "fatal car wreck?" — ("Revolution 9")
 - 4) When and where was the Beatles last live concert? — (Candlestick Stadium, San Francisco, Aug. 29, 1966.)
- Don't you feel better already? — BOB SCOTT