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## BOOK REVIEWS

“I NAME THIS PARROT . . .” Brief biographies of men and women in whose honour commemorative names have been given, by Arthur A. Prestwich, Second Edition 1963; Published by Arthur A. Prestwich, Edenbridge, Kent, England. 221 pp. Price 21/- (Sterling).

There are three appendices—

A. Miscellaneous names which fail to qualify for inclusion.

B. Personal names published since 1st January, 1936.

C. A complete list of scientific names admitted by Peters, together with their derivations and appropriate English titles.

This book is quite adequately summarised by the subtitle (above) and the following portion of the Preface to the First Edition (1958)—“In his *Check-list of Birds of the World*, vol. iii (1937), James Lee Peters recognizes, with just a few reservations, 778 members of the Order PSITTACIFORMES, of which 5 genera and 173 species and subspecies bear personal names—we are now primarily concerned with those members of the great Family PSITTACIDAE named in honour of persons, the great majority very real, just a few almost legendary.” Little more need be said except that a wide variety of people other than scientists have had their names so bestowed.

Although of no practical use to the field worker this book would certainly be of value to anyone interested in the derivation of bird names, in which

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regard Appendix C would be particularly valuable.  
The reviewer can find no cause for criticism of  
the information given in the biographies.

A review of the First Edition was published in  
*The South Australian Ornithologist*, vol. 22, 1958,  
p. 67.—B. G.