

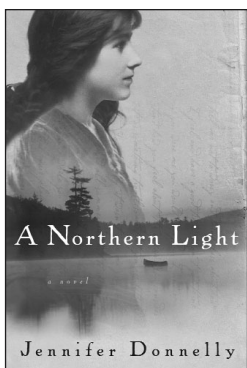
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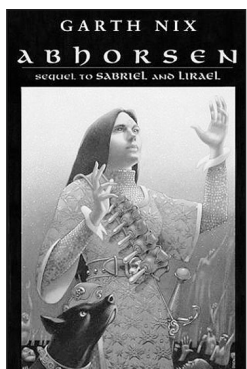


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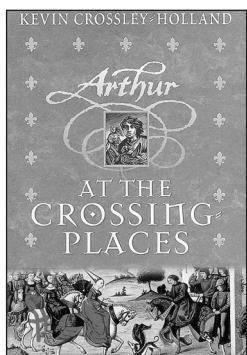
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1 **A NORTHERN LIGHT**, by **Jennifer Donnelly** (Harcourt, \$17, 0152167056; March) “This amazing novel chronicles the life of Mathilda in upstate New York, in alternating times of early spring and late summer. She is torn between going to college and keeping her promise to her dying mother to stay and take care of the family. This is absolutely the best book I have read in years.”—**Heather M. Fierst, The Book Bag, Valparaiso, IN** Also a Listening Library Audio

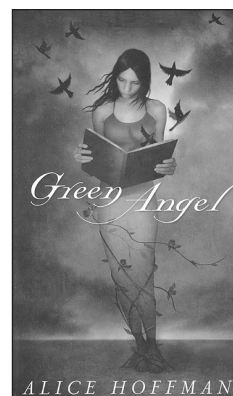


3 **ABHORSEN**, by **Garth Nix** (HarperEos, \$17.99, 0060278250) “I haven’t been as excited about a sequel since *Amber Spyglass!* In pure high fantasy style, Nix reveals a world heading towards the ultimate battle between good and evil, but his characters and the magic that they wield are powerful and unique.”—**Tracy Wynne, Cover To Cover Booksellers, San Francisco, CA** Also a Listening Library Audio



5 **ARTHUR: At the Crossing Places**, by **Kevin Crossley-Holland** (Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.95, 0439265983; Oct.) “This series is really delightful and well-written, great for kids interested in fantasy or history. It ranks up there with the best of books on the Arthurian legend.”—**Lynne Almeida, Spellbinder Books, Bishop, CA** Also a Listening Library Audio

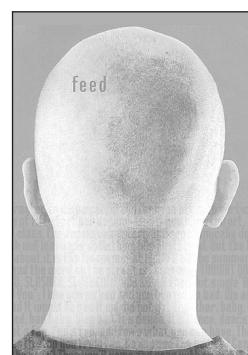
2 **GREEN ANGEL**, by **Alice Hoffman** (Scholastic, \$16.95, 0439443849; March) “Hoffman weaves a futuristic tale of near annihilation, taking one gentle, loving teenage girl from a close-knit family and leaving her alone to deal with the loss and distraction of her life and world. This chillingly realistic story is set in a world we might one day know.”—**Roxanne Campbell, Sam Weller’s Zion Books, Salt Lake City, UT**

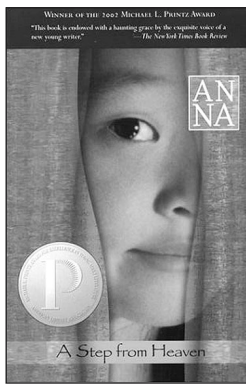


4 **THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION**, by **Nancy Farmer** (Atheneum/S&S, \$17.95, 0689852223) “Farmer creates the imagined country of Aztlan, where a young boy’s destiny lies in the hands of criminals. Rather than preaching about drugs, socialism, and cloning, Farmer writes about friendship, loss, and self-discovery. Like *The Giver*, this novel takes us into a world that could one day be ours, if we’re not careful.”—**Sarah Todd, Children’s Book World, Haverford, PA** (The 2002 National Book Award Winner.)

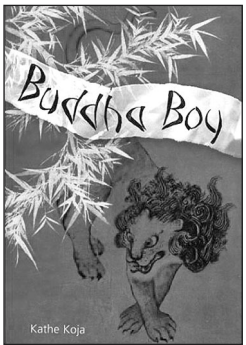


6 **FEED**, by **M.T. Anderson** (Candlewick, \$16.99, 0763617261) “An unforgettable book, although there are some things about this disturbing look at a possible near-future that I’d like to forget. A riveting book for teens and their parents, too.”—**Paula Dutko, Nonesuch Books, Saco, ME** (A 2002 National Book Award Finalist)



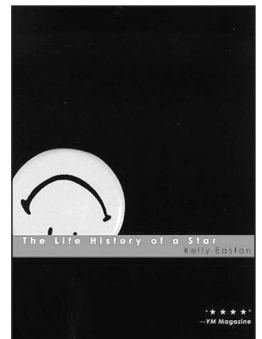


7 A STEP FROM HEAVEN, by An Na (Speak, \$7.99 paper, 0142500275; Jan.) “In this masterfully written story, Na describes the struggles and joys of a Korean family living in America, and creates memorable characters and a novel worthy of awards.” —**Andrea Hein, Kids Ink Children’s Bookstores, Indianapolis, IN** Also a Listening Library Audio

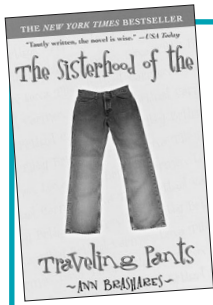


9 BUDDHA BOY, by Kathe Koja (Frances Foster/Farrar, \$16, 0374309981; Feb.) “Once again, Koja writes about the struggle of young people dealing with anger, as a way of introducing Buddhism. This novel is gritty, realistic, and accessible.”—**Carol Schweppe, Hickleebee’s, San Jose, CA**

8 THE LIFE HISTORY OF A STAR, by Kelly Easton (Simon Pulse, \$6.99 paper, 0689852703) “Fourteen-year-old Kristen is trying to make sense of it all. Her parents are fighting, one brother is avoiding home, and another has returned from Vietnam an empty shell. From politics to the Beatles to family life, Kristin has to muddle through the turbulent early 70s and find strength in herself.”—**Nikki Mutch, University of Connecticut Co-op, Storrs, CT**

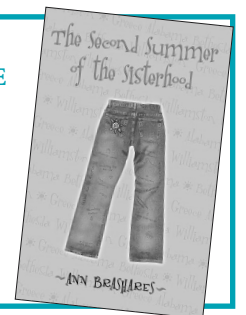


10 RODZINA, by Karen Cushman (Clarion, \$16, 0618133518; Feb.) “Cushman tells the story of a group of children sent on the orphan train from Chicago to the Western Territories through the eyes of 12-year-old girl. The hilarious exploits of these orphans during their journey, and their hopes and fears of finding good families to adopt them, make this book a very exciting read.”—**Rebecca Mullin, Kids Ink Children’s Bookstores, Indianapolis, IN** Also a Listening Library Audio



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