

**BRILLIANCE OF THE MOON: *Tales of the Otori, Book 3*, by Lian Hearn** (Riverhead, \$24.95, 1573222704) “I am so glad this series is not a trilogy. It appears the saga of Takeo and Kaeda, a tale set in an imaginary medieval Japan, will continue after this exciting installment. To get the full mystery and intrigue, you will also want to read *Across the Nightingale Floor* and *Grass for His Pillow*. (And these are excellent reads for young adults as well.)”—**Suzanne Droppert, Liberty Bay Books, Poulsbo, WA**



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**THE FOOD OF LOVE, by Anthony Capella** (Viking, \$21.95, 0670033227) “A modern-day Cyrano de Bergerac story set in Rome takes off when Tomasso decides to hit upon Laura, a young American who’s drinking up the city’s art, beauty, and cuisine. To succeed in seduction, he claims to be a chef at the world-famous Templi restaurant and woos her with irresistible food. The dazzled Laura doesn’t realize that the genius behind the great meals is Tomasso’s shy *amico*, Bruno, who comes to love Laura from afar. Will she come to realize that she’s being duped as the classic comedy-of-errors runs its course?”—**Barbara Peters, The Poisoned Pen, Scottsdale, AZ**



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**MEG: *Primal Waters*, by Steve Alten** (Forge, \$24.95, 0765308908) “Action, adventure, and intrigue force the aging hero, Jonas Taylor, and his family to endure another brush with their ghostly white nemesis, Angel, the Megalodon shark. Some new twists and thrills blend nicely into a rousing good read.”—**Eric Dasher, University Book Store, Bellevue, WA**



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**SCHOLARIUM, by Claudia Gross** (Toby Press, \$19.95, 1592640567) “Set in Cologne in 1413, this medieval mystery brings us into a world of religion, philosophy, alchemy, and a little devil worship as they try to find out who killed a prominent university professor. This is a fascinating visit to the Middle Ages with characters rich with pathos. (There is a reason this era is also called the Dark Ages.)”—**Mary Jane Weber, The Town Book Store, Westfield, NJ**



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**AN UNFINISHED SEASON**, by **Ward Just**  
(Houghton Mifflin, \$24, 0618036695) “*An Unfinished Season* allows us to see firsthand the turbulence and uncertainty of the 1950s. Hope springs forth from a youthful generation mingling with reality, speculation, and glamor—as seen through eyes experiencing art and music of Chicago’s finest. Fabulous! Sure to be one of the best novels of the season, a must read.”—**Ann Nelson, Bunch of Grapes Bookstore, Vineyard Haven, MA**



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**VOYAGEURS**, by **Margaret Elphinstone**  
(Canongate, \$24, 1841955493) “Set in frontier Canada in the early 1800s, *Voyageurs* traces the journey of Mark Greenhow, a young Quaker who comes from England to search for his sister, a missionary who has gone missing in the wilds. Set against the backdrop of the magnificent Canadian wilderness—and addressing themes of war, love, and the clashes caused by European settlement of the Americas—this is a striking and profoundly memorable work.”—**Lynne Almeida, Spellbinder Books & Coffee Bar, Bishop, CA**



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**WILEY'S SHUFFLE**, by **Lono Waiwaiole** (Minotaur, \$23.95, 031230384X) “*Wiley’s Shuffle*, the sequel to Waiwaiole’s outstanding debut novel, *Wiley’s Lament*, places the reader dead center in Wiley’s world — a world on the other side of the respectable, inhabited by characters you will both love and hate. Edgy, often violent, but distinctly hopeful, this is a story of a man reclaiming his life and working through disillusionment and loss with a little help from his friends. Sure to be one of the best noir novels of 2004.”—**Janine Wilson, Seattle Mystery Bookshop, Seattle, WA**



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**AMP'D: A Father's Backstage Pass**, by **Gary Fincke**  
(Michigan State University Press, \$19.95, 0870137298) “*Amp’d* details the struggles and joys of a band trying to make the big time, as well as the gulf between the creativity of making music and the cutthroat business of trying to sell it. If you wanna be a rock ‘n’ roll star, you should read *Amp’d* first.”—**Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, Okemos, MI**



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**CANDY AND ME: *A Girl's Tale of Life, Love, and Sugar*, by Hilary Liftin** (Free Press, \$12 paper, 0743254414) "Anyone with a sweet tooth will find this book hard to resist—a touching memoir that leaves a pleasant aftertaste in your thoughts."—**Tara O'Donnell, Paperbacks Plus, Bronx, NY**



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**GUTTED: *Down to the Studs in My House, My Marriage, My Entire Life*, by Lawrence LaRose** (Bloomsbury, \$24.95, 1582343926) "This account of the reconstruction of an old house (and the near demise of a new marriage) is written with wit and honesty. I found myself chuckling and nodding in agreement throughout."—**Tina Van Denburg, The Babbling Book, Haines, AK**



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**THE PERFECT SISTER: *What Draws Us Together, What Drives Us Apart*, by Marcia Millman** (Harcourt, \$25, 0151008957) "Got sisters? Got issues? Got a desire to move past that sad old baggage toward a more rewarding relationship with one of the most important people in your life? Then read this book! By helping us understand the past, Millman shows us that we can make amends and learn to live more fully in the present."—**Karen Frances, Scott's Bookstore, Mount Vernon, WA**



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**THE LAST RUN: *A True Story of Rescue and Redemption on the Alaska Seas*, by Todd Lewan** (HarperCollins, \$24.95, 0060196483) "A fast-paced, well-written true adventure at sea. Once begun, this haunting and dramatic story of five fishermen who find themselves in need of rescue off the Alaskan shore is difficult to put down. Incredible drama, a great and forceful sea story."—**Linda Rosengarten, Cheshire Bookshop, Fort Bragg, CA**



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**SHE'S NOT THERE: *A Life in Two Genders*, by Jennifer Finney Boylan** (Broadway, \$14.95 paper, 0767914295) "A successful male author and celebrated academic lives a divided life, searching for courage to express fully the female identity he's hidden since childhood. Neither sensationalistic nor maudlin, Boylan tells her story with good humor, flair, and honesty. In the end, it is a book about seizing one's dream and realizing one's identity against the strong currents of society."

—**Scott Foley, Grass Roots Books & Music, Corvallis, OR**



**AUGUST 2004**

**SO YOU WANNA BE A ROCK & ROLL STAR: *How I Machine-Gunned a Roomful Of Record Executives and Other True Tales From a Drummer's Life*, by Jacob Slichter** (Broadway, \$21.95, 0767914708) "Want to know what lies across the great divide between the fandom of *High Fidelity* [CONFIRM] and the lives of real rock stars? Read this book! Jake, the drummer for Semisonic, details his band's rise to international stardom and its slow descent into the internecine quagmire of record company politics. I learned much about the music industry and gained a lot of respect for the bands that persevere despite the odds."—**Susan M. Taylor, Wellesley Booksmith, Wellesley, MA**



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**STRANGER THAN FICTION: *True Stories*, by Chuck Palahniuk** (Doubleday, \$23.95, 0385504489) "These raw and, at times, comic nonfiction pieces read like fiction, and they will make you cringe, laugh, and read on in disbelief: Is it really possible that these people do and believe these things? Unexpected twists give the reader a hiccup at the end of each tale, and then you think, is there really any such thing as fiction after all?"

—**Carolyn Valtos, Bookworks, Albuquerque, NM**



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**BRIMSTONE, by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child** (Warner, \$25.95, 044653143X) "Special Agent Pendergast returns to New York and reunites with Sergeant Vincent D'Agosta in this page-turner, which revolves around the possibility that Satan himself is visiting and toasting (as in bread, not booze) select members of New York high society. Preston and Child are a pairing made in heaven for mystery fans."—**Todd Morgan, DIESEL, A Bookstore, Oakland, CA**



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**BURIED DREAMS**, by **Brendan DuBois** (Minotaur, \$23.95, 0312327315) “The latest installment of this very satisfying mystery series finds Lewis Cole investigating the murder of a friend who was researching the history of their small New Hampshire town. Cole’s efforts lead him to several suspects, and into some serious danger, before he uncovers the killer. Lewis and the other Tyler Beach residents whom we have come to know are great people to spend time with!”—**Donna Urey, White Birch Books, North Conway, NH**



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**PASTA IMPERFECT: A Passport to Peril Mystery**, by **Maddy Hunter** (Pocket, \$6.50 paper, 0743482913) “Emily and her somewhat peculiar but lovable Iowan senior citizens are off on another tour, this time to Italy with a bunch of romance writer wannabes, and the bodies begin to pile up. Emily finds herself sleuthing with her transgender ex-husband, resplendent in spandex and stilettos, while her beloved Etienne is available only by phone and still can’t remember what important question he wanted to ask her. What total fun!”—**Lelia Taylor, Creatures ‘n Crooks Bookshoppe, Richmond, VA**



**AUGUST** ☀ **2004**

**SEE JANE DIE**, by **Erica Spindler** (Mira, \$19.95, 0778320537) “This fast-paced thriller will keep you guessing until the bitter end.”  
—**Janet Bollum, The Muse Book Shop, DeLand, FL**



**AUGUST** ☀ **2004**

**THE TARNISHED EYE: A Novel of Suspense**, by **Judith Guest** (Scribner, \$24, 0743257367) “Guest writes a quietly engrossing twist on the police procedural in her long-awaited new novel. Inspired by elements of a true-life multiple murder in Michigan, she allows us an intimate look into a family’s last hours as we follow along as Sheriff DeWitt reconstructs the widening and interconnecting circles of lives in an attempt to find a killer.”—**Laura Hansen, Bookin’ It, Little Falls, MN**



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