

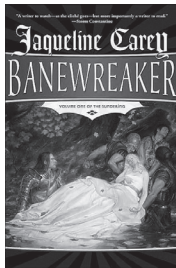


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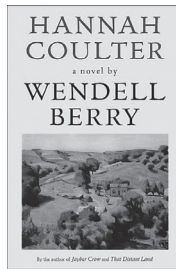
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We Also Recommend...

FICTION



BANEWREAKER: Volume One of the Sundering, by **Jacqueline Carey** (Tor, \$27.95, 0765305216) "I could not put down Jacqueline Carey's latest fantasy novel about gods waging war in their bid to control a universe. What a great writer!"—**Kelly Peroni, High Sierra Books, Portola, CA**



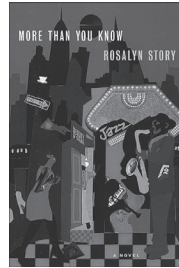
HANNAH COULTER: A Novel, by **Wendell Berry** (Shoemaker & Hoard, \$25, 1593760361) "This is a golden story of family and community, loss and love over generations, and the land—always the land. Berry's gentle, poetic prose 'is a comfort ever and always, like hearing the rhyme come when you are singing a song.'"—**Betsey Hill, McLean & Eakin**

Booksellers, Petoskey, MI



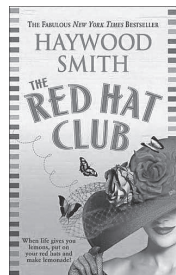
MCSWEENEY'S ENCHANTED CHAMBER OF ASTONISHING STORIES, by **Michael Chabon** (Ed.) (Vintage, \$13.95 paper, 1400078741) "A heart-pounding follow-up to *McSweeney's Mammoth Treasury of Thrilling Tales*, this collection includes horror, science fiction, and adventure stories from contemporary literature's best and brightest. Highly recommended

for the reader who demands a steady diet of gravel-voiced detectives, cursed bridesmaid dresses, and evil spirits."—**Brian Case, Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, NY**

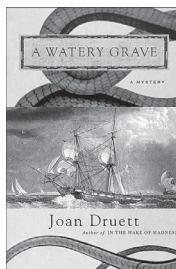


MORE THAN YOU KNOW, by **Rosalyn Story** (Agate Publishing, \$24.95, 0972456287) "This is a story of the long route—not scenic—to reconciliation between sax man L.J. and beauty salon owner/singer Olivia Tillman. Musicans, jazz lovers, and anyone who has the least bit of interest in music will welcome how the music provides the staging for the pain, despair,

transition, and transformation of this story."—**Emma Rodgers, Black Images Book Bazaar, Dallas, TX**



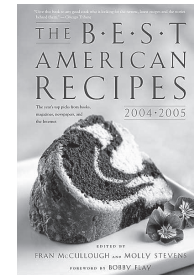
THE RED HAT CLUB, by **Haywood Smith** (St. Martin's, \$6.99 paper, 0312984308) "Haywood Smith is a superb author. Not only did I laugh hysterically as I read this story of the 30-year friendship of five Southern women, but I cried when it all came together at the end."—**Lee Musgjerd, Lee's Book Emporium, Glasgow, MT**



A WATERY GRAVE, by **Joan Druett** (Minotaur, \$23.95, 0312334419) "When the U.S. Exploring Expedition leaves on its 1838 mission, its ships carry, along with a large complement of scientists, Wiki Coffin, son of a Nantucket whaler and the official linguist of the expedition, and a Maori princess. Falsely accused, then exonerated, of a murder, Wiki now works to solve the crime in this brilliantly plotted, well-written thriller packed with lore about the sea."—**Kathy Ashton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT**

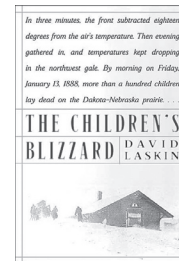
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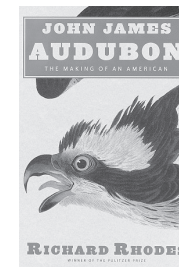
THE BEST AMERICAN RECIPES: The Year's Top Picks from Books, Magazines, Newspapers, and the Internet (2004-2005), by **Fran McCullough and Molly Stevens** (Eds.) (Houghton, \$26, 061845506X) "Every year I wait for the next installment in this series, and I'm never disappointed with their foolproof and fresh selections. The editors have again scoured magazines, supermarket

flyers, contest entries, and the recipe files of celebrated chefs. I promise you'll add a couple of recipes to your tried-and-true standbys."—**Carla Jimenez, Inkwood Books, Tampa, FL**

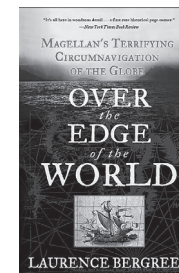


THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD, by **David Laskin** (HarperCollins, \$24.95, 0060520752) "This account of an 1888 epic prairie snowstorm makes our summer of hurricanes here in Florida seem tame and almost bearable. Not so for the children of the Dakotas as this gripping tale describes. For fans of *Isaac's Storm* and, yes, even *Plainsong*."—**Hester Jeswald, Sarasota News**

& Books, Sarasota, FL



JOHN JAMES AUDUBON: The Making of an American, by **Richard Rhodes** (Knopf, \$30, 0375414126) "One of our greatest pioneers—less for his trailblazing than for his singular appreciation for our landscape and wildlife—is brought vibrantly to life by one of our finest historians. A marvelous combination of narrator and subject, this book is as lyrical and boisterous as an old-time ballad."—**Jim Hardcastle, Olsson's Books & Records, Alexandria, VA**



OVER THE EDGE OF THE WORLD: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe, by **Laurence Bergreen** (Perennial, \$15.95 paper, 006093638X) "Bergreen has done a wonderful job of bringing the Age of Discovery to life and placing Magellan in the context of his times."—**Chris Wilcox, City Lights Bookstore, Sylva, NC**



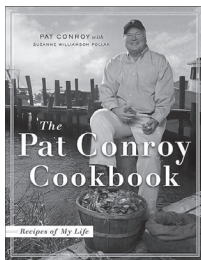
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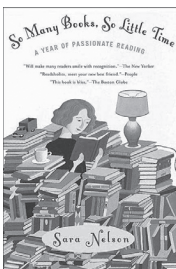
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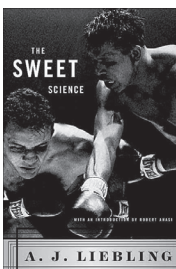


THE PAT CONROY COOKBOOK: Recipes of My Life, by Pat Conroy (Doubleday/Nan A. Talese, \$26, 0385514131) "The cooks, chefs, and Pat Conroy fans on everyone's Christmas list will fall in love with his new cookbook. Even non-cooks will be tempted, and then there are the stories—you will laugh out loud."—**Christine Stanley, Bay**

Street Trading Co., Beaufort, SC Also a Random House Audio (Abridged CD, 0739315633)

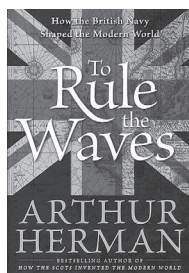


SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME: A Year of Passionate Reading, by Sara Nelson (Berkley, \$13 paper, 0425198197) "Funny and opinionated and a pleasure to read. Nelson's personal library of floor-to-ceiling cherry wood shelves filled with books is every book lover's dream."—**Ellen Davis, Dragonwings Bookstore, Waupaca, WI**



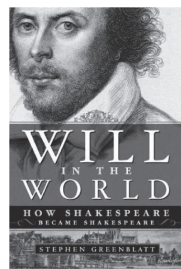
THE SWEET SCIENCE, by A. J. Liebling (North Point, \$15 paper, 0374272271) "Liebling doesn't just write about boxing—he writes about the fans, the managers, the training camps, the saloons he visits before and after the fights, and even the trip to and from the fight locations, along with gripping, blow-by-blow descriptions of ring action. This book is a delight from

beginning to end!"—**Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI**



TO RULE THE WAVES: How the British Navy Shaped the Modern World, by Arthur Herman (HarperCollins, \$26.95, 0060534249) "Here is the story of how an island nation, a geographically insignificant appendage on the edge of Europe, exploited its connections to the sea to build the greatest navy ever seen. This is a stirring tale in the best seafaring

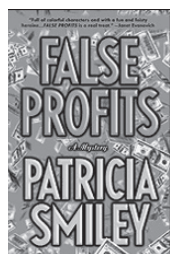
tradition."—**Nicola Rooney, Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI**



WILL IN THE WORLD: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare, by Stephen Greenblatt (Norton, \$26.95, 0393050572) "This new biography of Shakespeare is the best book I've read all year. I loved it, and I will be surprised and disappointed if it doesn't win a Pulitzer come spring."—**Trish Keady, Christopher's Books, San Francisco, CA** Also a

Recorded Books Audio (Unabridged CD, 1419309439)

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

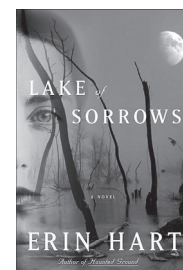


FALSE PROFITS, by Patricia Smiley (Mysterious Press, \$23.95, 0892967900) "Los Angeles management consultant Tucker Sinclair must turn amateur detective to save her job and credibility. This is an enjoyable and light read with some unexpected twists."—**Gwen Harding-Peets, Merritt Books, Millbrook, NY**



FOUL MATTER, by Martha Grimes (Viking, \$25.95, 067003259X) "Foul matter' is a term that publishers use for original manuscripts before editing, but the foul matter in this mystery is something very different. With dry humor, Martha Grimes takes us into the business of publishing, the lives and relationships of the authors, and the world of a unique pair of contract-killers

you can't help but like. *Foul Matter* is sure to entertain."—**Sally Simon, Tudor Book Shop and Café, Clarks Summit, PA**

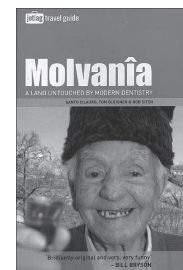


LAKE OF SORROWS: A Novel, by Erin Hart (Scribner, \$24, 0743247965) "In *Lake of Sorrows*, Nora Gavin and Cormac Maguire of Hart's stunning debut, *Haunted Ground*, are back mucking about in triple-death killings in the bogs of Ireland, and this time it is Cormac who is hip-deep in trouble."—**Laura Hansen, Bookin' It, Little Falls, MN**



SPEAK NOW, by Margaret Dumas (Poisoned Pen, \$24.95, 1590581210) "When wealthy heiress Charley Van Leeuwen returns from a year's sabbatical to study repertory theater with her handsome, retired U.S. Naval officer husband of three days, she discovers a dead, naked woman in the bathtub of her hotel suite. Is there more to her husband's past than he admits? With a likable, funny protagonist, this is a very enjoyable read."—**Bob Spear, The Book Barn, Leavenworth, KS**

SOMETHING SURPRISING...



MOLVANIA: A Land Untouched By Modern Dentistry, by Santo Cilaurto, Tom Gleisner, Rob Sitch (Overlook Press, \$13.95 paper, 1585676195) "Every time I pick up this faux travel guide, I am amazed at the extraordinary level of effort and creativity it represents. Also, I fall down on the floor laughing. To pull off a 175-page book with maps, photos, phone numbers, restaurant reviews ...

it is an almost Borgesian world building accomplishment. Everyone I love will get one for Christmas. They deserve no less."—**David Traver Adolphus, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT**