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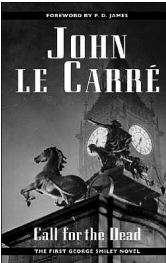
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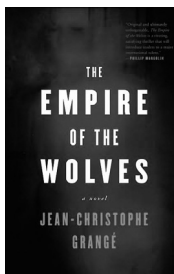
BAD DIRT: Wyoming Stories 2, by Annie Proulx (Scribner, \$25, 0743257995) "In this second collection of stories, Proulx invokes multiple dimensions of Wyoming, from the locals that inhabit Elk Tooth's three bars to the myriad wackos who end up living off the grid. This is a fine collection to fix a hankering for Western literature." —Rachel Otto, *The King's English*, Salt Lake City, UT

Salt Lake City, UT



CALL FOR THE DEAD, by John Le Carré (Walker, \$18, 0802714439) "Le Carré is one of a kind a prince among writers, and here is the wonderful novel that introduced the world to George Smiley. With a mesmerizing ability to keep you up all night and desperately turning the pages, le Carré's stunning prose darts from wicked humor to mournful empathy in the blink of an eye." —Georgie Lewis, *Powell's Books*, Portland, OR

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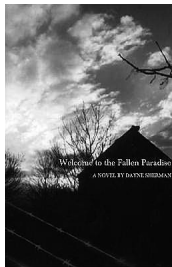


THE EMPIRE OF THE WOLVES: A Novel, by Jean-Christophe Grange (Ecco, \$24.95, 0060573651) "A blockbuster novel of international intrigue set in Paris and Istanbul. The *Empire of the Wolves* is a brutal and brilliant saga of one woman's fight against her fate. Fans of Frederick Forsyth, Robert Ludlum, and John Le Carré will devour this novel." —Emery Pinter, *Chapter 11*, Atlanta, GA

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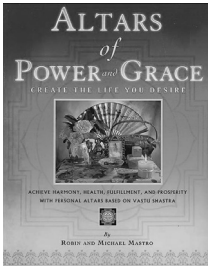


THE FINAL SOLUTION: A Story of Detection, by Michael Chabon (Fourth Estate/Harper, \$16.95, 006076340X) "Michael Chabon not only channels Sherlock Holmes, but also a gray African parrot, in this beautiful and poignant novella about a mute German boy who turns up in England in 1943 with a number-squawking parrot on his shoulder. This is truly Sherlock Holmes' last case." —Marian Nielsen, *Orinda Books*, Orinda, CA

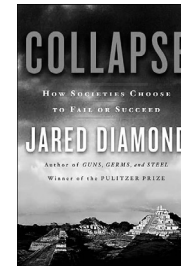


WELCOME TO THE FALLEN PARADISE: A Novel, by Dayne Sherman (MacAdam/Cage Publishing, \$24, 1931561737) "This outstanding first novel reads like a chapter from a blood-soaked Old Testament, featuring family, revenge, avarice, a skateboard-riding, fire-and-brimstone midget preacher, and one man who attempts to make sense out of a world that has gone way beyond the pale. Truly outstanding." —Robert Segedy, *Branch's Chapel Hill Bookshop*, Chapel Hill, NC

NONFICTION

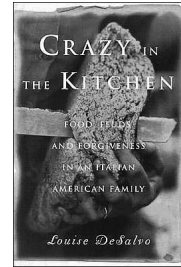


ALTARS OF POWER AND GRACE: Create the Life You Desire—Achieve Harmony, Health, Fulfillment, and Prosperity With Personal Altars Based on Vastu Shastra, by Robin Mastro, Michael Mastro (Balanced Book Publishing, \$19.95, 0974910902) "*Altars of Power and Grace* explains the Hindu tradition of vastu shastra with integrity and is filled with lively and practical suggestions. Beautifully illustrated and fun!" —Adam Jones, *Inklings Bookshop*, Yakima, WA



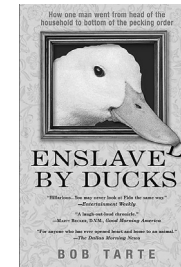
COLLAPSE: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, by Jared Diamond (Viking, \$29.95, 0670033375) "In a brilliant complement to *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, Diamond tells the compelling story of how environmental destruction, climate change, population growth, and external pressure have caused powerful civilizations to collapse. It is a history both revelatory and cautionary." —Bill Cusumano, *Nicola's Books*, Ann Arbor, MI

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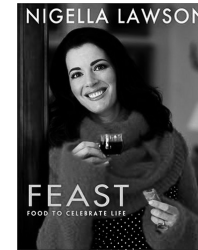
CRAZY IN THE KITCHEN: Food, Feuds, and Forgiveness in an Italian American Family, by Louise DeSalvo (Bloomsbury, \$14.95 paper, 1582344701) "*Crazy in the Kitchen* is a part painful, part mouthwatering, totally intriguing memoir of life for a New Jersey family still close to their Southern Italian roots. This book carries the reader into the heart of the family." —Becky Milner, *Vintage Books*, Vancouver, WA

Vancouver, WA



ENSLAVED BY DUCKS: How One Man Went From Head of the Household to Bottom of the Pecking Order, by Bob Tarte (Algonquin, \$12.95 paper, 1565124502) "In an attempt to please his new wife, Tarte opens his home not only to ducks but to turkeys, geese, parrots, canaries, parakeets, baby starlings, doves, pigeons, and an occasional rabbit. Readers not usually enamored of animal stories will find themselves captivated by Tarte's ironic wit and engaging storytelling." —Dianne Pohrt, *Shaman Drum Bookshop*, Ann Arbor, MI

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FEAST: Food to Celebrate Life, by Nigella Lawson (Hyperion, \$35, 1401301363) "With *Feast*, Nigella Lawson's full contribution to special-occasion cooking is made through recipes that are detailed but never contrived, tips that are practical, and an always infectious zeal for the celebratory meal!" —Scott Linder, *Olsson's Books & Records*, Washington, DC

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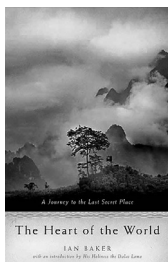


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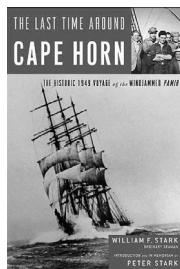
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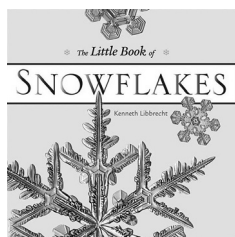
THE HEART OF THE WORLD: A Journey to the Last Secret Place, by Ian Baker (Penguin Press, \$27.95, 1594200270) "Ian Baker writes of his attempt to reach the previously unexplored inner reaches of the Tsangpo Gorges of Tibet. That he ultimately succeeds in this daunting task is a testament to the spirit of this man and to the Spirits of the place. An engaging story that is

not about conquest but, rather, about searching for an open heart."—**Sheryl Cotleur, A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, San Francisco, CA**



THE LAST TIME AROUND CAPE HORN: The Historic 1949 Voyage of the Windjammer Pamir, by William F. Stark (Carroll & Graf, \$13 paper, 0786714611) "In 1949, the square-rigger windjammer *Pamir* unfurled 37,000 square feet of sail (almost an acre) and made way on the last great transit around Cape Horn. Stark's recounting of his youthful adventure as an ordinary

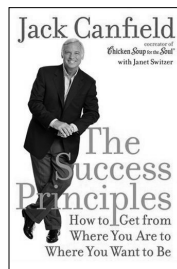
seaman is an engrossing read and a great look at the bygone days of sail."—**Dave K., Bookshelf, Quincy, CA**



THE LITTLE BOOK OF SNOWFLAKES, by Kenneth Libbrecht (Voyageur Press, \$7.95, 0896586529) "This photographic study of snowflakes and quotations about nature makes a fascinating title and a great little gift-book to read in winter by the fireside."

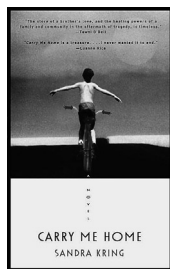
—**Linda Stivala, Gansevoort**

House Books, Little Falls, NY



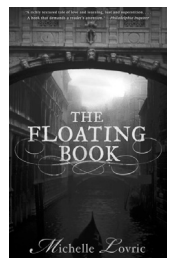
THE SUCCESS PRINCIPLES: How to Get From Where You Are to Where You Want to Be, by Jack Canfield (HarperResource, \$24.95, 0060594888) "This book, and the ways this author advises us to live our lives, gets us on our way to health and happiness."—**Virginia Hobson Hicks, Books on the Bluff, Townsend, GA**

FICTION IN PAPERBACK



CARRY ME HOME, by Sandra Kring (Delta, \$13 paper, 0385338139) "This beautiful first novel about life on the Wisconsin home front during WWII is narrated by Earl 'Earwig' Gunderman, a brain-damaged 16-year-old, who sees the world a little differently than his neighbors. Kring writes with humor and warmth about small-town life and gives Earwig a voice that readers won't

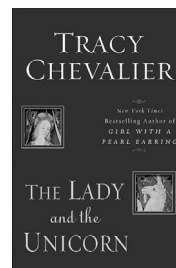
forget. Perfect for reading groups."—**Ken Favell, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, Brookfield, WI**



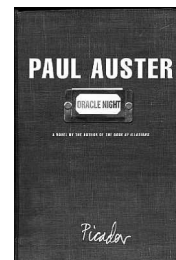
THE FLOATING BOOK, by Michelle Lovric (Regan Books, \$14.95 paper, 0060578572) "If you have an ongoing love affair with books and Venice, you'll love this lavish, sensuous, beautifully written historical novel set in 15th century Italy."—**Susie Frucillo, Lake Country Booksellers, White Bear Lake, MN**

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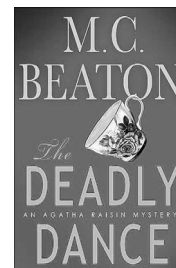
THE LADY AND THE UNICORN, by Tracy Chevalier (Plume, \$14, 0452285453) "Tracy Chevalier does a magnificent job of creating a plausible story to explain the origins of the series of the Lady and the Unicorn tapestries that hang in the Musée National du Moyen Age in Paris. Her fictional account encompasses love, lust, spirituality, and pride, all while keeping the reader glued to the page."—**Susan M. Taylor, Wellesley Booksmith, Wellesley, MA**



ORACLE NIGHT: A Novel, by Paul Auster (Picador, \$14, 0312423667) "Oracle Night is an intricate web of stories within stories, an intriguing tale of love and intuition, fiction and reality. Auster's tale of a novelist and a mysterious notebook questions the depth of subconscious knowledge and allows the reader room to believe ... or not."

—**Dana Barrett, Coffee Buy the Book, Roswell, GA**

MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE



THE DEADLY DANCE: An Agatha Raisin Mystery, by M.C. Beaton (Minotaur, \$22.95, 0312304366) "Agatha Raisin is like a female Hercule Poirot—the same total indifference to people's feelings, yet you like her, you laugh, and, then, you get caught up in the case and hold your breath! I like Agatha, brassiness and all."—**Cris Walrath, Browsing Bison Books, Deer Lodge, MT**

Deer Lodge, MT



A QUESTION OF BLOOD: An Inspector Rebus Novel, by Ian Rankin (Little, Brown, \$6.99, 0316159182) "I am amazed that each new Ian Rankin title is better than the last, and *A Question of Blood* is no exception. In this well-crafted mystery about murders at a Scottish boarding school, Inspector John Rebus adds a complexity to the story that will have fans eagerly awaiting the next one."—**Sue Richardson, Maine Coast Book Shop, Inc., Damariscotta, ME**

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