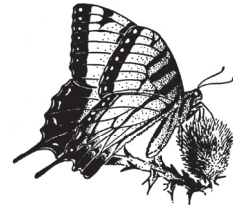


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A LONG WAY DOWN, by Nick Hornby (Riverhead, \$14 paper, 1594481938) “Can a book about suicide ever be truly funny? It doesn’t seem likely, but Nick Hornby has a knack for addressing serious subjects and adding a lot of humor to get you through it. This is a humorous journey of unlikely friendships and the ability to learn that life is never as bad as it seems.” —**Natalie Morgan, Changing Hands Bookstore, Tempe, AZ**



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APATHY AND OTHER SMALL VICTORIES, by Paul Neilan (St. Martin’s, \$17.95, 0312351747) “Screamingly funny and satisfying, *Apathy* is a rare commodity: It manages to be sarcastic without being petty or insulting. Shane, the narrator, drifts into absurd and hilarious situations due to his lack of volition to do otherwise. You’ll laugh loud and long; you’ll want to give it to all of your friends!”—**Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI**



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DON’T I KNOW YOU?, by Karen Shepard (Morrow, \$23.95, 0060782374) “This spare telling of a murder and the people directly, and indirectly, involved really hooked me. As the author dropped each chilling clue into the story, I became more and more anxious to solve the brutal crime. A good read!”—**Susie Fruncillo, Lake Country Booksellers, White Bear Lake, MN**



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MY LATEST GRIEVANCE, by Elinor Lipman (Houghton, \$24, 0618644652) “This story about a dorm family set on a college campus in 1976 is narrated by one of Lipman’s classic characters—witty, sardonic, believable, and flawed—a teenager who has to deal with the arrival on campus of her father’s first wife. Complex issues are handled with sensitivity and grace—plus lots of laughs along the way.”—**Hester Jeswald, Sarasota News & Books, Sarasota, FL**



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NOW IS THE HOUR, by Tom Spanbauer (Houghton, \$26, 0618584218) “Get ready to take a trip down memory lane as Tom Spanbauer gives us another classic tale, this one from the ‘60s. Seventeen-year-old Rigby John Klusener exposes us to the small town hang-outs and hang-ups of Pocatello, Idaho, in this novel of family bonds, racial tension, and sexual awakening. You can almost taste the vanilla cokes and fries!”—**Barbara Theroux, Fact & Fiction, Missoula, MT**



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SLIPSTREAM, by Leslie Larson (Shaye Areheart Books, \$23.95, 0307337995) “The unraveling lives of five characters, all connected to the Los Angeles airport (and each connected to the others), is at the heart of this debut novel. The twists and turns of the story and a great set of characters make this a perfect book for summer vacation, a long plane trip, or a lazy weekend at home.”—**Karen Maeda Allman, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA**



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TELEGRAPH DAYS, by Larry McMurtry (Simon & Schuster, \$25, 0743250788) “Once again Larry McMurtry has taken us on a trip back to the 1800s as only he can do. Fans of his will rejoice at the characters and experiences that shape the lives of the pioneering men and women of that era. They live on long after the last page is turned!”—**Linda D. Richardson, Sherlock’s Tomes, Pitman, NJ**



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VISIGOTH: Stories, by Gary Amdahl (Milkweed, \$15.95 paper, 1571310517) “Gary Amdahl’s collection of stories is as tight as a fist about to punch you out. Amdahl’s stories are about men and violence, but not the violence men do to others as much as that which they absorb on a daily basis. It’s a refreshing book, sincere and weighty.”—**Thomas Richardson, Dutton’s Brentwood Books, Los Angeles, CA**



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AN INFINITY OF LITTLE HOURS: *Five Young Men and Their Trial of Faith in the Western World's Most Austere Monastic Order*, by Nancy Klein Maguire (Public Affairs, \$26, 1586483277) "I have read fiction and nonfiction books about the enclosed orders, and I found this book quite fascinating. Maguire writes clearly, and the details of the monastic life are delightful."—**Syrinda Sharpe, University Book Store, Seattle, WA**



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CANCER MADE ME A SHALLOWER PERSON: *A Memoir in Comics*, by Miriam Engelberg (Harper Paperbacks, \$14.95 paper, 0060789735) "Miriam Engelberg has written a graphic novel of her battle with cancer that pulls no punches. This is gutsy and funny and in your face. It is a memoir of her disease, but it is bigger than the disease—it is a story that should not be shuffled to the back of the women's health section, but read for the sheer joy and humor."—**Jude Sales, A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, San Francisco, CA**



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CASTING WITH A FRAGILE THREAD: *A Story of Sisters and Africa*, by Wendy Kann (Holt, \$23, 0805079564) "*Casting With a Fragile Thread* documents a woman's life journey through tumultuous times in Zimbabwe and her adjustments to life in New York, Hong Kong, and Westport, Connecticut. This amazing memoir reads as a historical travelogue as well as a heart-wrenching family saga. I couldn't put it down."—**Joanne Smith, The Velveteen Rabbit Bookshop, Fort Atkinson, WI**



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FLAVOR OF THE MONTH: *Why Smart People Fall for Fads*, by Joel Best (University of California Press, \$19.95, 0520246268) "It's Best's conviction that fads are not limited to hula hoops and the Furby doll. Educational reform, management practices, and even medical diagnoses are subject to fad behavior. Sociologist Best offers several suggestions to avoid the fad trap, and there are plenty of interesting arguments for the lay audience."—**Daniel Goldin, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, Milwaukee, WI**



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FLOOR SAMPLE: A Creative Memoir, by **Julia Cameron** (Tarcher/Penguin, \$24.95, 1585424943) “Julia Cameron’s—the author of *The Artist’s Way*—memoir is destined to be a recovery classic: Moving from an alcohol-addled life of ‘Will (ex-husband) Martin (Scorsese) let me?’ to triumphant self-discovery.”—**Holly Doering, Auntie’s Bookstore, Spokane, WA**



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HEAT: An Amateur’s Adventures as Kitchen Slave, Line Cook, Pasta-Maker, and Apprentice to a Dante-Quoting Butcher in Tuscany, by **Bill Buford** (Knopf, \$25.95, 1400041201) “A quietly-planned birthday dinner for a friend turns into a blowout birthday dinner when chef Mario Batali joins the guest list. What follows is a headfirst leap into the world of restaurants and the true art of cooking under fire. Buford takes a personal journey many of us would love, but fear to take, and rightfully so!”—**Russ Harvey, Cody’s Books, Berkeley, CA**



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PENNSYLVANIA WILDS: Images from the Allegheny National Forest, photos by **Ed Bernik**, story **Lisa Gensheimer** (Forest Press, \$39.95, 0977065707) “This is the kind of book that makes you drop everything to sit down and pore over it. The photography is delicious, both landscape and portraits. Applause for a book so well done.”—**Pepper Parker, Vintage Books, Vancouver, WA**



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POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS, by **Augusten Burroughs** (St. Martin’s Press, \$23.95, 0312315961) “Prefaced with a post-Frey warning, Burroughs again mines his past for more humorous, sordid, and poignant stories. Armed with sarcasm and a mile-wide mean streak, his saving grace is that he is as unsparing of himself as others.”—**Susan Taylor, Wellesley Booksmith, Wellesley, MA**



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ROUGH CROSSINGS: *Britain, the Slaves and the American Revolution*, by Simon Schama (Ecco, \$29.95, 006053916X) "A little-known, true saga of the role of African Americans prior to and during the Revolutionary War, this eye-opening story helps us realize how little we know about this time in history. Schama recounts the story with mesmerizing details of promises and betrayal. An important and absorbing read."—**Lillian Kinsey, Bohannons' Books With a Past, Georgetown, KY**



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TIGER FORCE: *A True Story of Men and War*, by Michael Sallah and Mitch Weiss (Little, Brown, \$25.95, 0316159972) "This is a cautionary, frightening, and harrowing story of ruthless rampage in Vietnam. It should be required reading for every member of the Bush Administration, Congress, and the Pentagon. If not, sadly, we may see more instances of Santayana's statement that those who forget the lessons of the past are condemned to repeat them."—**Bill Cusumano, Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI**



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MANHATTAN NOIR, edited by **Lawrence Block** (Akashic, \$14 paper, 1888451955) "This is a collection of tough and gritty tales about the dark side of life, each of which is set in one of the boroughs of New York City. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and meeting the various authors. All the characters stayed with me long after I turned the last page."—**Andra Tracy, Out Word Bound, Indianapolis, IN**



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NICOTINE KISS: *An Amos Walker Novel*, by Loren D. Estleman (Forge, \$23.95, 0765312239) "Estleman writes Westerns as well as P.I. novels, and he demonstrates that there's not much difference between the two. Here, our hero rides into town in his trusty Olds Cutlass to save the day for a guy who saved his life."—**Bill Farley, Seattle Mystery Bookshop, Seattle, WA**