

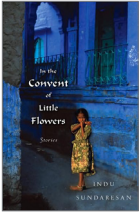
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# NOTABLES



FICTION



**In the Convent of Little Flowers Stories** by Indu Sundareshan

(Atria, \$22, 9781416586098/1416586091)

*"This is a beautifully written collection of stories, and you will be quickly grabbed by Sundareshan's characters. In the Convent of Little Flowers is a joy to read and gives great insight into India's culture."*

—Syrinda Sharpe, University Book Store, Seattle, WA

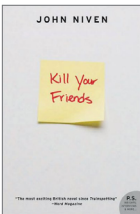


**Jack London in Paradise** by Paul Malmont

(Simon & Schuster, \$25, 9781416547228/1416547223)

*"Paul Malmont's story of writer Jack London and his friendship with Hollywood director Hobart Bosworth is extremely well written and easy to read, with a narrative that flows like water and vivid descriptions of the Hawaiian setting."*

—Rox Wenke, Burlingham Books, Perry, NY

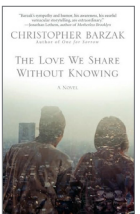


**Kill Your Friends** by John Niven

(Harper Perennial, \$14.99 paper, 9780061690617/0061690619)

*"This story of an A&R rep for a British music label is not for the faint of heart, or those who want to believe that pop music and hit records come out of some happy bubblegum land. But if you are a fan of Irvine Welsh, Bret Easton Ellis, or Chad Kultgen, this is a perfect book—at times shocking, it will keep a guilty smile on your face."*

—Joe Eichman, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO

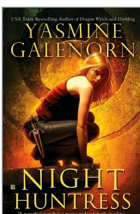


**The Love We Share Without Knowing** by Christopher Barzak

(Bantam, \$12 paper, 9780553385649/055338564X)

*"Christopher Barzak has woven such a fabulous story of the lives of several characters in Japan that I was hooked right away. This work of interrelated stories is an amazing contemplation on love."*

—Sydney Conant, A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore, Madison, WI



**Night Huntress** by Yasmine Galenorn

(Berkley, \$7.99 paper, 9780425225462/0425225461)

*"I wouldn't even try to guess how many people are anxiously awaiting this title—the fifth book featuring the D'Artigo sisters, half-human, half-Fae operatives for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency."*

—Diana Portwood, Bob's Beach Books, Lincoln City, OR



**The Suicide Collectors** by David Oppegaard

(St. Martin's, \$23.95, 9780312381103/0312381107)

*"This frightening and powerful story of a plague that is causing suicides is transfixing. I was completely captured by the fate of the characters and amazed by the way Oppegaard was able to capture their world."*

—Stephanie Kilgore, Changing Hands Bookstore, Tempe, AZ



**This One Is Mine** by Maria Semple

(Little Brown, \$24.99, 9780316031165/031603116X)

*"This funny and poignant story of relationships in Hollywood is fun to read, with characters who beg to be discussed, and it really captivated me. What a great book club pick!"*

—Lynda Schultz, Explore Booksellers & Bistro, Aspen, CO



**Watchmen**

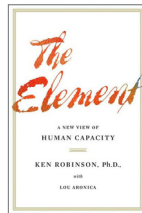
by Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons (illus.)

(DC Comics, \$39.99, 9781401219260/1401219268)

*"Watchmen is not only the best graphic novel out there, but also one of the most brilliantly conceived and executed pieces of fiction I've ever encountered. Two decades of history—from the end of WWII to the depths of the Cold War—memoirs of former hero crusaders, interviews, psychiatric documents, and scientific memoranda intersperse the story panels and add a level of complexity and meta-textual mold-breaking unmatched before or since."*

—Grant Outerbridge, DIESEL, A Bookstore, Oakland, CA

NONFICTION



**The Element**

How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything, by Ken Robinson, Ph.D.

(Viking, \$25.95, 9780670020478/0670020478)

*"Ken Robinson's book about creative purpose and education is brilliant and funny and oh-so-deftly right-on about the state of education and how we can rediscover the intersection between passion and ability."*

—Drea Firth, Maria's Bookshop, Durango, CO



**The Green Collar Economy**

How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems, by Van Jones

(HarperOne, \$25.99, 9780061650758/0061650757)

*"This masterful book covers my favorite topics (jobs, the environment, active citizenry, and politics), all of it from a politically astute activist with an impressive track record."*

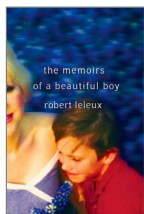
—Jessica L. Lloyd-Rogers, Colette's: Good Food & Hungry Minds, North Bend, OR

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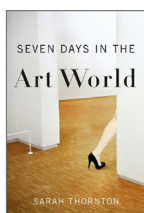
## The Memoirs of a Beautiful Boy

by Robert Leleux

(St. Martins Griffin, \$14.95 paper; 9780312361693/0312361696)

*"This memoir of a gay boy growing up in Petunia, Texas, is funny, occasionally poignant, and impossible to put down."*

—Blake Hardy, Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, Atlanta, GA



## Seven Days in the Art World

by Sarah Thornton

(Norton, \$24.95, 9780393067224/039306722X)

*"Each chapter in Thornton's new book is a separate essay about a particular aspect of the art world, and a day spent there. We are shown both the sincerely creative and the unbelievably pretentious, the front-page headlines and the little-known people behind the scenes. What a great idea for a book!"*

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—Anne Wilde, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, Mequon, WI



## Stuck

Why We Can't (or Won't) Move On, by Anneli Rufus

(Tarcher, \$23.95, 9781585426676/1585426679)

*"This is a very interesting look at how, and why, some people never seem to move beyond certain events in their lives—and how American culture conspires to keep them 'stuck' so they will buy and buy and buy the next answer to their 'problem.'"*

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—Catherine Carpenter, Cate's Books and Stuff, Louisiana, MO



## That Went Well

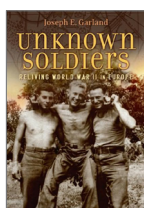
Adventures in Caring for My Sister, by Terrell Harris Dougan

(Hyperion, \$24.95, 9781401323295/1401323294)

*"Exuberant, childlike, brain-damaged, Margaret has been, alternately, the joy and bane of her sister's life (although she'd never say so). Painting this world with a mixture of grace, humor, and heartbreaking accuracy, Dougan opens a window into an unfamiliar world for some, and will hugely entertain all of us."*

—Betsy Burton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT

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## Unknown Soldiers

Reliving World War II in Europe, by Joseph E. Garland

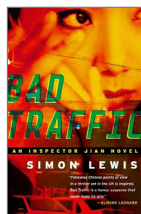
(Protean Press, \$29.95, 9780962578038/0962578037)

*"Joseph Garland's memoir captures the horror, fear, and heroism of average guys facing unthinkable hardship and violence in this timeless account of war, collected from his journal and interviews with fellow surviving 'ironheads' from the U.S. Army 45th Infantry Division."*

—Amy Pierson, Toad Hall Bookstore, Rockport, MA

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### MYSTERY/SUSPENSE



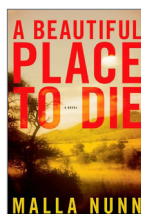
## Bad Traffic

An Inspector Jian Novel, by Simon Lewis

(Scribner, \$25, 9781416593539/1416593535)

*"Meet Inspector Jian, a Chinese cop who can't speak a word of English, who is trying to solve a crime in rural England involving his daughter. Quirky, with subtle humor, this fast-paced mystery/thriller is a great read."*

—Sue Richardson, Maine Coast Book Shop, Damariscotta, ME



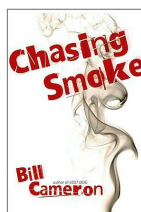
## A Beautiful Place to Die

by Malla Nunn

(Atria, \$25, 9781416586203/1416586202)

*"A Beautiful Place to Die is a roaring good mystery, set in 1950s South Africa. Nunn combines issues of race, politics, and small-town power struggles in this provocative and atmospheric story about a murdered policeman."*

—Laura Hansen, Bookin' It, Little Falls, MN



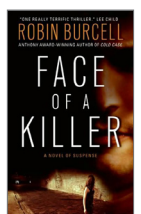
## Chasing Smoke

by Bill Cameron

(Bleak House Books, \$14.95 paper; 9781606480199/1606480197)

*"Thomas Skin Kadash is a Portland homicide detective on leave, trying to win the battle of his life over cancer, when his former partner looks for help in a case involving suspicious suicides. Chasing Smoke is dark, intriguing, and really different!"*

—Linda Dewberry, Whodunit? Books, Olympia, WA



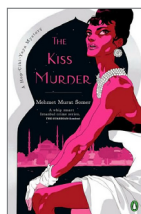
## The Face of a Killer

by Robin Burcell

(Harper, \$7.99 paper; 9780061122309/0061122300)

*"FBI agent and forensic artist, Sydney Fitzpatrick is a 'by-the-book' agent until she goes against orders, delves into her father's murder, and discovers the possible innocence of the killer who is on death row. Burcell's characters are extremely engaging and knowledgeable, and you will want to read her earlier books."*

—Susan Wasson, Bookworks, Albuquerque, NM



## The Kiss Murder

by Mehmet Murat Somer

(Penguin, \$14 paper; 9780143114727/0143114727)

*"The Kiss Murder is outrageous—outrageously smart and outrageously funny—and it features quite a hero(ine): a male computer technician by day and a transvestite hostess of Istanbul's most notorious nightclub by night. With a many-layered story and a great sense of the many mysteries of Istanbul, this is one for those who enjoy a taste of the exotic—an edgy armchair peek at a different culture."*

—Carolyn Chin, Books On First, Dixon, IL

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