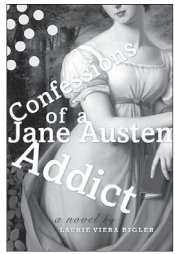




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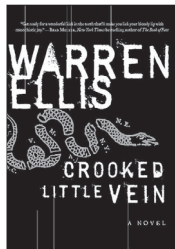
FICTION



CONFESSIONS OF A JANE AUSTEN ADDICT, by **Laurie Viera Rigler**

(Dutton, \$24.95, 9780525950400/0525950400) "Before you begin reading this luscious confection of a novel, unplug the phone, repair to your most comfortable chair, and enjoy the ultimate in luxury travel as you are transported via Courtney Stone, an archetypical 21st-century woman,

to the elegant early-19th-century world of Austen's novels. I loved it."—**Kathy Ashton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT**

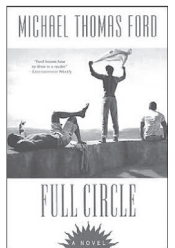


CROOKED LITTLE VEIN, by **Warren Ellis**

(Morrow, \$21.95, 9780060723934/0060723939) "If Chuck Palahniuk were kidnapped, Raymond Chandler resurrected, and their DNA spliced together, this novel would be the result. *Crooked Little Vein* is vintage Warren Ellis, and it's time more people know just what that means."

—**Justin Riley, Harry W. Schwartz**

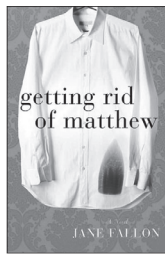
Bookshops, Milwaukee, WI



FULL CIRCLE, by **Michael Thomas Ford**

(Kensington, \$15 paper, 9780758210586/0758210582) "A great book about old friends and new acquaintances. When Ned Brummel and his childhood best friend Jack Grace went to college, they had a falling-out because they both fell for the same man, Andy. Years later, as Ned travels to a gravely ill Andy's bedside, he embarks

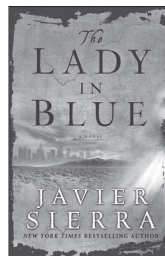
on a journey of memory and redemption."—**David Deese, Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, Atlanta, GA**



GETTING RID OF MATTHEW,

by **Jane Fallon** (Voice/Hyperion, \$23.95, 9781401303204/140130320X) "Helen's really gotten herself into a mess: Matthew left his wife and children for her, but she realizes she doesn't want him after all, so she tries to find a way to get him to return to his family. Things soon get even more complicated, and it's great fun to watch what happens as Helen

works to get her life back."—**Susan Wasson, Bookworks, Albuquerque, NM**

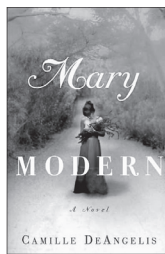


THE LADY IN BLUE, by **Javier Sierra**

(Atria, \$25.95, 9781416532231/1416532234) "Sierra has taken the fascinating story of the historic appearances of a 'lady in blue' to Native Americans and Mexicans and woven it with the story of a modern journalist who finds he is being led to uncover the story behind the apparitions. A pleasure to read."

—**Deb McDonald, Garden District**

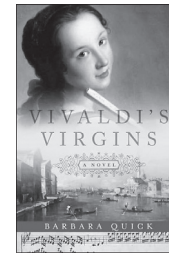
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MARY MODERN, by **Camille DeAngelis**

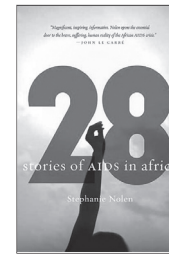
(Shaye Areheart, \$24, 9780307352583/0307352587) "After her parents' death, genetic scientist Lucy Morrigan continues her father's work on human cloning. When an experiment goes awry, it inadvertently brings back to life a 22-year-old version of her grandmother. The result is a love story that is startling,

haunting, beautiful, and memorable."—**Jordan Rosenfeld, Booksmart, Morgan Hill, CA**

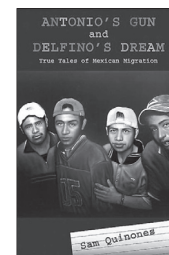


VIVALDI'S VIRGINS, by **Barbara Quick** (HarperCollins, \$24.95, 9780060890520/0060890525) "Set in 18th-century Venice, this coming-of-age novel recounts Antonio Vivaldi's work with the residents of the Ospedale della Pietà, an orphanage and music school, including, Anna Maria, a violin prodigy who desperately wants to know her parentage. A fascinating, sensual read!"—**Marilyn Strelau, Millrace Books, Farmington, CT**

NONFICTION

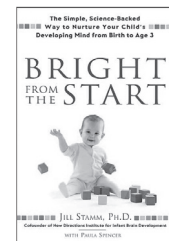


28: Stories of AIDS in Africa, by **Stephanie Nolen** (Walker, \$25.95, 9780802715982/0802715982) "Nolen tells the story of 28 people (out of at least 28 million) whose lives have been transfixed by AIDS. From children to soldiers, Nolen reveals the heartbreak and devastation that lie in the wake of this horrifying epidemic. A gripping tapestry with players that are unforgettable."—**Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI**



ANTONIO'S GUN AND DELFINO'S DREAM: True Tales of Mexican Migration, by **Sam Quinones**

(University of New Mexico Press, \$24.95, 9780826342546/082634254X) "Quinones' moving portrait of life in Mexico—and the human longings that inspire migration—provides a fresh perspective on the often two-dimensional immigration debate held in the corridors of Congress, barbershops, and talk-radio shows throughout the United States."—**Malaika Robinson, Olsson's Books & Records, Washington, DC**



BRIGHT FROM THE START: The Simple, Science-Backed Way to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind from Birth to Age 3, by **Jill Stamm and Paula Spencer** (Gotham, \$26, 9781592402854/1592402852) "Finally, a book that describes children's developmental stages in terms of what the parents can do to maximize their 'babies' developmental potential. Helpfully

chronicled in layman's terms, this book is thoroughly fascinating."—**Caitlin Doggart, Where the Sidewalk Ends, Chatham, MA**

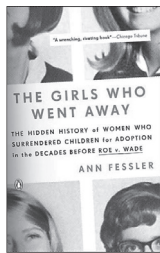


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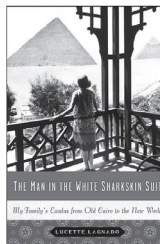
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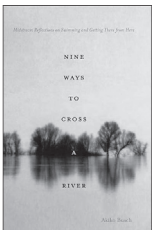
THE GIRLS WHO WENT AWAY: *The Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades Before Roe v. Wade*, by Ann Fessler (Penguin, \$15 paper, 9780143038979/0143038974) "Fessler writes of the secrets of a time when unmarried women were coerced to give up their babies. She reveals not only what happened to those

girls, but also tells of the impact that these decisions made on the lives of the young women, their babies, and their families. This is a story that needs to be told, and Fessler has done an excellent job."—**Dorothy Dickerson, Books & More, Albion, MI**

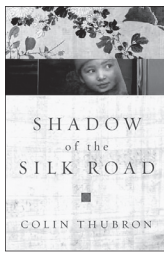


THE MAN IN THE WHITE SHARKSKIN SUIT: *My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World*, by Lucette Lagnado (Ecco, \$25.95, 9780060822125/0060822120) "Born in Cairo, Lagnado was seven in 1963 when her family, Syrian Jews who had lived in Egypt for generations, felt compelled to leave.

The author vividly describes her family's transformation into refugees struggling to make ends meet in lands far removed from the traditions and life of her youth. It's a story both sad and uplifting."—**Alice Meloy, Blue Willow Bookshop, Houston, TX**

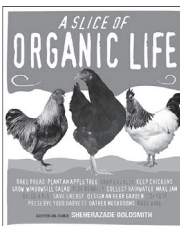


NINE WAYS TO CROSS A RIVER: *Midstream Reflections on Swimming and Getting There from Here*, by Akiko Busch (Bloomsbury, \$19.95, 9781596910454/1596910453) "A beautiful, lyrical journey full of history and meditative thoughts about nature around us and in us! Over the course of four years, Busch swam across nine different rivers in New York, Delaware, Ohio, and elsewhere. Here, she reflects on the rivers' past and future. I loved the trip!"—**Kathleen Dixon, Islandtime Books & More, Big Pine Key, FL**



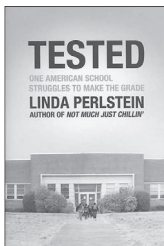
SHADOW OF THE SILK ROAD, by Colin Thubron (HarperCollins, \$25.95, 9780061231728/006123172X) "Thubron undertook a journey along the Silk Road with a backpack, some Mandarin and Russian, and little else. He stops at tombs and holy places, is quarantined in a fenced compound because of SARS, is nearly robbed by fake police, and rides a bus through a sandstorm

until the road disappears. A great travel book—with elegant writing, interesting locations, and meaningful elements that make the trip worthwhile."—**Ray Nurmi, Snowbound Books, Marquette, MI**



A SLICE OF ORGANIC LIFE, by Alice Waters, Anne Gatti, Daphne Lambert, Erica Bower, Pat Thomas, Matilda Lee, Rob Yarham, Sheherazade Goldsmith (editor) (DK Publishing, \$25, 9780756628734/0756628733) "If I had to choose only one book to keep about maintaining a sustain-

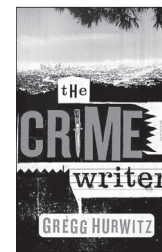
able lifestyle (everything from growing an indoor herb garden to raising a goat), this would be it. It has beautiful color photographs and easy-to-understand articles, and offers more ways than you can imagine to maintain a green lifestyle."—**Debbi Burton, The Rediscovered Bookshop, Boise, ID**



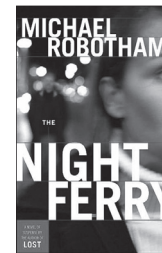
TESTED: *One American School Struggles to Make the Grade*, by Linda Perlstein (Holt, \$25, 9780805080827/0805080821) "The continuing debates about school testing and No Child Left Behind make this a very pertinent book. Perlstein's engrossing story closely follows the teachers and administrators at one elementary school as they go to great lengths

to raise test scores, and as the teachers ponder what may be lost in the process."—**Julie Leonard, Troubadour Books, Boulder, CO**

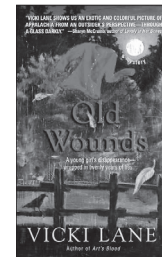
MYSTERY/SUSPENSE



THE CRIME WRITER, by Gregg Hurwitz (Viking, \$24.95, 9780670063215/0670063215) "Crime writer Drew Danner finds himself in a Los Angeles hospital with no memory of the night before, which, coincidentally, is when he was discovered next to his ex-girlfriend's murdered body. Drew's quest to find the real killer is a mysterious journey, rife with characters who may be on his side, or may not... An excellent whodunit story."—**Sherri Gallentine, Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena, CA**



THE NIGHT FERRY, by Michael Robotham (Doubleday, \$24.95, 9780385179040/0385179040) "London Metropolitan Police detective Ali Barba is contacted by a long-estranged friend shortly before that friend's death, which reveals that she was faking an advanced pregnancy. Barba goes in search of the surrogate, and discovers a web of human slavery and trafficking spread throughout Europe and Southeast Asia. This is an involving and worthwhile read."—**Jackie Blem, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO**



OLD WOUNDS, by Vicki Lane (Dell, \$6.99 paper, 9780440243595/0440243599) "The third in the Elizabeth Goodweather series, this story focuses on a crime from the past: the disappearance of a young girl in the mountains of North Carolina. Rich in folklore, music, and nature, Lane's writing has more twists than the Blue Ridge Parkway."—**Jean Utley, Book'em Mysteries, South Pasadena, CA**



QUEENPIN, by Megan Abbott (Simon & Schuster, \$13 paper, 9781416534280/1416534288) "I'll say this: Abbott not only has the Bugsy Siegel/Lucky Luciano period details and vernacular down pat, she gives no quarter to a single player in *Queenpin*, so named for the singular woman who ruthlessly runs the local rackets in an unnamed city. You will think you know how the betrayals will go—but there's a surprise waiting."

—**Barbara Peters, The Poisoned Pen, Scottsdale, AZ**