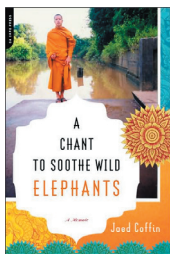


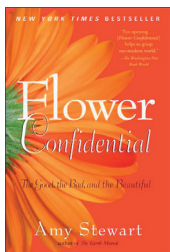


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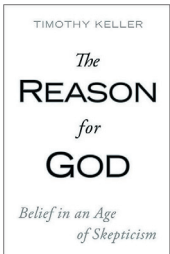


A CHANT TO SOOTHE THE WILD ELEPHANTS, by **Jaed Coffin** (Da Capo, \$16 paper, 9780306815263/306815265) "This is a wonderful memoir from a young Thai-American about his choice to spend time being a monk in Thailand. Cultural details enhance this everyman's story, which is more timely than ever in a world where more and more multiethnic people are trying to find their identities."—**Syrinda Sharpe, University Book Store, Seattle, WA**



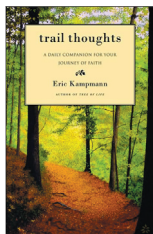
FLOWER CONFIDENTIAL: The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful, by **Amy Stewart** (Algonquin, \$13.95 paper, 9781565126039/1565126033) "This a fascinating and detailed look at the fresh flower industry. It combines mystery, politics, drama, romance, humor, and heartbreak with meticulous research and great storytelling. Amy Stewart can join

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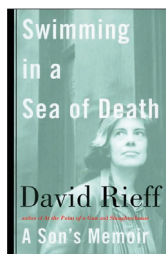


THE REASON FOR GOD: Belief in an Age of Skepticism, by **Timothy Keller** (Dutton, \$24.95, 9780525950493/525950494) "This is a carefully documented and intelligently reasoned response to today's skeptics. *The Reason For God* is remarkable in its breadth. It challenges the intellectual mind and satisfies the searching soul."—**Jan Owens, Millrace**

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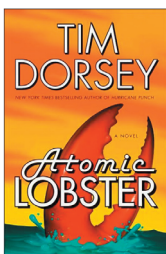
TRAIL THOUGHTS: A Daily Companion for Your Journey of Faith, by **Eric Kampmann** (Beaufort, \$14.95 paper, 9780825305801/825305802) "These thoughtful daily meditations are challenging without being strident, and personal enough to ask the reader to grow. Unlike other daily devotional books, *Trail Thoughts* will work for seekers as well as believers."—**Keri Holmes, The Kaleidoscope: Our Focus Is You, Hampton, IA**



SWIMMING IN A SEA OF DEATH: A Son's Memoir, by **David Rieff** (Simon & Schuster, \$21, 9780743299466/743299469) "David Rieff, Susan Sontage's son, has written a brilliant memoir about the last year of his mother's life. It's intimate and affectionate and so honest. It serves as a tribute to her life, but in detailing the agony of her death with such insight and affection,

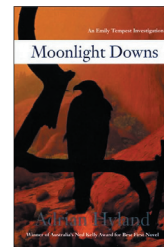
it also celebrates the fundamental bond forged by a mother and her son."—**Mitchell Kaplan, Books & Books, Coral Gables, FL**

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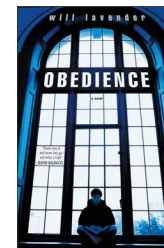


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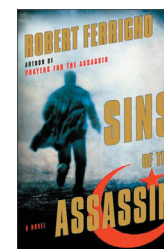
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MOONLIGHT DOWNS, by **Adrian Hyland** (Soho, \$24, 9781569474839/1569474834) "Hyland has written a well-told and intriguing mystery featuring the aboriginal people of Australia that will keep you hooked until the end."—**Donna Plante, Bookin' It, Little Falls, MN**



OBEDIENCE, by **Will Lavender** (Shaye Areheart Books, \$24, 9780307396105/030739610X) "Obedience marks the emergence of a great new voice in mystery. Lavender's twists and turns combine with an engaging story that will keep you completely invested."—**Suzanna Hermans, Oblong Books And Music, Millerton, NY**



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WATCHMAN, by **Ian Rankin** (Little, Brown, \$24.99, 9780316009133/031600913X) "After British intelligence agent Miles Flint makes a mistake that leads to another man's death, he starts asking himself some serious questions about his job -- questions that lead to him being on the run for his life. Well-plotted and very suspenseful!"—**Carol Schneck, Schuler**

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