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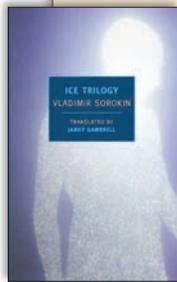
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Reviews



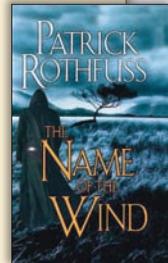
## AUGUST FEATURES

### CHILL WITH SUMMER SCI FI...



**Ice Trilogy** by Vladimir Sorokin (\$19.95 pb). Tired of Swedish mysteries? Try some Russian gonzo sci-fi. If you're not naked and catatonic by the end, something has gone wrong. —Charles Bottomley

**The Name of the Wind Kingkiller Chronicles Volume 1** by Patrick Rothfuss (\$8.99 pb). The realistic writing style and charming protagonist, who is a magician, draw you in from the very beginning and will leave you thirsting for more. —Talon Birns

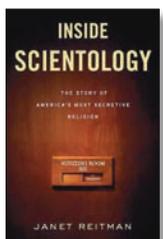


## NONFICTION

### N E W H A R D C O V E R

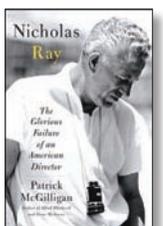


**The Band That Played On** by Steve Turner (\$24.99). The Titanic epic from a unique perspective — that of the musicians who gathered on the boat deck in an effort to allay panic while the ship sank beneath them. A human face is placed on an unimaginable tragedy. —Alden Graves



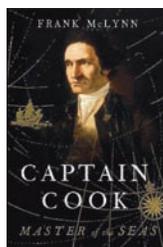
**Inside Scientology: The Story of America's Most Secretive Religion** by Janet Reitman (\$28). Everything you wanted to know about Scientology

but were afraid to ask. Reitman examines the intricacies of one of the world's most controversial religions, turning a spotlight on a subject that prefers to remain in shadows. Cautionary rather than condemnatory. —Alden Graves



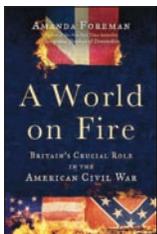
**Nicholas Ray: The Glorious Failure of an American Director** by Patrick McGilligan (\$29.99). The director of *Rebel Without a Cause* was one of Tinseltown's

most screwed-up characters. Bisexuality, drugs and James Dean make for a juicy summer read. —Charles Bottomley



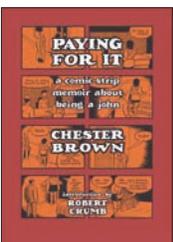
**Captain Cook: Master of the Seas** by Frank McLynn (\$35). Completely compelling, superbly researched and crisply written. Probably veteran

historian McLynn's finest work. An incisive biography, a vivid portrayal of an era of astonishing discovery and an evocative portrait of culture clash. Highest recommendation. — Bill Lewis



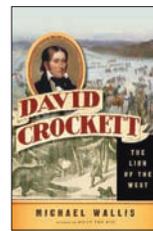
**A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role In The American Civil War** by Amanda Foreman. (\$35). This big, rich, memorable history is a veritable

feast. The cast is extensive, the dynamics of tense international relationships are excruciatingly exciting and what was at stake for all parties was immense. Foreman's research is magnificent and although a long book, you succumb to her splendid writing because the story is so fascinating. Highest recommendation. —Bill Lewis



**Paying for It: A Comic Strip Memoir about Being a John** by Chester Brown, introduction by Robert Crumb (\$24.95). An award-

winning cartoonist's experiences with prostitutes form the basis for a look at sex and love as unshakable as a dose of gonorrhoea. —Charles Bottomley



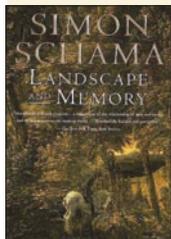
**David Crockett: The Lion of the West** by Michael Wallis (\$27.95). Boomers know him from the phenomenal 1950s TV series but even in his lifetime he was already iconic. This solid biography clears up many misconceptions about Crockett and succeeds splendidly in giving context to a very original American. A pleasure all the way. —Bill Lewis

### NEW PAPERBACK

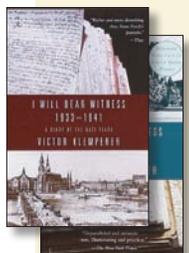


**Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat** by Hal Herzog (\$14.99). People have the wackiest relationships with animals! A fun read that will really get you thinking about why we feel the way we do about animals. Available August 9. —Krysta Piccoli

### LOUISE JONES' OLD FAVORITES



**Landscape and Memory** by Simon Schama (\$29 pb). How has nature influenced western civilization? Schama is an outstanding writer and researcher, and in this enthralling book he discusses how natural wonders impacted the development of the western imagination and individual national sensibilities. Fascinating!



**I Will Bear Witness: A Diary of the Nazi Years, Volume 1 1933-1941, Volume 2 1942-1945** by Victor Klemperer (\$18 ea., pb). Klemperer, a Jewish academic married to a Christian, avoided deportation, was finally incarcerated in a forced labor camp; he escaped during the Dresden bombing

which is dramatically described. His books are outstanding for their meticulous observation of daily life in Hitler's Germany.

### FAVORITE

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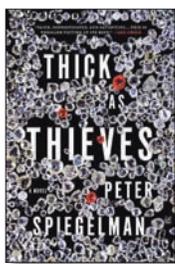


**Marilyn Adult Halter Top Apron** (\$29.99). Not only are these aprons fun to wear, but when you look like June Cleaver your casseroles come out of the oven like a dream! —Sarah Teunissen

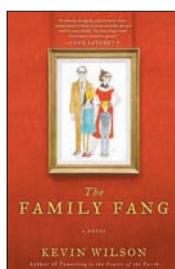
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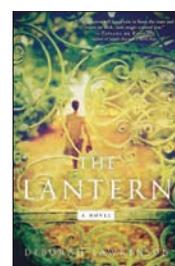
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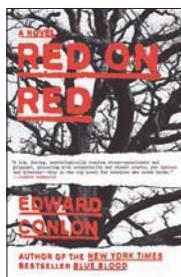
**Thick as Thieves** by Peter Spiegelman (\$24.95). In this smart, highly entertaining heist thriller, a skilled team of thieves hopes to rob the ill-gotten millions from a crooked financier now hiding out in the Cayman Islands. Fine writing, well-delineated characters and an intricate plot will keep you turning the pages. Autographed copies after August 9. – Louise Jones



**The Family Fang** by Kevin Wilson (\$23.99). Caleb and Camille Fang are performance artists of the most unusual – and often destructive – kind. Their daughter Annie and son Buster live through a chaotic childhood and must figure out how to cope as adults. Brilliant, bizarre, moving – you name it. Available August 9. –Louise Jones

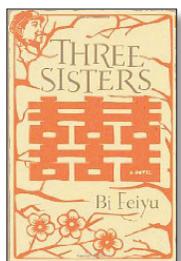


**The Lantern** by Deborah Lawrenson (\$25.99). This is a marvelous novel written with a painterly eye. The backdrop is the shimmering landscape of Provence and the characters are rendered like portraits. The story is a haunting page turner. –Karen Frank

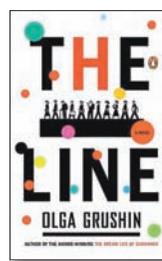


**Red on Red** by Edward Conlon (\$26). NYPD detective Conlon, finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for his memoir *Blue Blood*,

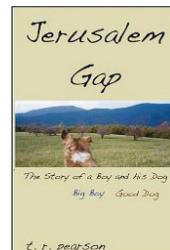
follows the professional and personal lives of two Manhattan detectives, their complicated emotional and psychological problems matching those of the citizens – innocent and guilty, victims and perpetrators – that they encounter. A literary novel that is far more than a police procedural. –Louise Jones



**Three Sisters** by Bi Feiyu (\$24). Three sisters pursue three very different destinies in modern China. Bi's understanding of life's messy progress recalls Chekhov at his best. –Charles Bottomley



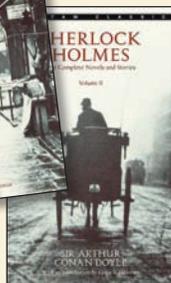
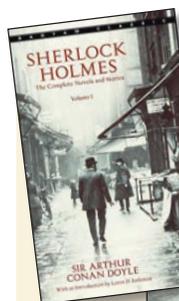
**The Line** by Olga Grushin (\$16). What is the line? Why are these people waiting? And for how long? Out of these simple questions comes an unforgettable parable of heartbreak and hope. –Charles Bottomley



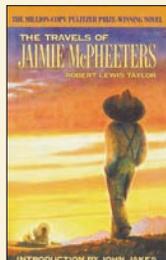
**Jerusalem Gap** by T. R. Pearson (\$8.99). A man, his dog and fine supporting cast in the southern Appalachians. Whether you love dogs or not, this big-hearted, funny novel cannot fail to delight. –Stan Hynds

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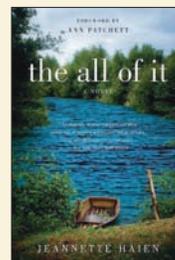
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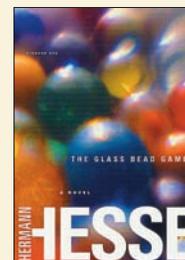
**Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Novels and Stories, Volumes 1 & 2** by Arthur Conan Doyle (\$6.95 ea., pb). Still brilliant after 124 years! –Sarah Teunissen



**The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters** by Robert Lewis Taylor (\$25 pb). A man recalls the greatest adventure of his life – a trek across America at the time of the Gold Rush. Taylor's wonderful novel is an adventure for every reader who embarks on the journey with Jaimie. One of my favorite books. –Alden Graves

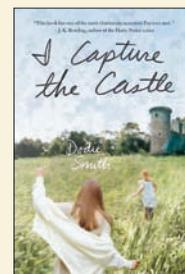


**The All of It** by Jeannette Haien (\$12.99 pb). Lyrical writing and well-drawn characters in a beautiful novel, set in a small Irish town, that deals delicately with a sensitive issue - a rewarding read on many levels. Now in a new edition. –Louise Jones



**The Glass Bead Game** by Herman Hesse (\$16 pb). Siddhartha fans need to read Hesse's tremendous final novel, in which a tireless spiritual seeker finally reaches the end of the road. –Charles Bottomley

**I Capture The Castle** (\$14.99 pb) by Dodie Smith. I remember reading this wonderful story one lazy summer. This is one of the books that made me a lifelong reader...when I realized that there was nothing I'd rather do than sit under a shady tree and enter the magical universe that is literature. A splendid book for any age...any attitude. –Karen Frank



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**NORTHSHIRE READING GROUPS...**

**16<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN READ** *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa

**16<sup>TH</sup> HISTORY** *Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.* by Ron Chernow &

*In the President's Secret Service* by Ronald Kessler

**18<sup>TH</sup> MYSTERY & THRILLER** *In the Woods* by Tana French

**24<sup>TH</sup> DARK SIDE** *The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Saga of a Donner Party Bride* by Daniel James Brown

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