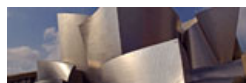


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THE READING LIST: L.A. AUTHORS. L.A. TOPICS. JUNE '10 BOOKS

Every month LAmag.com highlights titles of local interest that are hitting the bookshelves. Here's what's new

By Wendy Witherspoon

LAmag.com, June 1, 2010



101 Things I learned in Film School

(Grand Central Publishing, hardcover, \$15)

By Neil Landau

Hit all the major topics without ever taking a class with this primer from the UCLA film school professor.

Out: Jun 1



Ani's Raw Food Essentials: Recipes and Techniques for Mastering the Art of Live Food

(Da Capo Press, hardcover, \$28)

By Ani Phyo

With recipes for nachos, burgers, Reuben sandwiches, bacon, desserts, and much more – who knew raw food could be so fun?

Out: Jun 1



Dream So Big: A Parent's Guide to Helping Your Child Believe and Achieve

(Adams Media, hardcover, \$20)

By Christopher B. Pearman with Ian Blake Newhem

The *Cosby Show's* little Olivia (Raven-Symone of "That's So Raven") has grown into a stable adult (so unlike child stars) thanks to her involved dad.

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The Last Living Slut: Born in Iran, Bred Backstage

(Igniter/HarperCollins, hardcover, \$26)

By Roxana Shirazi

The author was raised traditionally in Tehran, but she threw off her chador and jumped in the sack with some of the biggest rock stars in Hollywood.

Out: Jun 1



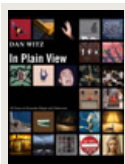
Blanket of Stars: Homeless Women in Santa Monica

(Angel City Press, hardcover, \$30)

By Frances Noble, Photographs by Ian Noble

For over a year, the authors traversed Santa Monica, interviewing and photographing homeless women in an effort to bring visibility to those who often seem invisible.

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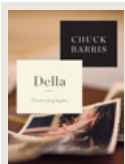
Dan Witz: In Plain View: 30 Years of Artworks Illegal and Otherwise

(Ginkgo Press, hardcover, \$40)

By Dan Witz

The first monograph from the street art photographer features an extended section on L.A.

Out: Jun 1



Della: A Memoir of My Daughter

(Simon & Schuster, hardcover, \$25)

By Chuck Barris

The legendary game show host reflects on life with his "Hollywood wild child" daughter who died of an accidental overdose in 1998.

Out: Jun 1



eat.shop los angeles: A Curated Guide of Inspired and Unique Locally Owned Eating and Shopping Establishments

(Cabazon Books, paperback, \$15)

By Anna H. Blessing

The third edition of this handy little guidebook for tourists and locals covers an array of neighborhoods.

Out: Jun 1



Expecting 411: Clear Answers & Smart Advice for Your Pregnancy

(Windsor Peak Press, paperback, \$15)

By Michele Hakakha and Ari Brown

A Beverly Hills based OB/GYN has teamed with the author of Baby 411 and Toddler 411 to offer smart and non-paranoid answers to all your questions.

Out: Jun 1



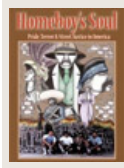
Furious Love: Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, and the Marriage of the Century

(Harper, hardcover, \$28)

By Sam Kashner and Nancy Schoenberger

Their torrid romance is legendary, and this dual biography about the hot celebrity couple who married twice (and divorced twice) in the 1960s-70s includes never-before-seen material from the actress.

Out: Jun 1



Homeboy's Soul: Pride, Terror, and Street Justice in America

(PublishAmerica, paperback, \$20)

By Don Armijo and Fred Stawitz

The author grew up in the barrio of Pomona and joined the violent street gang, *Calle Dos Los Sharkies* – here he provides rare insight into the gang lifestyle and the mind of a “Chicano kid turned killer.”

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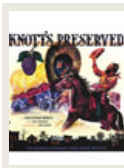
I Was Born This Way: A Gay Preacher's Journey Through Gospel Music, Disco Stardom, and a Ministry in Christ

(Simon & Schuster, hardcover, \$24)

By Carl Bean

From a foster home in Baltimore, he became a Motown recording artist and later an AIDS activist and founder of L.A.'s Unity Fellowship of Christ Church.

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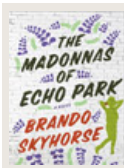
Knott's Preserved: From Boysenberry to Theme Park, the History of Knott's Berry Farm

(Angel City Press, paperback, \$25)

By Christopher Merrit and Eric Lynxwiler

From jam to whores to roller coasters, this book tells the whole story. Read more about the book in the June issue of *Los Angeles* magazine.

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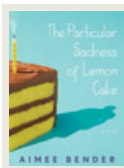
The Madonnas of Echo Park

(Free Press, hardcover, \$23)

By Brando Skyhorse

A well-drawn cast of Mexican-American characters cope with the changing neighborhood of Echo Park in this debut novel. See our review in the June issue of *Los Angeles* magazine.

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Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake

(Doubleday, hardcover, \$25)

By Aimee Bender

A young girl who can taste people's emotions in the food they prepare leads us through this delicate second novel from the USC professor. See our full review in the June issue of *Los Angeles* magazine.

Out: Jun 1



The Poet Prince: A Novel

(Touchstone Books, hardcover, \$26)

By Kathleen McGowan

In this third book of the L.A. author's Magdalene Line, the heroine follows her mysterious new teacher to Florence and discovers secrets of Renaissance art and literature.

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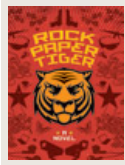
Rise and Shine: The Extraordinary Story of One Man's Journey from Near Death to Full Recovery

(Santa Monica Press, hardcover, \$25)

By Simon Lewis

The film and TV producer tells the story of the high-speed hit-and-run that killed his wife.

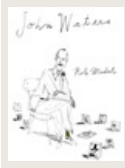
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**Rock Paper Tiger**

(Soho Press, hardcover, \$25)

By Lisa Brackmann

An American Iraq war veteran living in Beijing is caught up in a web of suspected terrorists and security operatives in this debut thriller by a Venice author.

Out: Jun 1**Role Models**

(Farrar, Straus and Giroux, hardcover, \$25)

By John Waters

A self-portrait told through literary profiles by the eccentric filmmaker, actor, writer, and visual artist (*Hairspray*, *Pink Flamingos*, and *Cecil B. DeMented*).

Out: Jun 1**Sins of the Mother: A Novel**

(Touchstone Books, paperback, \$15)

By Victoria Christopher Murray

Just when Jasmine Larson Bush has committed herself to a virtuous life, her daughter is kidnapped in this novel by the Inglewood author.

Out: Jun 1**Thriller: The Musical Life of Michael Jackson**

(Da Capo Press, hardcover, \$25)

By Nelson George

In 1982, Michael Jackson was kind of the charts, and the music journalist chronicles the moment in the life of the artist as well as the album that included "Beat It," "Billie Jean," and "P.Y.T. (Pretty Young Thing)."

Out: Jun 1**Where's My Wand: One Boy's Magical Triumph Over Alienation and Shag Carpeting**

(Amy Einhorn Books, hardcover, \$25)

By Eric Poole

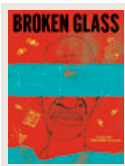
The author recalls needing the help of *Bewitched*'s Endora to get through a childhood in the mid-west in the 1970s.

Out: Jun 1**Architecture of the Sun: Los Angeles Modernism, 1900-1970**

(Rizzoli, hardcover, \$95)

By Thomas S. Hines

This survey of the city's masters from the emeritus professor at UCLA interrogates our notions of modernism and regionalism.

Out: Jun 8**Broken Glass**

(Soft Skull Press, paperback, \$14)

By Alain Mabanckou

The UCLA French literature professor delivers a new novel about the patrons of a run-down bar in the Congo.

Out: Jun 8**Cut, Paste, Kill: A Lomax & Biggs Mystery**



(Minotaur Books, hardcover, \$25)
 By Marshall Karp
 In this fourth novel in the series about the Hollywood homicide detectives, a scrapbook is left next to each victim – how crafty.
Out: Jun 8



The J. Paul Getty Museum Handbook of the Antiquities Collection: Revised Edition
 (Getty Publications, paperback, \$20)
 Edited by Kenneth Lapatin and Karol Wight
 The Getty antiquities curators present 200 of the museum's most important pieces.
Out: Jun 8



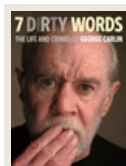
Mediterranean Harvest: Vegetarian Recipes from the World's Healthiest Cuisine
 (Rodale, paperback, \$24)
 By Martha Rose Shulman
 Travel through the region with the acclaimed L.A. cookbook author via authentic versions and contemporary variations of the area's recipes.
Out: Jun 8



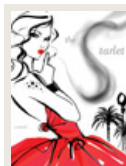
No Place Like Home: A Memoir in 39 Apartments
 (Harmony Books, hardcover, \$23)
 By Brooke Berman
 The award-winning playwright (who splits time between N.Y. and L.A.) recalls her (sometimes painful, sometimes humorous) journey through various domiciles on her way to a pad (and life) that felt like her own.
Out: Jun 8



Printing the Grand Manner: Charles Le Brun and the Monumental Prints in the Age of Louis XIV
 (Getty Publications, hardcover, \$50)
 Edited by Louis Marchesano
 Eleven monumental engravings are displayed in this volume, which accompanies the museum's exhibit through Oct 17.
Out: Jun 8



Seven Dirty Words: The Life and Crimes of George Carlin
 (Da Capo Press, hardcover, \$26)
 By James Sullivan
 The comic (whose famously forbidden words sparked a Supreme Court case) died in Santa Monica in 2008, and this biography probes his life and works.
Out: Jun 8



The Starlet
 (Simon & Schuster, paperback, \$14)
 By Mary McNamara
 The *Los Angeles Times* entertainment reporter's second novel follows one young, celebrity hottie who can't escape drama.
Out: Jun 8



Temperance
 (Fantagraphics Books, hardcover, \$23)
 By Cathy Malkasian



The award-winning, L.A. author creates a fully-realized world (in which war-hero Lester has been suffering from amnesia for 30 years) and stirs in questions about violence, stories, and belief in her second graphic novel.

Out: Jun 8



Theater in a Crowded Fire: Ritual and Spirituality at Burning Man

(University of California Press, paperback, \$25)

By Lee M. Gilmore

Perhaps it marks the theoretical process of recuperation of subversion, or perhaps it's simply a (genius) excuse by a Cal State Northridge professor to visit the wild weekend, but in either case, this academic analysis of the formerly fringe festival transforms the bacchanalian annual gathering into an object of study.

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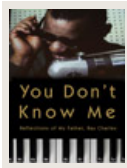
The Truth About Delilah Blue

(Harper Perennial, paperback, \$14)

By Tish Cohen

The heroine moves from Toronto to L.A. with her dad when she's a child because, she assumes, her mother abandoned them – but she's about to learn that things aren't always what they seem.

Out: Jun 8



You Don't Know Me: Reflections of My Father, Ray Charles

(Harmony Books, hardcover, \$25)

By Ray Charles Robinson Jr. with Mary Jane Ross

The musician's eldest son had a fairly normal childhood (considering) in Southern California, and enjoyed his father's Vespa rides and chess playing, but still struggled to know him.

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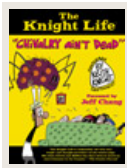
You'll Never Blue Ball in this Town Again: One Woman's Painfully Funny Quest to Give It Up

(Touchstone Books, paperback, \$15)

By Heather McDonald

The stand-up comic and *Chelsea Lately* performer chronicles 27 years of virginity.

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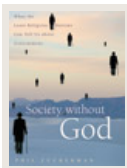
The Knight Life: "Chivalry Ain't Dead"

(Grand Central Publishing, paperback, \$18)

By Keith Knight

This new volume from the award-winning L.A. cartoonist compiles his strip, "The K Chronicles," which appears on Salon.com.

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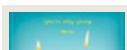
Society without God: What the Least Religious Nations Can Tell Us about Contentment

(NYU Press, hardcover, \$21)

By Phil Zuckerman

The Pitzer College professor interviewed nearly 150 Danes and Swedes to determine why these peoples, who don't pay much heed to religion, consider themselves the happiest in the world.

Out: Jun 14



29: A Novel



(Touchstone Books, paperback, \$15)

By Adena Halpern

A grandmother gets her wish to be 29 again and three generations of women come to understand each other better in this novel by the L.A. writer.

Out: Jun 15



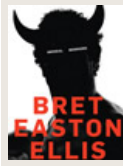
Every Man in this Village is a Liar: An Education in War

(Doubleday, hardcover, \$27)

By Megan K. Stack

The *L.A. Times* Moscow bureau chief tells of her experience in the war zones of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Lebanon.

Out: Jun 15



Imperial Bedrooms

(Knopf, hardcover, \$25)

By Bret Easton Ellis

As *Less Than Zero* celebrates its 25th anniversary, the author provides this much-anticipated sequel about the hedonistic L.A. teenagers, who are now middle-aged. Read about what happened when our writer Jesse Katz caught up with his old friend, Ellis, one night at the Polo Lounge in the June issue of *Los Angeles* magazine.

Out: Jun 15



Tana's Kitchen Secrets

(Mitchell Beazley/Octopus Books USA, hardcover, \$27)

By Tana Ramsey

What does the wife of celebrity chef Gordon Ramsey serve for dinner?

Out: Jun 15



This is Where We Live

(Spiegel & Grau, hardcover, \$25)

By Janelle Brown

When subprime mortgages balloon, an ex-lover returns, and artists' careers fall apart, a young couple unravels in this novel from the L.A. author of *All We Ever Wanted Was Everything* (2008).

Out: Jun 15



The Cambridge Companion to the Literature of Los Angeles

(Cambridge University Press, paperback, \$25)

Edited by Kevin R. McNamara

Fifteen essays dymthologize Los Angeles and make connections among the various voices of *Californios*, mid-century European expats, early African-American writers, and present-day Hispanic and Asian American authors.

Out: Jun 22



Introduction to California's Beaches and Coast

(University of California Press, paperback, \$20)

By Gary Griggs

Why is Big Sur craggy and rugged while Santa Monica is flat and calm? The UC Santa Cruz professor explains how the diverse coast evolved.

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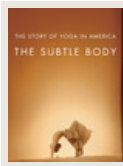
Queen Pin: A Memoir

(Grand Central Publishing, hardcover, \$24)
By Jemeker Thompson-Hairston and David Ritz
The true story of a woman who ran one of the country's most profitable drug cartels in the 1980s and 90s.
Out: Jun 22



Babushka's Beauty Secrets: Old World Tips for a Glamorous New You

(Wellness Central, hardcover, \$16)
By Raisa Ruder and Susan Campos
A Hollywood beauty expert shares her grandmother's time-tested secrets.
Out: Jun 24



The Subtle Body: The Story of Yoga in America

(Farrar, Straus and Giroux, hardcover, \$27)
By Stefanie Syman
This supple story from a native Angeleno explains the transformation of the practice from ancient discipline to modern, multibillion-dollar industry.
Out: Jun 29



Tip It!: The World According to Maggie

(Hyperion, hardcover, \$24)
By Maggie Griffin
The 91-year-old mother (and budding TV star) tells how she came to have a "D List" celebrity daughter and how to drink boxed wine ("tip it!")
Out: Jun 29

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