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Pick of the Week

Every Man Dies Alone

Hans Fallada (tp) \$19.95



Written in a short span of 24 days immediately following his release from a Nazi-run insane asylum at the end of WWII, Fallada poured out his knowledge of a working class couple's resistance to the Nazis. Reviews all share the same powerful visceral response that this title is as close to a shared experience of the daily trials of living under this dark regime as we are ever likely to have. The fact that this couple openly sought to challenge the legitimacy of the Nazis & was able to stymie the Gestapo's efforts at uncovering their activities only increases the very real danger they placed themselves in every hour of their lives.

Joke Du Jour

In honor of the new release,
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Based on what you know about him in history books, what do you think Abraham Lincoln would be doing if he were alive today?

- 1) Writing his memoirs of the Civil War.
- 2) Advising the President.
- 3) Desperately clawing at the inside of his coffin.

-- David Letterman



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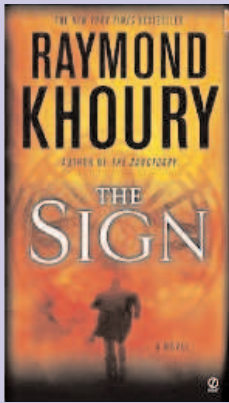
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In the pipe for April

The literary world is emulating Mother Nature's spring renewal by offering an impressive lineup of new works by strong veteran authors. Noteworthy among this month's fiction titles are works by Yann Martel, Philip Pullman, Peter Carey, Elizabeth George & ...J.R.R. Tolkein. Martel has taken a sabbatical in his attempts to broaden our PM's worldview with *Beatrice & Virgil*. A tale concerning a famous author, a taxidermist & his specimens will no doubt lead to some inventive allegorical interpretations on the part of armchair critics. What will Stephen Harper have to say? Pullman's **Good Man Jesus & The Scoundrel Christ** extols the "myth" of the life of Jesus Christ & continues some of the themes that underlay his previous opus, **His Dark Materials Trilogy**. Perhaps Tom Harpur should review this one. Carey's **Parrot & Olivier In America** is a comic road trip loosely based on the travels & observations of one Alexis de Tocqueville. George's **This Body of Death** sees the return of Scotland Yard Detective Inspector Lynley. He is called back from compassionate leave after the murder of his wife to investigate the murder of a woman in a London cemetery. There's nothing like work to take your mind off your fragile emotional state...Tolkien's **Legend of Sigurd & Gudrun** showcases the author's formative fascination with the ancient poetry of Norway & Iceland. He re-shapes these ancient tales of adventure, treachery & revenge in modern English while honouring the original Old Norse narrative. Alexander McCall Smith's **Double Comfort**

Safari Club has the **No.1 Ladies Detective Agency** swing into action while visiting a local lodge. Other hardcovers include Jack Hodgins' **Master of Happy Endings** & Kate Morton's **Distant Hours**.

Trade paper fiction also boasts a crop of titles by veteran authors. Colm Toibin's **Brooklyn** won the Costa Award, (formerly the Whitbread). Isabel Allende's **Island Beneath the Sea** & Mavis Gallant's **Going Ashore** will garner early votes for bookclub selections. Stephenie Meyer's **Host** takes a break from teen vampires & forges a telepathic version of the invasion of the body snatchers...with romance. Historical fiction is front & center with Philippa Gregory's **White Queen**. The extraordinary life of Elizabeth Woodville & her rise to power in the royal blood feuds known as the War of the Roses will inform readers of the lives of the British royalty before the Tudors. Michael Crichton's **Pirate Latitudes** takes the reader on a more authentic experience of the swash-buckling life circa 1665 than the many installments of the Pirates of the Caribbean film franchise. Richard Flanagan's **Wanting** creates a narrative based on the intertwined lives of an Australian aborigine, an Arctic explorer's wife & Charles Dickens. Katherine Govier's **Ghost Brush** brings to life the daughter of 18th Century famed Japanese printmaker, Hokusai. Tash Aw's critically acclaimed **Map of the Invisible World** is a study of orphaned brothers who are split apart during Sukarno's Indonesian post-colonial

revolution. In a more contemporary setting, Emily St. John Mandel's intriguing debut novel, **Last Night In Montreal** examines the life of a young woman who is compelled to abruptly escape any relationship she develops. Russell Smith's **Girl Crazy** traces the obsession a community college teacher has with one of his students while Chuck Palahniuk's **Pygmy** examines terrorism in a manner that has been described as the Manchurian Candidate meets South Park. Lori Lansen's **Wife's Tale** tells of a mid-life reclamation while Emily Schultz puts an otherworldly spin on the workplace in her wonderfully audacious **Heaven Is Small**.

Yes, there is new non-fiction this month, most notably Carol Burnett's **This Time Together**, David Remnick's **Bridge: Barack Obama & Michael J. Fox's Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Future**. Gary Zukav's **Spiritual Partnership** explores unique opportunities in reaching our true potential. Trade papers feature Rick Smith's **Slow Death By Rubber Duck**, Thomas Homer-Dixon's **Carbon Shift**, Chris Anderson's **Free** & Joseph Heath's **Filthy Lucre**. The Soccer scene uncovers Declan Hill's **Fix** & the **Sun Guide to the 2010 World Cup**.

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