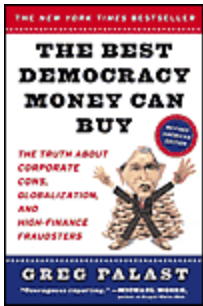


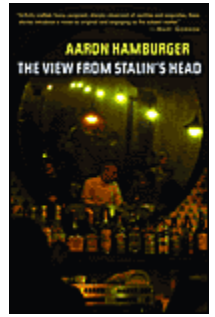
LIVE AT BARBARA'S

MAY 2004



Greg Palast
Saturday 5.01 4:00pm UIC
 Award-winning investigative journalist Greg Palast digs deeper than most reporters are willing to go learn the ugly truth about the government and the world we live in. THE BEST DEMOCRACY MONEY CAN BUY, Second Edition, uncovers even more corruption, scandal, and shock. Things aren't getting any better, and Palast is the man to tell you the truths that you may not want to know.

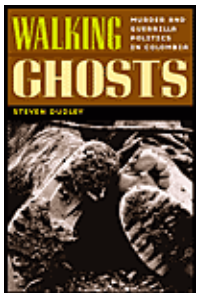
Aaron Hamburger
Saturday 5.15 7:30pm UIC
 The ten stories in Aaron Hamburger's beautiful and darkly funny collection THE VIEW FROM STALIN'S HEAD unfold in the post-Cold War Prague of the 90s, a magnet for artists and writers, tourists and deadbeats, a city with a glorious yet sometimes shameful history, populated by people who both resent and long for their Communist past.



Elinor Burkett
Wednesday 5.05 7:30pm UIC
 At a time when Americans are questioning their place in a hostile world, and are swearing off air travel, Elinor Burkett doesn't just take a trip: she takes a headlong dive into enemy territories, crisscrossing between the old Evil Empire and the new Axis of Evil. When she left home she wasn't planning to write a book, but with SO MANY ENEMIES, SO LITTLE TIME, how could she not?

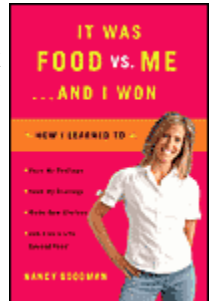


Peter Greenberg
Tuesday 5.18 7:30pm Oak Park
 Peter Greenberg may be America's best-respected travel expert, and now he draws upon his years of experience to help you know what you are getting into when you step into your hotel room. The name, HOTEL SECRETS FROM THE TRAVEL DETECTIVE: Insider Tips on Getting the Best Value, Service and Security, in Accommodations from a Bed and Breakfast to a Five-Star Hotel, says it all.



Steven Dudley
Saturday 5.08 7:30pm Oak Park
 Oak Park native Steven Dudley has spent five years touring the more troubled corners of our world and reporting back for NPR and the Washington Post. Now he comes back to Oak Park to read from and sign copies of his first book WALKING GHOSTS: Murder and Guerilla Politics in Columbia. Call 708.48.9140 for details

Nancy Goodman
Wednesday 5.19 7:30pm Oak Park
 In IT WAS FOOD VS. ME ... AND I WON Nancy Goodman speaks directly to her readers, sharing her inspiring story of breaking free from the cycle of food obsession, binge dieting, guilt, and illusions about willpower. This is a perfect book for anyone who is interested in living, not dieting.



Clare Naylor & Mimi Hare
Tuesday 5.11 Noon Marshall Fields
 Call it Nanny Diaries for the other coast, call it Movieline with a plot, call it THE SECOND ASSISTANT. Naylor and Hare know the inside world of Hollywood; the ugly secrets, the strange rituals, and where the bodies (of promising careers) are buried. But they don't want to be sued. Instead of writing a tell-all they have written what may be the great satire of this summer- soy chai lattes, Botox and all.

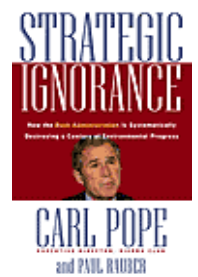


PJ Tracy
Wednesday 5.19 Noon Marshall Fields
 The mother-daughter writing team, collectively known as PJ Tracy, will be at Barbara's at Marshall Fields to sign copies of their latest, freshest and funniest mystery - LIVE BAIT. Critics and fans alike praised Tracy's first thriller, Monkeewrench, and now detectives Magozzi and Rolseth are back to make the streets of Minneapolis safe.

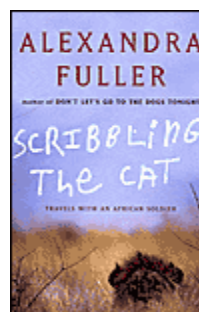


Darren Shan
Tuesday 5.11 3:30pm Oak Park
 Darren Shan, creator of the popular young reader series Cirque du Freak, will be at Barbara's Oak Park for an after school signing only event. His newest title, HUNTERS IN THE DUSK, leaves Vampire Mountain in an attempt to find a newly risen lord to lead them in a war against the vampires.

Carl Pope
Thursday 5.20 7:30pm Oak Park
 Sierra Club executive director Carl Pope comes to Barbara's Oak Park to discuss STRATEGIC IGNORANCE: Why the Bush Administration is Recklessly Destroying a Century of Environmental Progress. Brilliantly argued and full of damning evidence from the administration's environmental record, SI sets forth what the American public can do to bring a halt to Bush's radical experiment.



Diana Abu-Jabar
Thursday 5.13 7:30pm Oak Park
 While many Americans look to the Arab community with concern prize-winning author Diana Abu-Jaber creates a vivid, flavorful portrait of Arab-American life. CRES-CENT traces the life of Sirine, an Iraqi-American chef at a Lebanese restaurant - a sensual world of food and spices, poetry and storytelling.

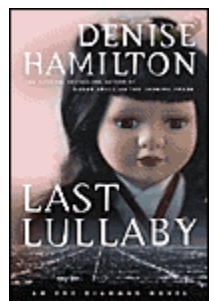


Alexandra Fuller
Thursday 5.20 7:30pm UIC
 When Alexandra Fuller returned home and began asking her father about a neighboring farmer her father advised her to stay away, "Curiosity scribbled the cat." This best-selling memoirist (Don't Lets Go to the Dogs Tonight) reports her travels with this strangely charismatic Rhodesian war veteran into a modern heart of darkness in SCRIBBLING THE CAT: Travels With an African Soldier.



Alice Randall
Thursday 5.13 7:30pm UIC
 The literary provocateur behind The Wind Done Gone (a book that Margaret Mitchell's family tried to stop in the courts) is back with PUSHKIN AND THE QUEEN OF SPADES. Alice Randall writes about the academic world of literature she knows intimately in this daring novel of racial identity, intellectualism, and a loving mother torn between protecting her child from the truth, or letting him share her past.

Denise Hamilton
Wednesday 5.26 Noon Marshall Fields
 From many time award-nominated author Denise (The Jasmine Trade) Hamilton comes an electrifying, multicultural look at the gritty underbelly of Los Angeles, starring her sharp-edged, streetwise reporter/sleuth Eve Diamond - LAST LULLABY. This is a signing only event.



Summer is just around the corner, allegedly, so lets start looking at some beach books - Barbara's Style



The Shadow of the Wind - Carlos Ruiz Zafon

A boy growing up in postwar Barcelona finds that sometimes loving books can be dangerous. Comparable to the wonderful Club Dumas, but so much more.

The Little Black Book of Stories - A. S. Byatt

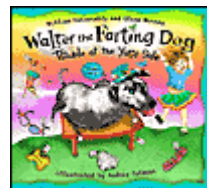
Craftswoman extraordinaire, Byatt works dark magic in these tales of impermanence, frailty, and the failures of the body.



Walter the Farting Dog : Trouble at the Garage Sale

William Kotzwinkle & Audrey Coleman

Everyone's favorite, windpassing hound is back, this time involved with robbery, balloons, and clowns.



The Bastard on the Couch - Daniel Jones, Ed.

Alright, we are all tired of how men for some reason claim they can't explain themselves, even though they have had the last few thousand year to try, but let's give them one, last chance.

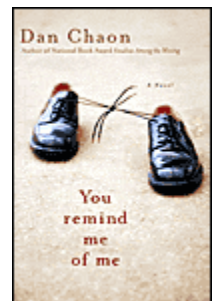


How I Learned to Cook - Margo Perin

Daughter's come to terms with their mother's memories and expectations in these lovely, true stories of how they all came together in the kitchen.

You Remind Me of Me - Dan Chaon

Bab's favorite, Chaon, follows up his two beautiful and eloquent short story collections with a novel about identity, and the stoicism behind so many, seemingly small, lives.



Raw - Charlie Trotter

The latest trend in cooking is non-cooking. Our favorite local genius is back to tell us how to make it taste great even if it's raw.



Murder on the Leviathan - Boris Akunin

Boris Akunin's popular, Russian, detective Erast Fandorin is back, this time solving crime on the high seas.



Hunting for Frogs on Elston (and other tales from Field and Street) - Jerry Sullivan

A selection of savvy observations on urban ecology set in our own backyards. A look at Chicago's unique Urban ecology, just as the weather gets nice enough for you to look for yourselves.

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