

LIVE AT BARBARA'S

APRIL 2004

Helen Zia



Monday 4.05 7:30pm UIC

Acclaimed Chinese-American scholar, journalist and author Helen Zia will be at Barbara's Bookstore at UIC to discuss her career, and the writing and research of such books as *ASIAN-AMERICAN DREAMS* and *MY COUNTRY AGAINST ME*. Please call Barbara's UIC at 312.413.2665 (BOOK) for further details.

Paula Peterson

Thursday 4.15 7:30pm Oak Park

Alive and dead alike, all of the characters in Paula (Penitent, with Roses) Peterson's short stories, *WOMEN IN THE GROVE*, who have AIDS and HIV are as authentic as the woman sitting next to you. Kirkus review said of this remarkable collection, "Twenty years into the epidemic, a work with something truly new to say about AIDS : that's quite an achievement."



Mike Goode

Wednesday 4.07 7:30pm Oak Park

STAGE FRIGHT : In Music Performance and Its Relationship to the Unconscious is the perfect book for anyone who has ever longed to take the stage, but has been held back by fear. Local musician Mike Goode examines case histories of famous performers, as well as psychological and medical perspectives, to offer practical solutions to this common, sometimes crippling, problem.



Rachel Cohen



Thursday 4.15 7:30pm UIC

The second event in Barbara's and NewCity's Booked series takes us from fiction to the intersection of life and art with Rachel Cohen's *A CHANCE MEETING*. Beautiful, unique moments have brought together American artists and writers-Gertrude Stein and William James, Alfred Stieglitz and Hart Crane, Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston-changing their art, and our lives, forever.



Diane McKinney-Whetstone

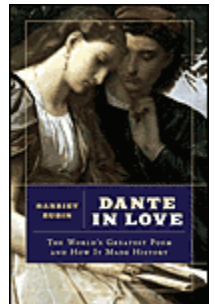
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Beloved author of *Tumbling*, Diane McKinney-Whetstone, has worked for five years on what is her most powerful novel to date-*LEAVING CECIL STREET*. Inspired by the 'forbidden' neighborhood blocks of her Philadelphia childhood, Leaving paints a portrait of an African-American community moved and influenced by block parties, jazz, Vietnam, the Black Panthers and religion. It is both evocative and unforgettable.

Harriet Rubin

Tuesday 4.20 7:30pm Oak Park

In the vein of Brunelleschi's Dome and Galileo's Daughter, *DANTE IN LOVE* is a geographic and spiritual re-creation of the poet's fugitive travels and the burst of creativity that produced the greatest poem ever written, *The Divine Comedy*. Harriet (The Princessa) Rubin follows the same path as Dante's - a path also followed by seekers such as Eliot, Freud and Primo Levi.



Raphael Kadushin &

Brian Bouldrey

Thursday 4.08 7:30pm Oak Park

Summer is almost here, time to hit the road. Editor Raphael Kadushin and contributor Brian Bouldrey will be on hand to share stories of adventure from *WONDERLANDS* : Good Gay Travel Writing - a perfect, armchair start to the travel season. These 19 works criss-cross the globe, from Edmund White's journey through the desert to Matthew Link's visit to Antarctica.



Arianna Huffington

Wednesday 4.21 6:00pm Marshall Fields

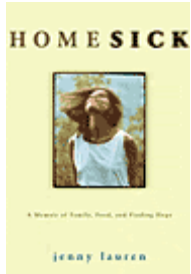
In the years since her break with the Republican Party, Arianna Huffington has become a fearless and outspoken critic of the two-party system. In *FANATICS AND FOOLS* : a Game Plan for Winning Back America Huffington argues that the danger of continuing under our current administration is so great that anyone who cares about the future of our democracy cannot be divided. Call 312.781.3033 for details.



Jenny Lauren

Tuesday 4.13 7:30pm UIC

HOMESICK : A Memoir of Family, Food and Finding Hope is a startlingly plainspoken and unflinching first person account by the niece of fashion icon Ralph Lauren. Jenny Lauren details her wrenching struggle with bulimia, and speaks powerfully to the widespread failure of the medical community to understand eating disorders.



Carol Kleiman

Wednesday 4.21 7:30pm UIC

Carol Kleiman, nationally syndicated business columnist on the workplace for the Chicago Tribune, will speak on the subject of work, and the search for it in a bad economy, at Barbara's Bookstore at UIC. Carol's latest book is *WINNING THE JOB GAME* : The New Rules For Getting and Keeping The Job You Want.



Lisa Tucker

Tuesday 4.13 7:30pm Oak Park

Lisa (The Song Reader) Tucker returns with a starkly lyric novel of a hard-luck woman, trying to escape a bad-luck man. Patty Taylor can handle anything, from being dismissed by the guys in her jazz band for being a pretty face, to facing down an ex-con husband intent on having back his wife and child. *SHOUT DOWN THE MOON* is a work of intensity, power, and jazz.



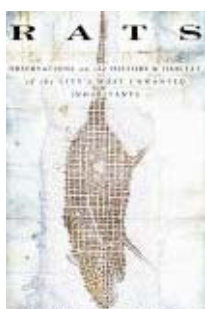
I should have stayed home



Troubled Travel

Thursday 4.22 7:30pm UIC

Everyone has had a bad trip now and again (by trip I mean travel). Now you can share your horror story with the world as RDR's *Troubled Travel* Book series and Barbara's Bookstore invite you to write an essay and submit it for possible publication in the next *I Should Have Just Stayed Home* collection. Call Barbara's at 312.413.2665 for contest guidelines and information.



Robert Sullivan

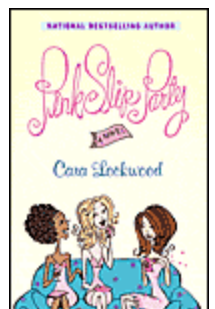
Wednesday 4.14 7:30pm UIC

They are always with us, no matter how hard we try to get rid of them, no matter how much we want to pretend they don't exist. No, not our student loans, but something just as resilient and omnipresent. Robert Sullivan has written the definitive history of our hairy neighbors in *RATS* : Observations on the History and Habitat of the City's Most Unwanted Inhabitants.

Cara Lockwood

Wednesday 4.28 Noon Marshall Fields

What do you do when a bad job turns into a non-existent one? Do what Cara (I Do, But I Don't) Lockwood's funny, beleaguered heroine Jane does - throw a *PINK SLIP PARTY*. Local author Lockwood will be on hand to sign copies of this, her latest look at why, no matter what anyone may tell you, your twenties might not be the time of your life.



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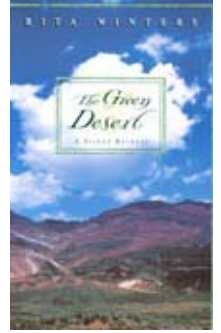


Bruce Sterling

Thursday 4.29 7:30pm Oak Park
 THE ZENITH ANGLE is the first novel in four years from futurist Bruce Sterling, who takes a step away from science fiction and into mainstream territory. The result is a novel that will ring true to the talented, ambitious, technologically savvy workers who survived the dot.com crash, corporate scandals, plunging 401(k)s, and the current slow economy.

Rita Winters

Thursday 4.29 7:30pm UIC
 THE GREEN DESERT is the story of local business woman Rita Winters and the silent retreat she took into the Sonoran Desert, after leaving a twenty-four year career in advertising. "When I am not required to do anything, there is more and more I choose to do," writes Winters. This is a book that will speak to anyone who has longed for a quiet place in their overburdened lives.



Barbara's Bookstores is proud to be the bookseller for Chicago Public Radio's acclaimed series: STORIES ON STAGE- for tickets please: 312.397.4010



Next on Stories on Stage- April 20 at 7:30
 THE SUITE VOICES OF YOUTH- Michael E. Myers directs this program of coming of age stories, including ROCKPILE, one of the few short stories written by James Baldwin.

In memory of Wells St. we bring you the Barbara's Bookstore April recommendations-



ANTHROPOLOGY OF AN AMERICAN GIRL-H.T. Hamann
 "This novel is remarkable in that it takes place in the heroine's head just as if it were an open country of heartbreaking beauty. The prose is original, fresh, expertly wrought...the main character's insights are reminiscent of Henry James's Isabel Archer." ELIZABETH.

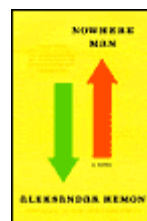
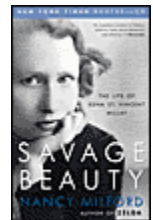
PASSING FOR THIN: Losing Half My Weight and Finding Myself-Frances Kuffel
 "The pain, anguish and isolation of her 'fat self' is in stark contrast to her coming alive process as she works to shed the pounds and the limiting self-beliefs that were weights twins." ANNE



THE PAINTED BIRD-Jerzy Kosinski
 "The sheer creepiness of human savagery is deftly conveyed in this novel...make the reader wonder whether the brutal aspects of survival are augmented during desperate times of war." ABBY

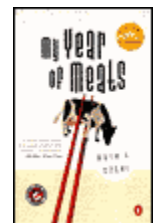


SAVAGE BEAUTY: The Life of Edna St. Vincente Millay - Nancy Milford
 "You won't be able to keep up with Vincent's exotic love life, but you will glimpse her tormented soul and mysterious muses. You won't be able to put this one down." LESLIE



NOWHERE MAN-Aleksander Hemon
 "Pronek is seen through the eyes of different characters. They all move around in a world of isolation, never guess that they share this trait with others." MARINA

MY YEAR OF MEATS-Ruth L. Ozeki
 "The author has pulled off a tough trick - a social commentary (horrendous methods of beef productions) with humor and heart." OWAN



SUPERCADÉ-Van Burnham
 "The impact, both economically and culturally, of video games is brilliantly brought to the page...an onslaught of super-cool writing and images. A must have for any veteran of the video-game generation." FRANK

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