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The Book ♥ Lovers Issue

Forget the overpriced roses and crowded restaurants and celebrate this Valentine's Day with a good book under a cozy blanket. To find that perfect book, you need not look any further than your Post colleagues. In addition to a li-

Peril. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, the book will be available in bookstores and online at bn.com and Amazon.com on February 28.

Downie and Kaiser began collaborating on the book about three years ago. The two have worked together since they were summer interns at The Post in 1964, and for seven years worked side-by-side when Kaiser was the managing editor.

"This book gave me a wonderful opportunity to write an epilogue to my career as a Post

editor. As Len and I explored the news business in America, we were able to articulate a philosophy of news and its importance, which for me personally was very satisfying," said Kaiser.

Downie describes the book as an analysis of the crossroads facing the news media today. It gives readers an intimate look inside the news business, including newspapers, as well as local and network television.

He explains, "The best

journalism is better than it has ever been. The best journalists are better educated, more professional, better trained and more expert in the subjects they cover than ever before. And thanks to the Internet, good journalism can reach more people. At the same time, the majority of news organizations are not getting better and their news coverage is getting worse for a variety of reasons, including ownership patterns. So much of the news media is owned by large conglomerates for which profit is more important than the quality of their news."

Downie and Kaiser will be visiting universities and journalism schools across the country as part of the promotional tour for the book. They will also be discussing and signing the book at bookstores, including an appearance at Politics & Prose in the District on March 5.

KARL EVANZZ, News Research, has written his third book on the legendary Muhammad Ali, titled *I Am The Greatest: The Best Quotations from Muhammad Ali*, published by Andrews McMeel. Evanzz, who was also a consultant on the recent motion picture about Ali starring Will Smith, has compiled a comprehensive col-



KARL EVANZZ, News Research, cradles his newest "baby," his new book *I Am the Greatest: The Best Quotations from Muhammad Ali*.

lection of Ali's quotes. The book also includes a gallery of memorable black and white photographs of Ali, several by Post photographers including **LUCIAN PERKINS** and **JAMES PARCELL**. Ali fans can purchase the book in bookstores and online beginning next week.

STACEY PASTOR, Marketing, is the copywriter for The Washington Post Book Club's newsletter. She compiled the following list of books by Post authors in 2002 and the scheduled publication date.

Sacred Places, Civic Purposes: Should Government Help Faith-Based Charity?



PHOTO - LUCIAN PERKINS

Executive Editor **LEN DOWNIE** and Associate Editor **BOB KAISER** are the authors of *The News About The News, American Journalism in Peril*.

library of books published by Post authors last year and the beginning of this year, there are close to a dozen more already scheduled for publication in 2002.

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Book Picks By Post Staff

“One of my favorite books is *Standing At The Scratch Line* by Guy Johnson. I literally couldn’t put this book down. I enjoyed it tremendously and recommend it highly. It’s a



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great book club discussion novel because it touches on so many issues of family, friendship, trust, and race. Also...*Home-made Love* by J. California Cooper. It’s a book of short stories that will have you laughing out loud.

Cooper has a way of telling a story that will make you think, laugh and cry. I wish I could have this book leather-bound!”

LISA JOLLY-MARSHALL,
Executive

“I just finished reading John Grisham’s *A Painted House*. It was a very good book and I really enjoyed it. It was very different than his other books with an interesting story line. It made me think about how I grew up and how as kids we faced problems and dealt with them.”



MARTIN QUINN

MARTIN QUINN,
Production, Springfield Plant

“One of my favorite books of all time is *In Search of Satisfaction* written by J. California Cooper. She one of my favorite authors and has written, at least, eight books all which I’ve read and thoroughly enjoyed! Whenever I’ve finished reading one of her novels, I feel as if



TERRY LYN JOHNSON

I’ve just ingested a healthy dose of wisdom that liberates my mind and soul. I believe she is as mesmerizing as Dorothy West, Zora Neale Hurston and Eudora Welty!”

TERRY LYN JOHNSON,
Circulation

“*The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkein is a tale of good versus evil in a fantasy land that is clearly meant to be our own Earth during an earlier period of time. Animals speak, wizards have powers, goblins provoke fear and loathing, and the final deliverance from evil comes from the unlikely hands of very unmagical, but very inspiring little people. I have read and reread this trilogy at least ten times over the past 35 years, and the depth and breadth of the world it describes never ceases to amaze me: every reading leads me to new discoveries, and the desire to delve even deeper.”

JOEL WASSERSTEIN,
Information Technology

“One of my favorite books is *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. It’s one of those classics that everyone should read. I especially enjoyed this novel because it’s written in a very contemporary American style that really transports the reader. When I was finished reading it I wished I could wipe it from my memory and start fresh just to have the experience over again. I recommend it for anyone that wants to read



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for enjoyment, but also wants to add to their list of readings that transform a person into an enlightened individual. A person may only read perhaps a few hundred novels in a lifetime. There’s no doubt that this book should be on that list.”

FRANK PLATNER,
Accounting

“I would love to tell you the name of my all time favorite book...so far. *The Great Santini* by Pat Conroy. Mr. Conroy is the author of many popular books, but none, however, have

surpassed *The Great Santini* with its raw intensity of emotion. My father was a Marine and this book envelopes that life by injecting every type of emotion possible, laughter, fear, and tears. I guarantee that anyone who reads this will be glad they did. I consider it a hidden treasure. I personally have read it about eight times. A friend gave it to me to read when I was a sophomore in high school many moons ago.”

DEBRA BRENNAN,
Security, Springfield Plant

(Brookings Press, January 2002) by columnist and Brookings Fellow **E.J. DIONNE, JR.** and co-editor Ming Hsu Chen.

The Secret Code of the Superior Investor: How to Be a Long-Term Winner in a Short-Term World (Crown, January 2002) by investing columnist **JAMES K. GLASSMAN.**

In *The New Imperialists: How Five Restless Kids Grew Up to Virtually Rule Your World* (Prentice Hall Press, January 2002). Technology writer **MARK LEIBOVICH** profiles the five titans of the Digital Age—Bill Gates of Microsoft, Steve Case of AOL-Time Warner, Larry Ellison of Oracle, John Chambers of Cisco and Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com.

Revenge: A Story of Hope (Simon & Schuster, April 2002) is an exploration of the nature of revenge by Style reporter **LAURA BLUMENFELD**, who took a leave from her job to go undercover on a global search for revenge against the Palestinian terrorist who shot her father.

In May, Sports columnist **TONY KORNHEISER** will publish *I'm Back for More Cash: A Tony Kornheiser Collection (Because You Can't Take Two Hundred Newspapers into the Bathroom)* (Villard).

Copy editor for the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service **PATRICIA MCLAUGHLIN** (writing as Patricia McLinn) will publish her 18th romance novel, *Runaway Bride* (Silhouette Special Edition, May 2002). She also has two more books scheduled for publication, one for later this year and the other for the beginning of 2003.

Cultural critic **TIM PAGE** will publish *Tim Page On Music: Views and Reviews* (Amadeus Press, August 2002), a compilation of articles he's written over the last ten years on Glenn Gould, Michael Tilson Thomas, Mi-

dori, Placido Domingo, and others.

Metro religion reporter and former Cairo bureau chief **CARYLE MURPHY**, will publish a book on Islam and the Middle East, tentatively titled, *Passion for Islam: Understanding Islam's Revival through the Egyptian Experience* (Scribners, Early Fall 2002).

In, *I Went to College for This? How to Turn Your Entry Level Job into a Career* (McGraw-Hill, Fall 2002) Career Track columnist **AMY JOYCE** offers advice to recent grads about how to deal with careers after college.

How Chipó Got Her Name (Crown, Fall 2002) is Metro reporter **NEELY TUCKER**'s story of how he adopted his daughter from an orphanage in Zimbabwe at the height of the AIDS crisis.

Technology columnist **SHANNON HENRY** will publish *The Dinner Club* (The Free Press/Simon & Schuster, November 2002), a portrait of Internet success and failure.

Books by Post authors published in 2001 included:

■ **JOEL ACHENBACH**, *It Looks Like a President Only Smaller: Trailing Campaign 2000* (Paperback, Simon & Schuster).

■ **HENRY ALLEN** and Maxwell MacKenzie, *American Ruins: Ghosts on the Landscape* (Afton Historical Society Press).

■ **MARIE ARANA**, *American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood* (Dial Press/Random House).

■ **JABARI ASIM**, *Not Guilty: Twelve Black Men Speak Out on Law, Justice, and Life* (Amistad/HarperCollins).

■ **PAUL BLUSTEIN**, *The Chastening: Inside the Crisis That Rocked The Global Financial System and Humbled the IMF* (PublicAffairs).

■ **DAVID BRODER**, *Democracy Derailed: Initiative Campaigns and the Power of Money* (Paperback, Harvest Books).

■ **E.J. DIONNE** (Editor), and William Kristol (Editor), *Bush v.*

Gore: The Court Cases and the Commentary (Brookings Institution).

■ **E.J. DIONNE** (Editor et al.), *The Election of 2000: Reports and Interpretations* (Chatham House).

■ **KARL EVANZZ**, *The Messenger: The Rise and Fall of Elijah Muhammad* (Paperback, Vintage).

■ **STEVE FAINARU** and Ray Sanchez, *The Duke of Havana: Baseball, Cuba and the Search for the American Dream* (Villard).

■ **MICHAEL FARQUHAR**, *A Treasury of Royal Scandals: The Shocking True Stories of History's Wickedest, Weirdest, Most Wanton Kings, Queens, Tsars, Popes, and Emperors* (Penguin).

■ **GLENN FRANKEL**, *Rivonia's Children: Three Families and the Cost of Conscience in White South Africa* (Paperback, Continuum).

■ **BRADLEY GRAHAM**, *Hit to Kill: The New Battle Over Shielding America from Missile Attack* (Public Affairs).

■ **CAROLYN HAX**, *Tell Me About It: Lying, Sulking, Getting Fat and 56 Other Things Not to Do While Looking for Love* (Talk Miramax Books).

■ **STAN HINDEN**, *How to Retire Happy: Everything You Need to Know About the 12 Most Important Decisions You Must Make Before You Retire* (McGraw-Hill).

■ **DAVID HOFFMAN**, *The Oligarchs: Wealth and Power in the New Russia* (Public Affairs).

■ **STEPHEN HUNTER**, *Pale Horse Coming* (Simon & Schuster).

■ **HOWARD KURTZ**, *The Fortune Tellers: Inside Wall Street's Game of Money, Media and Manipulation* (Paperback, Touchstone Books).

■ **DANA MILBANK**, *Smashmouth: Two Years in the Gutter with Al Gore and George W. Bush – Notes From the 2000 Campaign Trail* (BasicBooks).

■ **T.R. REID**, *The Chip: How Two Americans Invented the Microchip and Launched a Revolution* (Revised and Updated Paperback, Random House).

■ **THOMAS RICKS**, *A Soldier's Duty* (Random House).

■ **JACQUELINE SALMON** and Stanley I. Greenspan, *The Four-Thirds Solution: Solving the Childcare Crisis in America Today* (Perseus Books/Addison-Wesley).

■ **SUSAN SCHMIDT** and Michael Weisskopf, *Truth At Any Cost: Ken Starr and the Unmaking of Bill Clinton* (Paperback, HarperPerennial Library).

■ **TOM SHALES** and James Andrew Miller, *Live from New York: An Oral History of Saturday Night Live* (Penguin Audio-books).

■ **TOM SHRODER**, *Old Souls: Compelling Evidence from Children Who Remember Past Lives* (Paperback, Fireside).

■ **LAURA SESSIONS STEPP**, *Our Last Best Shot: Guiding Our Children Through Early Adolescence* (Paperback, Riverhead Books).

■ **DAVID VISE**, *The Bureau and the Mole: The Unmasking of Robert Philip Hanssen, the Most Dangerous Double Agent in FBI History* (Hardcover, Atlantic Monthly Press).

■ **BOB WOODWARD**, *Maestro: Greenspan's Fed and the American Boom* (Paperback, Touchstone).

■ **JONATHAN YARDLEY**, *Ring: A Biography of Ring Lardner* (Paperback, Rowman & Littlefield); *Misfit: The Strange Life of Frederick Exley* (Paperback, Rowman & Littlefield).

■ **EVE ZIBART**, *The Unofficial Guide to New Orleans*, 3rd Edition (Hungry Minds); *The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World for Grown-Ups*, 2nd Edition (Hungry Minds); *The Ethnic Food Lover's Companion* (Menash Ridge Press).

■ Several Post Newsroom staff contributed to *Deadlock: The Inside Story of America's Closest Election* (PublicAffairs).

POST SCRIPTS

UPDATES FROM BENEFITS

The maximum allowable rate of tax deferred contributions to The Post's 401K plan for the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 can be raised to 15 percent. For information about increasing or changing your contributions, call the Benefits Department at x7171.

Effective March 1, 2002, the monthly maximum for Metrochek will increase from \$65 to \$100. If you submit a Metrochek Change Form to increase your deduction by February 15th, the change will be in your first paycheck in March. Metrochek vouchers are purchased on a pre-tax basis to help defray your commuter expenses. The Metrochek Change Form can be found online on *IntraNED*, look under Tools on the left-

side of your screen for online forms. For more information, call x7171.

CORRECTIONS

The list of sales excellence winners provided by the Advertising Department and printed in last week's ShopTalk did not include **RITA COOPERSMITH, BDU**.

In Postscripts last week, **MIKE WELLS, IT**, was misidentified as Mike Lee.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Washington Post Book Club's selections for the next three months includes:

FEBRUARY:

Le Grand Meaulnes by Alain-Fournier and presented by **DENNIS DRABELLE**

MARCH:

The Knife Thrower and Other Stories by Steven Millhauser and presented by **JENNIFER HOWARD**

APRIL:

The Oxford Book of Aphorisms compiled by John Gross and presented by **MICHAEL DIRDA**

For more information about the Book Club, or to join, log on to www.washingtonpost.com/bookclub. Copies of the most recent Book Club newsletter are scheduled to be available in the Northwest Building's cafeteria next week.



MARKETPLACE

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PHONE EXTENSIONS: If you have a new Avaya phone, add a 4 before the internal Post extensions listed in ShopTalk.

FOR SALE—Levenger solid maple child's bookcase, smooth edges, three angled shelved hold 150 books of varying sizes. 27wx16Dx39H, like new, \$95. Call Sandy at x7391 or (703)765-9418 (eve).

ISO HOUSE CLEANER? Has car and can work in Maryland, District or Virginia. Call Patricia Rodrigues (daughter of Cecilia Rodrigues of the cafeteria staff), at (301)408-1441 or (301)442-8712.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Ledroit Park and Howard University, 2 BR, 1 BA, walk-in closet, washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave, deck. \$1,200+electric. Call Meril (202) 829-9838 or x 30443 (do not use 4 before ext.).

FOR RENT: Condo in Landmark, Va. (I-395 & Duke St.) just inside of Beltway. 2BR/2 BA, 1,200 sq. ft., washer/dryer, \$1,200 (not including electricity). Call John at x7823 or (703) 241-1871.

FOR SALE: 19' green Coleman canoe, \$100. Call Mike at (703) 221-1892.

MOVING SALE: Service for eight Franciscan Desert Rose dishes, plus some serving pieces. Two fish tanks (both under a year old), Eclipse brand, a six gallon and a 29 gallon - both come with supplies and fish. Make offers. Call Giuliana at x6395 or (301) 270-0552.

ISO AQUARIUM: Do you have a nice, old, unused fish tank sitting in your basement? I'm looking for 10-20 gallon inexpensive (free?) aquarium & equipment. Call Clare at x7719, (703) 716-4219.

FOR SALE: Wrought iron dinette set with four chairs in turquoise blue with round glass top, 1-year-old, \$350. Excellent condition. Call Bonita at x5927 or (301)877-6044, after 6:00pm.

FOR SALE: Furniture - everything must go and fast! Prices are rock bottom! Items are in good - excellent cond., including: glass and brass tables—2 end tables with matching oval cocktail table - \$100 for all 3, microwave - \$15, excellent computer (like new) with lots of memory and printer with desk and chair only \$1,400! Forest green wrought iron and glass baker's rack—very nice - \$60 and other household items. All prices are negotiable. Call x7729 or (202) 371-6556.

FOR SALE: Mahogany buffet in excellent condition. Lined silverware drawers. Brass hardware. Photo avail. \$375, nego. Call Paige at x4253, or (301) 947-6913.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Park Princess Condominiums. Only 4 blocks from the Post! Available immediately. Spacious 1BR (700 sq.ft.). New carpet, new paint, closet doors, blinds, new kitchen countertops, includes washer/dryer, with remodeled bathroom, and refrigerator is new. All this and an awesome city view from roof deck, exercise room. Pets allowed, includes ALL utilities for only \$1,500. Call Cynthia Perkins at (202) 256-4379.

FOR SALE: 1993 Toyota Paseo. Sporty, 2-dr, silver w/blk interior. Automatic, with AC, AM/FM cassette. Cute, very reliable. Can park it anywhere! 90,000 mi. \$3,000/OBO. Email Sara at goos@washpost.com or call (301) 952-2013.

FOR SALE: Electric water heater, 82 gallons, made by State Industries, almost new, used only one season, includes original papers, \$150. Call Wais at (703) 278-9644 (afternoons).

FOR SALE: 1996 Dodge Caravan, teal, front antilock brakes, 134K miles, 7 passengers, transmission just serviced by Aamco, new water pump and timing belt. Asking \$4,000. Call Jenny at (202) 496-5618 or (703) 658-2120.

FOR RENT: 2 BR, 2 BA house in Alexandria available April 1 through September 30. Close to Old Town, Route 1, and George Washington Parkway. Washer/dryer, central air, alarm system. Pets negotiable with pet deposit. Please call (703) 765-6370. Ask for Nora or Matt.

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