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Some Selections From My “Staff Recommendations” and “KFOR BookTalks” on the Library’s BookGuide website – for the Bethany BooksTalk Oct 27 2006

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Asimov, Isaac I, Robot [SF]
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Bear, Greg Darwin's Radio [SF]
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Bradbury, Ray Something Wicked This Way Comes [Hor]
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Brin, David The Practice Effect [SF]
Bujold, Lois McMaster The Miles Vorkosigan series [SF]
Burroughs, Edgar Rice Tarzan of the Apes
Campbell, Bruce Make Love the Bruce Campbell Way
Campbell, John W. Who Goes There, and Other Stories [SF/Hor]
Danielewski, Marc House of Leaves [Hor]
David, Peter Knight Life [Fan]
Davidson, Diane Mott The "Goldy the Caterer" mystery series [M]
Fforde, Jasper The Eyre Affair [Fan]
Ford, John M. How Much for Just the Planet [Star Trek] [SF]
Gaiman, Neil & Pratchett, Terry Good Omens [Fan]
Harris, Charlaine The Southern Vampires series [Hor]
Hart, Carolyn G. The Christie Caper [M]
Kaminsky, Stuart The Rockford Files: The Green Bottle [M]
Keyes, Daniel Flowers for Algernon [SF]
King, Stephen The Colorado Kid | Salem's Lot [Hor] | The Stand [Hor]
Kozak, Harley Jane Dating Dead Men [M]
Leguin, Ursula K. The Lathe of Heaven [SF]
Lovecraft, H.P. At the Mountains of Madness [Hor]
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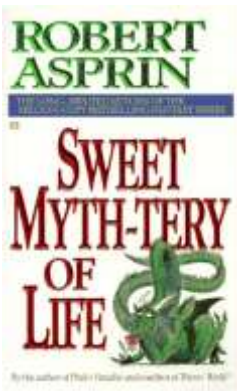
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NON-BOOK MATERIALS (Audio, Video, CD, DVD, etc.)

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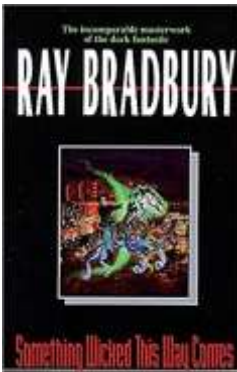


[The Myth Adventures novels](#)

Robert Asprin

If you're a fan of puns and parody, then this light-hearted fantasy series should be right up your alley. This wonderful sequence of novels pokes fun at the conventions of not only fantasy literature, but science fiction, westerns, mysteries, romance and nearly every other genre as well. Follow the adventures of apprentice magician Skeeve, his irascible mentor Aahz, and a colorful array of supporting characters, as they stumble their way through multiple dimensions and slapstick situations. Humorous illustrations accompany several of the novels, and I recommend looking for the early editions of the books, which

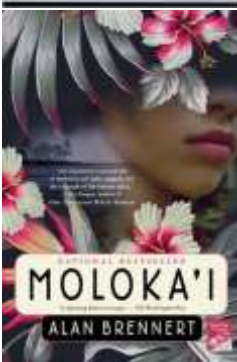
included drawings by humorous artist Phil Foglio.



[Something Wicked This Way Comes](#)

Ray Bradbury

"By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes." Ray Bradbury's classic dark fantasy novel is a masterwork of American fiction. This novel is an unforgettable coming-of-age tale that explores friendship, fear and loss with a sense of poignancy and wonder. The arrival of a creepy and mysterious carnival in Green Town, Illinois during a blustery October leads to a battle between Good and Evil, and to life-changing choices for two teenagers on the brink of adulthood. Incredibly atmospheric!



[Moloka'i](#)

Alan Brennert

Who would have thought that a novel about the trials and tribulations of a group of children at a leper colony would prove to be a "can't-put-it-down" type of read? Certainly not me. However, Alan Brennert's Moloka'i is a stunning work of historical fiction, filled with vibrant, well-drawn characters placed in a bittersweet setting during emotionally wrenching times. The novel follows the character of Rachel Kalama, a young Hawaiian who at the age of 7 is diagnosed with leprosy and must abandon everything she's ever

known, to be exiled to Kalaupapa, the quarantined leper colony on the island of Moloka'i.

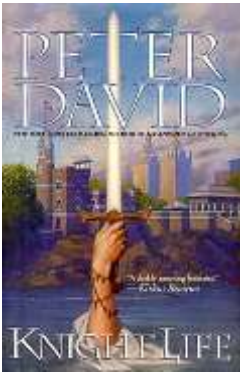
Separated and/or ostracized from her blood relatives, and having to forge a new "family" from the nuns (who run the colony) and her fellow exiles, Rachel's life stands as a testament to the endurance of hope and the human will. As we follow her experiences over the course of six decades, including her eventual release back into the rest of society, readers should gain a strong sense of empathy and will learn a lot of details about an aspect of U.S. history that few of us are probably aware of. An emotional, uplifting novel about the human spirit, struggling against adversity to carve out a life worth living!



[House of Leaves](#)

Marc Danielewski

This book is indescribable! A multi-layered horror story with a shifting perspective, told in an amazing experimental style. A combination of traditional narrative, with journal entries, historical footnotes, interview transcripts, stories within stories, and numerous other storytelling devices. Chilling in its matter-of-fact-like explorations of the unexplained. Like nothing else!



[Knight Life](#)

Peter David

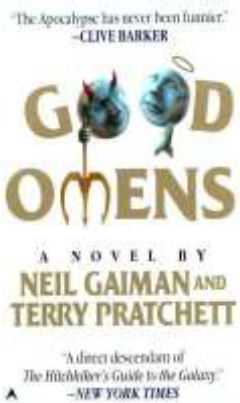
A wonderfully funny and absurdist modern fantasy that revives the King Arthur mythos in a contemporary "political" setting. Very, very funny! [Note: This novel was originally published as a paperback original in 1987, then was expanded and updated for a new 2002 hardback edition. The library owns only the 2002 edition.]



[Outlander](#)

Diana Gabaldon

Gabaldon's series of time-travel romances begins impressively, with Outlander. When a 1940s era nurse finds herself thrown backwards in time nearly two centuries, things are bad enough. But then she's "rescued" by a clan of Scottish warlords, and forced into an arranged marriage with a much younger man – despite already being married back in her own era. What could (and should) have been cheesy, is actually quite an engaging story, with well-drawn characters, fine period detail, and a true heart-felt romance at the center of the main relationship. The series has gone on to at least 6 volumes by now, but the strongest one to date is this first one.



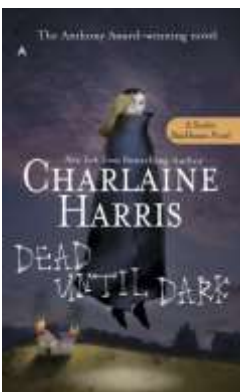
[Good Omens](#)

Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

Armageddon has never seemed so humorous as in this darkly comic fantasy by Gaiman (American Gods, and the Sandman graphic novels) and Pratchett (the Discworld series). Fans of Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series should appreciate the humor in this novel. An Angel and a Demon, both of whom enjoy living on Earth too much to really look forward to Armageddon, attempt to prevent it from happening in this contemporary comedy of errors tour de farce.

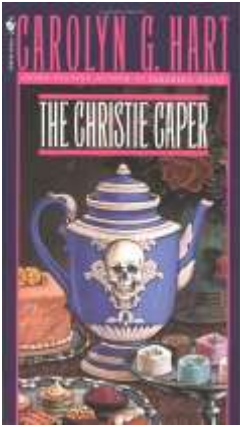
[The Southern Vampires series](#)

Charlaine Harris



Sookie Stackhouse is just a small-time cocktail waitress in small-town Louisiana. Until she meets Bill, the vampire of her dreams. Life seems much more normal for Sookie until one of her coworkers turns up dead. Now Sookie has to find out if Bill is who she thinks he is. Maybe having a vampire for a boyfriend isn't such a bright idea.// The novels in Charlaine Harris' Southern Vampires series are an engaging mix of SF/fantasy, mystery, thriller and erotic romantic suspense. Cashing in on the current popularity of vampire fiction, these novels explore an alternate contemporary world in which the availability of synthetic blood has allowed the previously shunned vampire culture to go mainstream. With a

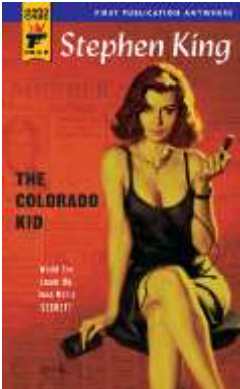
sassy, strong-willed female protagonist (with some paranormal secrets of her own), these novels have a strong sense of place, simple dialogue, and intriguing characterizations. The first four books in the series are: Dead Until Dark (2001); Living Dead in Dallas (2002); Club Dead (2003); and Dead to the World (2004).



[The Christie Caper](#) (part of the Death on Demand series)

Carolyn G. Hart

A marvelous contemporary whodunit, featuring a sleuth who's a mystery bookstore owner. This one should also appeal to Agatha Christie fans, since it's set at a Christie convention! This is the seventh volume in the extremely popular "Death on Demand" mystery series.



[The Colorado Kid](#)

Stephen King

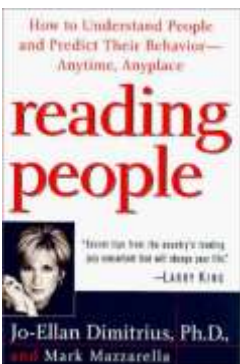
Best-selling author Stephen King lends his name to the new series of retro mysteries from Hard Case Crime in this quick, quirky read. Although the new Hard Case Crime label is primarily publishing new takes on the classic "pulp" mysteries of the 1950s and 1960s, King's book is more of a character study than a blood-and-guts thriller. Told entirely in retrospect, via an afternoon's conversation between two grizzled newspapermen and their young female intern, The Colorado Kid is an exploration of the step-by-step process of how a mystery can be solved. Or maybe not. The characters, in their coastal Maine community, are vividly realized. And, despite the fact that the "action" all took place 20+ years earlier, the pacing pulls you rapidly through the book. A recommended book for classic mystery fans.



[Dating Dead Men](#)

Harley Jane Kozak

This engaging premiere novel by a native Lincolnite who's successfully entered the Hollywood scene is a fun read. With a frenzied pace, readers follow the adventures of heroine Wollie Shelley as she juggles a blind-dating project, the promotion of the greeting card store she manages, and her eccentric relatives. Things get even crazier when she gets involved in a bizarre murder plot, which may or may not involve her institutionalized brother, but which most definitely involves the hunky mystery man who keeps popping up to pull her out of dangerous situations. Or...is that to put her into those situations? A fun, fast read filled with likeable characters.



[Reading People](#) [153.69 Dim]

Jo-Ellan Dimitrius

Curious about how to tell a person's sincerity by the tone of their voice, how to effectively use intuition, what three character traits are most likely to predict a person's behavior? Jo-Ellan Dimitrius' Reading People will broaden your understanding about interpreting the world around you, both by focusing your attention on the people you interact with and by making you more observant about your surroundings. Reading People will open your eyes to a wealth of clues that reveal the truth about those around you. Once you've learned to read people, your world will never be the same.



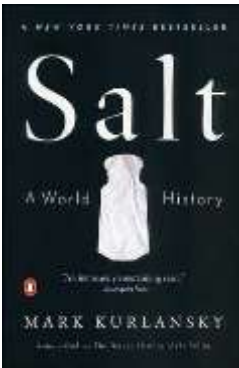
[NOW: No Opportunity Wasted](#) [305.24 Keo]

Phil Keoghan

Many readers familiar with Phil Keoghan as host of the TV series The Amazing Race may not be aware that he also hosts the "goal fulfillment" series NOW: No Opportunity Wasted on the Fit TV cable network (formerly on Discovery Channel).



Before becoming well known to U.S. audiences, Keoghan began as a reporter and adventurer for Australian television. At the age of 19, Phil had an epiphany while trapped and lost in a sunken shipwreck off the Australian coast. Surviving the dive, Phil set goals for experiences in his life that he didn't want to miss, no matter how much they might terrify him or how far out of reach they might seem. This book identifies 8 categories in which everyone can challenge themselves to step outside of their everyday life to participate in life-changing experiences of their own: (1) Face Your Fear; (2) Get Lost; (3) Test Your Limits; (4) Take a Leap of Faith; (5) Rediscover Your Childhood; (6) Shed Your Inhibitions/Express Yourself; (7) Break New Ground; and (8) Aim for the Heart. Filled with inspirational examples of people who took chances to make their lives more meaningful, this book should allow even today's couch potatoes to find something in Phil's philosophy that will broaden their horizons and improve their lives!



[Salt: A World History](#) [333.856 Kur]

Marc Kurlansky

From the author of the bestselling Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World [333.956 Kur] and The Basque History of the World [956.6 Kur] comes this fascinating exploration of the importance of salt in the evolution of human civilization and culture. Kurlansky explores everything from the earliest known uses of this chemical compound (as a food preservative), through its central role in the rise and fall of numerous governments and economic systems (including various wars fought merely over access to salt), to the modern uses and methods of processing salt. The author takes what could

have been a dry and pedantic subject about the only rock human beings eat, and infuses it with incredible flavor and excitement. You'll never take your salt shaker for granted again. A "must read" for foodies everywhere!



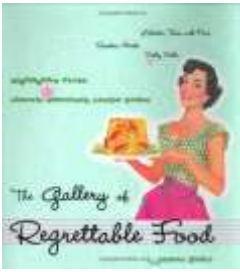
[Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America](#) [338.474

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Steve Almond

A delicious exploration of what it means to be obsessive about your candy, from an author who has eaten a piece of candy every day of his life. From reminiscing about the long-gone candy bar brands of his youth (Marathon or Caravelle, anyone?) to touring production factories of small local manufacturers, Almond's joy is expressed in his loving

descriptions of the content, flavors and textures of well-known and unknown chocolate bars. This book is part memoir and part business history. But mainly, it's a love song to a dying breed...small American independent candy manufacturers, who are increasingly getting bought out or forced out of business by major conglomerates.

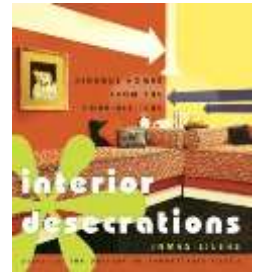


[The Gallery of Regrettable Foods](#) [641.5 Lil]

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[Interior Desecrations](#) [747.09 Lil]

James Lileks



Like a traffic accident you can't look away from, the hypnotic images here will haunt you. The scathing bits of commentary are hilarious.

This unique, horrifyingly illustrated book by humorous columnist James Lileks is for readers with strong stomachs and twisted senses of humor. The official Web site below includes even more images which Lileks couldn't fit in the book! From the man who brought you The Gallery of Regrettable Food, which was featured on KFOR Bookchat last year, comes this equally hysterical collection of regrettable interior design. Lileks has bravely scoured the pages of magazines and interior decorating books from the "Swingin' 70's" to bring you a parade of bizarre, ill-conceived and sometimes completely incomprehensible ideas for "modernizing" your home. There are many instances of criminal use of prints, heinous abuse of color and flagrant disregard for taste on every page. Lilek's captions are laugh-out-loud funny, and you will want to share this with all your friends. Know someone who's redecorating for the New Year? Give them this book, and show them what NOT to do. The funny thing is, a lot of the furniture and accent pieces pictured in this book are enjoying a comeback. Help! Just say "No!" to shag-carpeted walls!

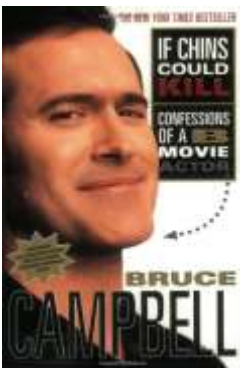


[The All-American Cookie Book](#) [64.865 Bag]

Nancy Baggett

This wonderful cookie cookbook is both a pleasure to look at and a pleasure to read. Baggett spent several years searching throughout the U.S. for memorable regional cookie recipes, and her enthusiasm for her subject matter infuses every page of this book. In ten thematic chapters, Baggett introduces general cookie "how-to's" and techniques, then dives into the exotic flavors, forms and traditions of cookies from various areas of the country.

If cookie names such as Maple Sugar Cut-Outs (Vermont) or Bourbon Fruitcake Cookies (Kentucky) appeal to you, or you prefer such morsels as Coffee-Pecan Crunch Bars (Texas) or Hazelnut-Chocolate Chip (Oregon), you'll enjoy sampling this delectable treat. Filled with gorgeous illustrations on nearly every page, and lots of history about the different types of cookies being presented, this is a perfect way to get into the holiday cooking spirit.

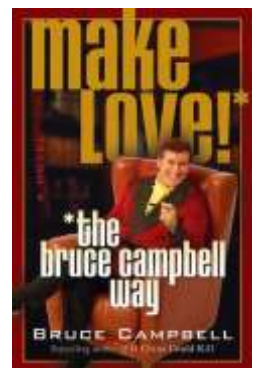


[If Chins Could Kill: Confessions of a 'B' Movie Actor](#) [791.432

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[Make Love the Bruce Campbell Way](#) [novel]

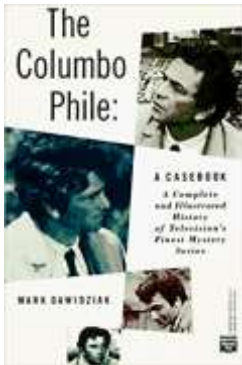
Bruce Campbell



A fascinating, funny, realistic and highly entertaining look at how to make it in the entertainment industry -- from cult movie actor Bruce Campbell. Best known by his legions of fans as Ash, the hero of the low-budget Evil Dead horror film trilogy (Evil Dead, Evil Dead II and

Army of Darkness), Campbell has worked hard to establish a more mainstream following. From the depths of long-term unemployment to the heights of starring in The Adventures of Brisco County Jr. and a recurring role in the Hercules and Xena TV series, Campbell brings a wicked sense of humor to his accounts of the trials and tribulations of struggling actors. Want to know why some movie-makers just don't give up? Like Bruce Campbell, they just _love_ making movies!

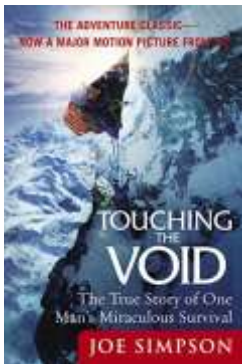
Campbell's first novel, *Let's Make Love the Bruce Campbell Way*, is a surreal adventure. He tells the fictional story as himself, actor Bruce Campbell, hired for a supporting role in an "A-list" movie to star Richard Gere and Renee Zellweger. Unfortunately, Bruce's "B-movie" background leaves him ill-prepared for this major break, and his attempts to prepare for his breakthrough role end up poisoning the film by infecting it with his "B-movie" sensibilities. I recommend this novel mainly for its forays into experimental style – the book is packed with dozens of faked-up photos of Bruce, or of Bruce portraying various fictional characters from the book, lending it a truly bizarre tone. If you like Bruce's odd sense of skewed humor, you'll probably appreciate this book. If you don't, then stay away!



[The Columbo Phile](#) [791.457 ColYd]

Mark Dawidziak

An essential read for any true Columbo fan! This detailed compendium goes into loving detail about every episode of the original 1968-1978 series of Columbo TV-movies, starring Peter Falk as Lt. Columbo. Loaded with behind-the-scenes notes and remembrances from cast and crewmembers, and including a huge episode guide to each and every one of the NBC tv-movies, this book will appeal to both TV fans and mystery fans alike. With the Columbo movies continuing to air on cable networks, and DVDs now being released, this book is your opportunity to revisit a television legend. What's your favorite episode? I'd have to pick "Double Exposure," with Robert Culp as the killer!



[Touching the Void: The True Story of One Man's Miraculous Survival](#) [796.522 Sim]

Joe Simpson

Incredibly inspiring story of Joe Simpson and Simon Yates' experiences while climbing a 21,000-foot peak in the Andes. When an accident results in Simpson falling into a deep crevasse and Yates having to cut his believed-to-be-dead friend loose, the true adventure has just begun. Brutal, emotional, and highly lyrical, this true story was recently adapted into an award-winning documentary film.



[The 2000-Year-Old-Man in the Year 2000](#) [817 Bro –book and book-on-CD]

Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner

Humorists Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner update their 2000 Year Old Man routine from the 1960s for more wry, witty observations on contemporary trends.

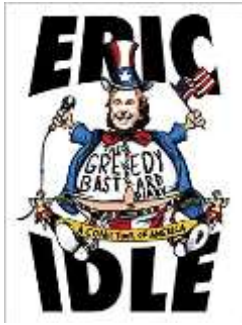


[The Lazlo Letters](#) [817 Nov]

Don Novello

Comic writer Don Novello (Father Guido Sarducci of Saturday Night Live fame) put out two volumes (one in 1976, the 2nd in 1992) of real-life correspondence with the rich and infamous. Using the pen name Lazlo Toth, Novello sent bizarre inquiries, congratulations and or speculative letters to a variety of politicians, celebrities and businesses, inviting both ridicule and/or disdain as a response. Instead, what he got were equally bizarre responses – often form letters, but just as often not – making for a truly entertaining and

yet disturbing collection. Although other writers have done similar projects in more recent years, I admire Novello for the gentle, innocent humor that his Lazlo Toth exudes...mining the odd replies for smiles rather than wincing.

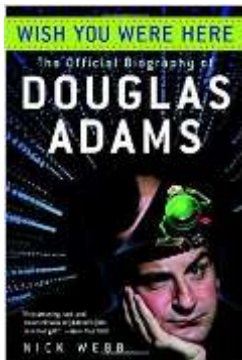


[The Greedy Bastard Diary](#) [827 Idl]

Eric Idle

I didn't quite know what to expect from this book when I picked it up a few weeks ago. Obviously, Eric Idle is one of the Monty Python's Flying Circus group, so a bit of anarchic humor would be only appropriate. As it turns out, *The Greedy Bastard Diary* is a fascinating, engaging and highly readable personal odyssey. In the fall and winter of 2003, Idle, spurred on by a sense of wanderlust and the desire to prove that he still had the chops to perform live comedy, set out on a 50-performance tour of Canada and the United States...by bus. The term "Greedy Bastard Tour" is, it turns out, a reference to rock star tours. When an individual rock star first goes on tour, they're on the road with a huge crowd of support personnel and a massive, effects-heavy show. Most artists lose a lot of money on those kinds of tours. So, afterwards, they go on a tour with just themselves and a guitar, in the hopes of raking in a huge amount of money that they didn't see on the first tour. That latter tour is known as a Greedy Bastard Tour. In the case of Idle, his tour consisted of two large buses and about a dozen fellow performers, drivers and support staff. Eric's wry and acerbic observations of life on the road in a tour bus and his anecdotes about performing a two-hour live stage show night after night would have probably been enough to get me to read this book. But, as it turns out, *The Greedy Bastard Diary* turns out to be much more than that. Idle literally kept a running journal during every day of his tour...of whatever and wherever his thoughts carried him. This book is filled with hilarious and emotional looks back at Eric's childhood, his days with the Pythons and his life since then. I particularly enjoyed the memories Idle shares of his friendship with former Beatle George Harrison, and the effect that Harrison's death had on Eric. This wacky ex-Python proves to be a very philosophical and introspective fellow, given half a chance. His observations on faith, friendship, sacrifice, love and creativity all make for fascinating reading. Interspersed among the more serious ruminations are frequent song lyrics from the many well-known ditties written by Idle and his co-horts over the years. These are wonderful reminders of the legacy of absurd humor that the Pythons have created over the past 30+ years.

While I absolutely loved this book, I would offer a strong warning about language in *The Greedy Bastard Diary*. It should not be surprising that the composer of "Sit on My Face and Tell Me That You Love Me" feels no compulsion to soften his language for the reading audience, and those easily offended by casual swearing should probably reconsider reading this book. On the whole, though, anybody who considers themselves a died-in-the-wool Monty Python fan should not miss this one. I know I certainly came away with a much better picture of who Eric Idle truly is!



[Wish You Were Here: The Official Biography of Douglas Adams](#) [B Ad036w]

Nick Webb

When Douglas Adams died unexpectedly in 2001, fans of his famed *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and other works were shocked and stunned. In this 2003 biography by Nick Webb, now available in the U.S., fans can get a closer, more personal look at the man behind such a pop culture touchstone. Webb manages to inject this biography with the same kind of observational humor that Adams himself was so famous for. This is a must for fans of Adams' work, but could probably be appreciated by any fan of British humor.



Monty Python's Spamalot [Compact Disc 782.14 Mon]

Monty Python [Eric Idle]

The film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* serves as the basis of the recent Broadway hit, *Spamalot*, winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical in 2005! The soundtrack album for that musical is a fun, wacky combination of big show-stopping numbers and self-mockery. Familiar scenes and songs from the movie ("Camelot", "Bring Out Your Dead", "The Ballad of Sir Robin") are mixed with completely new material, including the excellent "Find Your Grail", the hilarious "You Won't Succeed on Broadway", the questionable "His Name is Lancelot", and writer Eric Idle's always-popular "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life".