

10 Titles to Pick Up Now

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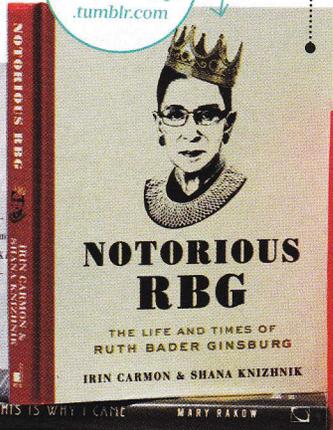
by Lillian Ross
The journalist who essentially invented the celebrity profile, this sparkling collection showcases the delicacy with which the much-maligned Ross has covered a wide range of personalities in 70 years at *The New Yorker*.



Notorious RBG

by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik
A pair of young women, one a journalist and the other a lawyer, pay loving tribute in this quirky bio to that most unlikely of folk heroines: Supreme Court justice and feminist icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

And check out the blog that started it all, notoriousrbg.tumblr.com



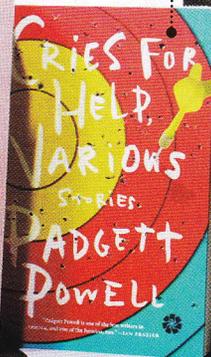
The Swans of Fifth Avenue

by Melanie Benjamin
"Babe Paley had only one fault: She was perfect. Otherwise, she was perfect," reputedly remarked Truman Capote, part of Paley's glamorous inner circle until he famously betrayed her in a biting roman à clef. The era and the sordid details come back to life in this jewel of a novel.



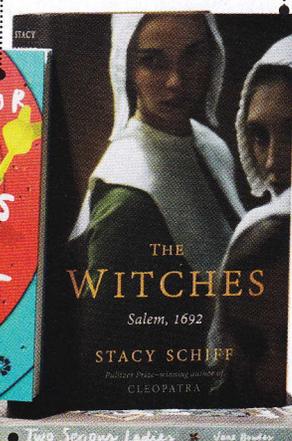
Cries for Help, Various

by Padgett Powell
"I don't fit in today," third-grader Charles Dickens tells his classmate Janis Joplin as she kisses him, two misunderstood geniuses seeking camaraderie. And that's the kind of surreal poignancy awaiting readers of these 44 stories, each compassionate and beguiling.



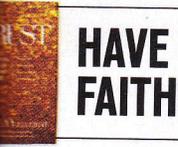
The Witches

by Stacy Schiff
Salem, 1692: A girl begins to convulse, and within a year, 19 townspeople (and two dogs) have been executed. What happened in that wilderness of the New World is one of the first great American mysteries, investigated with relish by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Schiff.



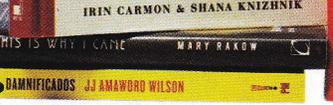
Why I Came

by Mary Rakow
Her latest novel brims with reimagined Bible stories into which she has added new layers of mystery and mysticism, ambiguity and wonder. Her hands, tales we've heard all our lives, give the miracle of the guine surprise.



Damnificados

by JJ Amaworo Wilson
A community of indigents attempting to settle in an unfinished skyscraper lock horns with the wealthy and powerful in this willfully strange debut novel. The crippled walk, two-headed beasts emerge from the gloom, and the earth swallows armies whole in a climax that's an apocalyptic revenge fantasy.



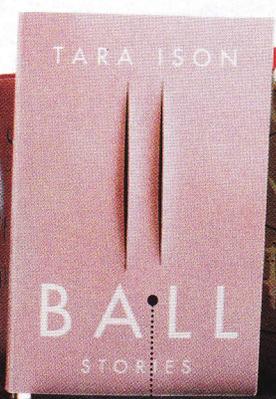
KooKooLand

by Gloria Norris
An electrifying coming-of-age memoir about madness, murder, and a born storyteller's wild ride from a terrorized girlhood in nowheresville New Hampshire to life as a Hollywood producer and screenwriter.



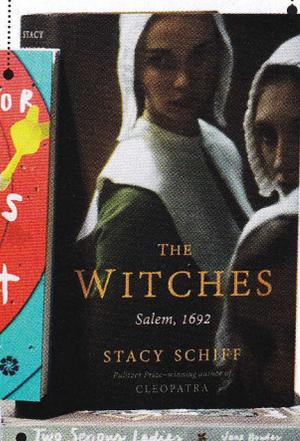
Ball

by Tara Ison
The women of these short stories sleep with a dying friend's husband, dump a boyfriend for a dog, and feed a sinful uncle to koi in a collection that explores the underbelly of sex, American-style.



Two Serious Ladies

by Jane Bowles
Originally published in 1943, this recently reissued cult-classic novel (a favorite of Tennessee Williams's and others) details, with sly anarchy, the sexual exploits of a pair of seemingly buttoned-up, middle-aged women looking to live outside themselves.
—DOTUN AKINTOYE AND N.B.



Thanks to Seamus Gourley of [Words] Bookstore in Maplewood, New Jersey, for tipping us off to this one.

HAVE FAITH

"I DID NOT EXPECT my journey of self-trust to be paved with milk and honey, warm bread and roses. The work of listening within, weeding out the distortions you may hear, finding your true and authentic self, and learning to trust and follow the voice of your soul as you battle with the inner demons of the negative ego is postdoctoral spiritual work." —from the new book *Trust* (Hay House) by Iyanla Vanzant