

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY GALLEY GUIDE

Adult Books Featured at the Fall 2007 Regional Trade Shows

DEBUT FICTION

PUB DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	IMPRINT	PUBLISHER'S PITCH/ AUTHOR BIO	RIGHTS	FORMAT	SHOWS
Sept 2007	Bloodletting & Miraculous Cures	Vincent Lam	Weinstein Books	This runaway # 1 Canadian bestseller with over 200,000 copies in print is a collection of interconnected stories about four young and ambitious medical school students that chronicle the disparate but interdependent worlds of school and home, heartbreaking young love, and the pressures of life as newly-minted physicians. Margaret Atwood called it "a stunning debut" upon presenting Vincent Lam with this year's prestigious Giller Prize. // BIO: Lam is the first debut fiction author (and at 32, also the youngest) to receive the Giller Prize, and <i>Bloodletting</i> is the first collection of short stories to win. He is an emergency physician on staff at Toronto's East General Hospital. // NOTE: This is both Weinstein Books' leading title of its inaugural season and a high-quality literary debut with a starred review in <i>PW</i> . 100,000 first printing. National print advertising campaign, 9-city author tour, marketing outreach to medical organizations.	foreign rights sold in 7 countries; film rights to Shaftsbury	HC	5 (at least)
Dec 2007	The Kept Man	Jamie Attenberg	Riverhead	Told in a spare and utterly compelling narrative voice, <i>The Kept Man</i> is a compulsively readable novel about love and loss, one that is sure to establish Jami Attenberg as one of our most dynamic new storytellers. // BIO: Attenberg has written for <i>Jane</i> , <i>Salon</i> , <i>Nylon</i> , <i>Print</i> , the <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> , <i>Entertainment Weekly</i> and <i>Time Out New York</i> , and her fiction has appeared in <i>Nerve</i> , <i>Pindeldyboz</i> , <i>Spork</i> and <i>Bullfight Review</i> . A Chicago native, she lives in Brooklyn, New York.		HC	9
Dec 2007	When the Ground Turns in Its Sleep	Sylvia Sellers-Garcia	Riverhead	In elegant, hypnotic prose, Sylvia Sellers-Garcia delivers a story of divergent cultures and divided identities, of conflicts between generations and civilizations, of mourning, and, finally, of healing. <i>When the Ground Turns in Its Sleep</i> marks her arrival as a distinctive and powerful new voice in fiction. // BIO: Sellers-Garcia was born in Boston and grew up in the United States and Costa Rica. A graduate of Brown University and former Marshall Scholar at Oxford, she has worked at <i>Harper's</i> and <i>The New Yorker</i> , been published in <i>StoryQuarterly</i> and is currently a PhD candidate in Latin American History at the University of California, Berkeley.		HC	9
Jan 2008	Beginners Greek	James Collins	Little, Brown	A delicious romantic comedy—more Cary Grant than Hugh Grant—begins on a New York to Los Angeles flight. Both incisive and wonderfully funny, this is a brilliantly understated comedy of manners in which love lost is found again. // NOTE: This is a debut to watch by an author who was formerly an editorial assistant at Little, Brown. His editor, Judy Clain, appeared on an Editors Buzz Panel at BEA to discuss this book, and we got a very enthusiastic response to the panel at our booth. // BIO: Collins has been an editor at <i>Spy</i> and <i>Time</i> and his pieces appear frequently in the <i>New Yorker</i> .	foreign rights sold in 6 countries; film rights not yet sold	HC	9
Jan 2008	The Collaborator of Bethlehem	Matt Beynon Rees	Mariner Books	"An astonishing first novel." — <i>New York Times</i> . Now in paperback for the first time from Mariner Books, this is the riveting first novel in a new mystery series set in the heart of the Middle East. The murder of a leader of Palestinian Martyrs Brigade leads to the arrest of George Saba, a Palestinian Christian accused of collaborating with the Israelis. Omar Yussef, a modest history teacher at a United Nations school in the West Bank, is impelled to investigate the murder to	foreign rights sold in 12 countries	PB	9

				exonerate his former pupil, whom he knows is innocent. As he struggles to save his friend, Omar Yussef is drawn into a tangled plot where it is impossible to tell friend from enemy. // BIO: Rees has covered the Middle East as a journalist for a decade. He is the former Jerusalem bureau chief for <i>Time</i> , where he is currently a contributor. Born in Wales, he is the author of <i>Cain's Field: Faith, Fratricide, and Fear in the Middle East</i> .			
Jan 2008	Jewel Trader of Pegu	Jeffrey Hantover	Morrow	A beautiful and unusual first novel about a young Jewish widower from Venice, a trader in jewels, who travels halfway around the world at the end of the 16th century to the ancient—and dying—kingdom of Pegu (in present-day Burma), where he falls under the spell of a forbidden love.		HC	9
Jan 2008	And Sometimes Why	Rebecca Johnson	Putnam	A novel based partly on the death of Johnson's first child, an experience she wrote about in a cover story for The New York Times Magazine called "Holding on to Luke." She lives in Brooklyn and Bedford, NY, with her husband, two children, and three stepchildren. // BIO: Johnson has been a contributing editor to <i>Vogue</i> for the last eleven years. Her extensive career in journalism also includes having written Talk of the Town columns for a year at The New Yorker and working as a contributing editor at <i>Talk</i> magazine.		HC	9
Jan 2008	Him Her Him Again the End of Him	Patricia Marx	Scribner	The wildly funny <i>New Yorker</i> writer's critically acclaimed debut novel, available in January as a trade paperback. // NOTE: <i>Him Her Him Again the End of Him</i> did so well for us in hardcover—even hitting the <i>New York Times</i> bestseller list—that we are pulling out all the stops to launch the book in paperback, including making early ARCs. The last time book Scribner did this for was Jeannette Walls' <i>The Glass Castle</i> .		Trade Paper	8
Jan 2008	The Delivery Man	Joe McGinniss, Jr.	Black Cat	An astonishing and original debut novel: a brutal, exhilarating, and eerily contemporary portrait of today's lost generation set against the surreal excesses of Las Vegas. After attending college in New York, Chase returns to Vegas and is drawn into the lucrative but dangerous world of a teenage-girl escort ring with his childhood friend Michele, a beautiful Salvadorian immigrant with whom he shares a tragic past. Over the course of one extraordinary summer they will confront the violence and emptiness at the heart of the city and their generation. // BIO: Joe McGinniss Jr. graduated from Swarthmore College and lives in Washington, D.C. He is the son of Joe McGinniss, <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>The Selling of the President</i> .	foreign rights sold in 3 countries (the UK, Denmark, and Italy); ICM in the process of selling film rights	PB	most, w/ strong showings at PNBA, NCBA, NEIBA, SIBA, and MBA
Feb 2008	The Opposite of Love	Julie Buxbaum	Dial	Emily Pratt, a successful 29-year-old lawyer, is facing some of life's most difficult challenges. But when she decides to stand down the elements of her life that are sending her into a tailspin, she learns to fill a longstanding void in her life by reconnecting to the people who matter most and becoming the person she's secretly always wanted to be. // BIO: Buxbaum is a 29-year-old former attorney and Harvard Law School graduate. // NOTE: This exciting debut was won by the Dial Press in a hotly contested auction.	foreign rights sold in 17 countries	HC	6
Feb 2008	Gardens of Water	Alan Drew	Random House	Set in a small town outside Istanbul, Alan Drew's debut novel is the story of a man and his family whose lives are thrown into chaos when the earthquake of 1999 destroys their home and way of life. When his daughter falls in love with an American boy, the tension between two cultures, two fathers, two faiths, explode. // BIO: Drew is a 2004 graduate of the Iowa Writer's workshop and lived for three years in Istanbul, where he taught English literature at a private Turkish High School and was there for the devastating 1999 Marmara earthquake as well as 9/11. // NOTE: Getting great in-house reads.	foreign rights sold in 9 countries	HC	5

Feb 2008	The Monsters of Templeton	Lauren Groff	Hyperion/ Voice	Voice's fiction release for the season is The Monsters of Templeton, a mesmerizing tour de force that marks the literary debut of Lauren Groff, one of the most exciting new talents in years. Part contemporary story of a girl's search for her father, part historical novel, and part ghost story. At its core it is a tale of how one town holds the secrets of a family. // BIO: Groff was born in Cooperstown, NY, which is the model for Templeton, her novel's setting. She has a BA from Amherst College and an MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and has won fellowships to the Vermont Studio Center and Yaddo. Her short stories have appeared in prestigious literary publications including The Atlantic Monthly and Ploughshares.	Rights: Hyperion Audiobook	HC	9 author to appear at SIBA
Feb 2008	Ice Trap	Kitty Sewell	Touchstone	British surgeon Dafydd Woodruff's world is blown apart by the arrival of shocking news. In the remote and hard-drinking Canadian town of Moose Creek where he lived and worked early in his medical career are fifteen-year-old twins who may be his twin son and daughter. When the accusation destroys his marriage and threatens his career, Dafydd returns to the isolated and suspicious community buried deep in the sub-arctic region of Canada where no rules and few laws apply. There he must make sense of the impossible, get to know his so-called offspring, and face demons he thought had been abandoned years ago. // BIO: Sewell lives with her family, dividing her time between Cardiff, Wales and Granada, Spain, where she owns and operates a fruit plantation. She is currently working on her next novel. // NOTE: A Literary Guild Main Selection and was short listed for both the CWA New Blood Dagger Award and the Hay Festival Welsh Book of the Year. It also won the BBC Wales Readers' Prize and was a Bertelsmann Book Club International Book of the Month.	N/A (Held by UK publishers and agent)	HC	8 (all but SCIBA)
Feb 2008	A Fraction of the Whole	Steve Toltz	Spiegel & Graum	An irreverent comic adventure spanning three continents, about a father and son against each other and against the world. // NOTE: Spiegel & Graum's big fiction debut for the season. // BIO: Toltz was born in Sydney and has lived in Montreal, New York, Barcelona, and Paris working as a cameraman, telemarketer, security guard, private investigator, English teacher, and screenwriter. This is his first novel.	foreign rights sold in 7 countries	HC	3: MPIBA, NEIBA, PNBA (author possibly to appear at NEIBA)
Feb 2008 (galley available in Aug)	The Eye of Jade	Diane Wei Liang	Simon & Schuster	A riveting new mystery series set in modern Beijing, featuring a 29-year-old female Chinese detective, Mei, who is an outsider in her culture, not only because she's independent, solitary, curious, but also because private detective are not exactly legal in Beijing. Mei's "Uncle" Chen asks her to find an old artifact (the "eye" of the title) which he thinks may have been looted from the Museum of Beijing during the Cultural Revolution and may be for sale on the black market. Mei's pursuit of the eye forces her to face some ugly truths about her culture, about her past (she survived the work camps as a young child; her father did not), and about her family's involvement in the Cultural Revolution. // BIO: Beijing-born Wei Liang has published a memoir (UK only) called <i>Lake with No Name</i> . Liang draws deeply from her life story in creating <i>The Eye of Jade</i> . She lives in London with her family.	foreign rights sold in 22 countries	HC	9
Mar 2008	Souvenir	Therese Fowler	Ballantine	In this vibrant, moving, and powerful debut novel about regret, second chances, and the enduring power of love, a woman with a tragic secret has one last chance to reconnect with the love of her life-- and only a short time to heal her troubled family before it is too late...A drama that examines the naïve choices of youth, the tensions within families, and the possibility of a second chance with a lost love, <i>Souvenir</i> is ultimately an unforgettable story about the redemptive power	foreign rights sold in 7 countries	HC	9

of love. // **NOTE:** This is commercial women's fiction (a la Barbara Delinsky and Nicholas Sparks). Ballantine believes that this debut will herald a new voice in this genre and this title will have a major promotional campaign leading up to publication date.

RETURNING FICTION AUTHORS

PUB DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	IMPRINT	ABOUT BOOK & AUTHOR	RIGHTS	FORMAT	SHOWS
Oct 2007	The Pirate's Daughter	Margaret Cezair-Thompson	Unbridled Books	PUBLISHER: In 1946, a storm-wrecked boat carrying Hollywood's most famous swashbuckler shored up on the coast of Jamaica, and the glamorous world of 1940's Hollywood converged with that of a small West Indian society. After a long and storied career on the silver screen, Errol Flynn spent much of the last years of his life on a small island off of Jamaica, throwing parties and sleeping with increasingly younger girls. Based on those years, <i>The Pirate's Daughter</i> is the story of Ida, a local girl who has an affair with Flynn that produces a daughter, May, who meets her father but once. // BIO: Jamaica-born Cezair-Thompson is the author of a widely acclaimed previous novel <i>The True History of Paradise</i> . // NOTE: We absolutely LOVED this novel, and early reads from booksellers show that we are among many.		HC	8; author to appear at NEBA
Oct 2007	Free Fall (#7 in "Revenge of the Sisterhood" series)	Fern Michaels	Kensington/Zebra	The loyal friends who make up the Sisterhood have gathered at Myra Rutledge's beautiful Virginia home for the first time in a year, eager to talk, laugh, and share their joys and heartaches. For one of their number, it's an evening filled with anticipation. Because tonight, over delicious food and in the company of those she trusts most, it will finally be time to tell her story—and for the Sisterhood to help plan her revenge.		Mass Market	
Oct 2007	Redemption Falls	Joseph O'Connor	Free Press	From the internationally acclaimed and bestselling author of <i>Star of the Sea</i> comes a powerful novel of immense proportions, epic beauty, and an unforgettable romance set in America's Western Territory in the aftermath of the Civil War. // NOTE: Frank McCourt says about <i>Redemption Falls</i> , "This book took my breath away. It is panoramic, yet dense and delicious in detail. It is written gloriously, as if Mr. O'Connor toiled at some mighty cathedral organ containing the whole of the English language with its Irish and American flavourings. This is a brave book and only a brave heart could have written it."		HC	9
Nov 2007	Stone Cold	David Baldacci	Grand Central Publishing	#1 New York Times bestselling author David Baldacci is back with another edge-of-your-seat thriller, his second new novel of 2007, following SIMPLE GENIUS which appeared in May of this year. Oliver Stone and the Camel Club are back in their most dangerous adventure yet.		HC	9
Nov 2007	The Hearts of Horses	Molly Gloss	Houghton Mifflin	A breakout novel from the author of <i>The Jump-Off Creek</i> , the heartwarming story of a determined young woman with a gift for "gentling" wild horses. In the winter of 1917, when a young woman shows up at his doorstep looking for work breaking horses, George Bliss hires her on. Many of his regular hands are off fighting the war, and he glimpses, beneath her showy rodeo garb, a shy but feisty girl with a serious knowledge of horses. So begins the irresistible tale of nineteen-year-old Martha Lessen, a female horse whisperer trying to make a go of it in a man's world. // BIO: Gloss is the author of <i>The Dazzle of Day</i> , a NYTimes Notable Book, <i>The Jump-Off Creek</i> , a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award, and <i>Wild Life</i> , winner of the James Tiptree Award for literary fantasy.		HC	3: MPIBA, PNBA, NCIBA; author to appear at MPIBA
Nov 2007	In for the Kill	John Lutz	Kensington/Pinnacle	Frank Quinn, the relentless detective who made his debut in Lutz's acclaimed thriller <i>Darker Than Night</i> , faces his		Mass Market	

				toughest—and most personal—case yet. Accustomed to working on the most grisly homicides, Detective Quinn's nerves don't rattle easily. But when the last names of the killer's victims spell out "Q-u-i-n-n," the veteran cop feels a chill run down his spine.			
Jan 2008	Life Class	Pat Barker	Doubleday	The exceptional new novel of artists and lovers caught in the maelstrom of the Great War, by the Booker Prize-winning author of <i>The Regeneration Trilogy</i> , an acknowledged masterpiece of modern fiction. // NOTE: Heralds the return of Pat Barker to the genre for which she won the Booker: historical epic set against the backdrop of World War I. Editor-in-Chief Bill Thomas says it's one of the finest novels he's read in the last five years.	agent is currently selling...	HC	6: SIBA, MPIBA, NEIBA, MBA, GLBA, PNBA
Jan 2008	Blue Heaven	C.J.Box	St. Martins	A new stand alone thriller by the author of the award-winning Joe Pickett series. C.J.Box has had enormous success with his ongoing series. His new book takes him out of that world and into the realm of dirty cops. Here's the premise: a teenage girl and her younger brother go on the run in the woods of northern Idaho, pursued by four men they have just watched commit murder. Four men who know exactly who the children are, and where their desperate mother is waiting patiently by the phone for news of her children's fate. In a ranching community increasingly populated by L.A. transplants living in gaudy McMansions, the kids soon find they can't trust anyone, not least the hundreds of retired Southern California cops who've given the area its nickname: "Blue Heaven." This is not a first novel, but it's Box's first venture outside of his ongoing series. We are a new publisher for him. His series is with Putnam and will remain with them. We will publish his stand alone thrillers.		HC	7
Jan 2008	Oscar Wilde and a Death of No Importance	Gyles Brandreth	Touchstone	A young artist's model has been murdered and legendary wit Oscar Wilde enlists his friends Arthur Conan Doyle and Robert Sherard to help him investigate. But when they arrive at the scene of the crime they find no sign of the gruesome killing—save for one small spatter of blood, high on the wall. Set in London, Paris, Oxford, and Edinburgh at the height of Queen Victoria's reign, <i>Oscar Wilde and a Death of No Importance</i> is a gripping eyewitness account of Wilde's secret involvement in the curious case of Billy Wood, a young man whose brutal murder served as the inspirations for <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> . Told by Wilde's contemporary, the poet Robert Sherard, this novel provides a fascinating and evocative portrait of the great playwright and his own "consulting detective," Sherlock Holmes creator Arthur Conan Doyle. // BIO: Brandreth is a prominent BBC broadcaster, theater producer, novelist, and biographer. He has written bestselling biographies of Britain's royal family and an acclaimed diary of his years as a member of Parliament. NOTE: We've also signed additional titles by this author in the Oscar Wilde series.	N/A (Held by agent and UK publishers)	Trade Paper	8 (all but SCIBA;)
Jan 2008	Now You See Him	Eli Gottlieb	William Morrow	A masterfully written page-turner about a brutal murder committed by a maverick novelist that unleashes disturbing yet compelling secrets held by those whose lives interwove with his.		HC	
Jan 2008	Blasphemy	Douglas Preston	Forge	Science and religion go toe-to-toe: Deep in an Arizona mountain, a group of scientists are hours away from re-creating the Big Bang...and a fanatic religious group will do anything to stop them. // BIO: <i>New York Times</i> bestselling Preston is the co-author with Lincoln Child of the famed Pendergast series of novels, including such bestselling titles as <i>The Book of the Dead</i> and <i>The Wheel of Darkness</i> , as well as <i>The Relic</i> , which was made into a number one box office hit movie. His solo novels include <i>Jennie</i> , made into a movie by	Preston's solo novels have been translated into 11 languages; info TK on where <i>Blasphemy</i>	HC	9

				Disney, and <i>New York Times</i> bestseller <i>Tyrannosaur Canyon</i> .	has so far been sold		
Jan 2008	Friend of the Devil	Peter Robinson	William Morrow	A stunning new thriller from the writer the St. Louis Post-Dispatch calls "the equal of legends in the genre such as P.D. James and Ruth Rendell."		HC	
Feb 2008	Wild Inferno	Sandi Ault	Berkley Prime Crime	This is the exciting follow-up to Sandi Ault's critically acclaimed debut novel, <i>Wild Indigo</i> , featuring Bureau of Land Management agent Jamaica Wild. Jamaica must work to ensure that the Ute Native Americans and her beloved wolf are safe while she tries to solve a murder investigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A "striking debut" -<i>New York Times Book Review</i> • "Ault's portrait of Pueblo Life and the conflict of cultures she dramatizes are integral to her rousing debut."-<i>Booklist</i> • "<i>Wild Indigo</i> crackles with life and novelty." -<i>Washington Post Book World</i> BIO: Ault, a former journalist and newspaper section editor, lives in Lyons, CO. For the past several years, she has taught writing workshops and classes. She is a volunteer firefighter on her local, rural fire department.		HC	9
Feb 2008	Sins of the Assassin	Robert Ferrigno	Scribner	The second installment of Ferrigno's wildly popular dystopian trilogy featuring Rakkim Epps.		HC	8
Feb 2008	The Invention of Everything Else	Samantha Hunt	Houghton Mifflin	A wondrous imagining of an unlikely friendship between the eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla and a young chambermaid in the Hotel New Yorker where Tesla lives out his last days. // BIO: Hunt is the author of the acclaimed first novel <i>The Seas</i> , for which she recently received the first-ever "5 under 35" award from the National Book Foundation. Her fiction has appeared in <i>The New Yorker</i> .	foreign rights sold in 1 country (Holland)	HC	9
Feb 2008	L.A. Outlaws	T. Jefferson Parker	Dutton	Parker delivers the most commercial thriller of his distinguished career. Southern California is gripped by the exploding celebrity and folk heroism of Allison Murietta, a self-styled modern Jesse James with a compulsion to steal beautiful things, the vanity to invite the media along, and the conscience to give much of her bounty to charity. No one's ever gotten hurt when Allison does her business, until a mysterious heist ends with ten gangsters lying dead in a garage and a half million dollars worth of sparkling diamonds missing. Deputy Charlie Hood, new to the L.A. County Sheriff's department after a spirit-crushing tour in Iraq, discovers the bodies and stops a beautiful young woman driving a gorgeous and heavily muscled Corvette near the scene. She's a schoolteacher and an eyewitness named Suzanne Jones, and Hood finds himself drawn to a mysterious charisma that has him off-balance from the beginning. Their initial spark turns into a mutual attraction and eventually a dangerous, intense affair. As the media frenzy surrounding Allison Murietta's outrageous exploits swells to an unprecedented fever pitch and the Southland's most notorious killer sets out to recover the missing stones, a glimmer of recognition grows in Deputy Hood, and he's soon forced to choose between a deeply held sense of honor and a profound infatuation that threatens to consume him completely.		HC	9
Feb 2008	A Father's Law	Richard Wright	Harper Perennial	Wright wrote A FATHER'S LAW in a six-week period near the end of his life. He never finished the novel and never managed to correct the typescript. But his daughter (and now literary executor), Julia Wright, was with him while he wrote in a remote farmhouse in the French countryside. She has written an introduction which explains how the book came to be written, why she believes it is an important addition to the Wright corpus. Published for the first time, at the Centennial of Wright's birth. // NOTE: "It comes from his guts and ends at the hero's 'breaking point.' It explores many themes favored by my		PB	9

				father like guilt, the difficult relationship between the generations, the difficulty of being a black policeman and father, the difficulty of being both those things and suspecting that your own son is the murderer. It intertwines astonishingly modern themes for a novel written in 1960: fear of syphilis and the guilt for leaving a girlfriend stuck with congenital syphilis...and also presciently modern: the exploration of motives for serial killing at a time when bestselling thrillers were not based on that theme." –Julia Wright			
Mar 2008	The Blue Star	Toney Earley	Little, Brown	Critically acclaimed author Tony Earley returns with the anticipated sequel to his celebrated first novel, the national bestseller <i>Jim the Boy</i> . Earley has fashioned another nuanced and unforgettable portrait of America in another time—making it again even realer than our own day. This is a timeless and moving story of discovery, loss and growing up, proving why Earley's writing "radiates with a largeness of heart" (<i>Esquire</i>).		HC	9 (author will be attending several of the shows)
Mar 2008	World Made by Hand	James Howard Kunstler	Atlantic Monthly	In this astonishing work of speculative fiction, Kunstler makes an imaginative leap into the future, a few decades hence, and shows us what life may be like following the long emergency. For the townspeople of Union Grove, New York, the future is not what they thought it would be. After the catastrophes converged—the end of oil, climate change, global pandemics and resource wars—they are doing whatever they can to get by. Transportation is slow and dangerous, so food is grown locally at great expense of time and energy, and the outside world is largely unknown. There may be a president and he may be in Minneapolis now, but people aren't sure. As the heat of summer intensifies our narrator Robert Earle, former marketing executive turned carpenter, and his fellow residents of Union Grove struggle with the new way of life. Their challenges play out in a dazzling, fully realized world of abandoned highways and empty houses, horses working the fields and rivers replenished with fish. // BIO : Kunstler is the author of three nonfiction books, <i>The Geography of Nowhere</i> , <i>Home From Nowhere</i> , and <i>The Long Emergency</i> , and nine novels including <i>Maggie Darling</i> , <i>The Halloween Ball</i> , and <i>An Embarrassment of Riches</i> .		HC	most, w/ strong showings at PNBA, NCBA, NEIBA, SIBA, and MBA
Mar 2008	Lush Life	Richard Price	Farrar, Straus & Giroux	A major new novel from one of America's great realists—the author of <i>Clockers</i> and co-writer of <i>The Wire</i> —is set in New York's Lower East Side, where worlds collide		HC	9
Mar 2008	Blind Fall	Christopher Rice	Scribner	The breakout novel from <i>New York Times</i> bestselling and award-winning author Christopher Rice: a gripping story of an Iraq war vet who seeks redemption and revenge when a fellow Marine he failed to protect during the war is brutally murdered. // BIO : Rice is the author of three best selling novels. His is also the son of best-selling vampire novelist Anne Rice. A native of California but a Southerner by blood, Christopher returned to the west coast four years ago. He lives in West Hollywood.		HC	8
Mar 2008	The Cure for Modern Life	Lisa Tucker	Atria	Bestselling author Lisa Tucker's new novel tells the story of three old friends who are forced to confront what they truly believe in when a 10 year-old homeless boy disrupts their carefully organized lives. // NOTE : Lisa's previous book, <i>ONCE UPON A DAY</i> was a BookSense pick for May 2006 and received rave reviews.		HC	9

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Nov 2008	A Slave No More	David W. Blight, John	Harcourt	Slave narratives, some of the most powerful records of our past, are extremely rare, with only 55 post-Civil War		HC	9

		Washington, Wallace Turnage		narratives surviving. A mere handful are first-person accounts by slaves who ran away and freed themselves. Now two newly uncovered narratives, and the biographies of the men who wrote them, join that exclusive group. Using a wealth of genealogical information, Blight has reconstructed their childhoods as sons of white slaveholders, their service as cooks and camp hands during the Civil War, and their climb to black working-class stability in the north, where they reunited their families. // BIOS: Turnage (1846-1916) was born in Snow Hill, NC, and spent his adult life in NYC and NY. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn. // Washington (1838-1918) was born in Fredericksburg, VA, and worked as a sign painter in Washington, D.C. after his escape. He retired to Cohasset, MA, where his gravestone stands today. // Blight is the Director of Yale's Gilder Lehrman Ctr for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition. His books have won the Frederick Douglass Prize, the Lincoln Prize, four awards from the Organization of American Historians, and the Bancroft Prize. He also writes for the <i>Washington Post</i> and lectures around the country on slavery and the Civil War. He lives in CT.			
Nov 2007	Born Standing Up	Steve Martin	Scribner	Emmy award winner and best-selling author Steve Martin offers a riveting chronicle of his early years as a stand-up comedian and a fascinating portrait of an era.		HC	8
Jan 2008	The Middle Place	Kelly Corrigan	Hyperion/Voice	In the tradition of <i>Big Russ and Me</i> , <i>The Middle Place</i> is a coming-of-age memoir of family and the ways life conspires to make us grow up. For Kelly Corrigan, family is everything. At 36, she has a wonderful husband, two adorable children, and a satisfying career. But she lives firmly in what she calls "The Middle Place"—"the sliver of time when parenthood and childhood overlap." Deep within the Middle Place, comfortably wedged between her adult life and her father's care, Kelly is abruptly shoved into her coming-of-age when she finds a lump in her breast and gets the diagnosis no one wants to hear. And so Kelly's journey to full-blown adulthood begins. // BIO: Corrigan is a newspaper columnist. Shortly after her own battle with breast cancer, she launched CircusOfCancer.org, a how-to website for friends and family of women with the disease. Kelly lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and their two daughters.	HC	HC	9; author appearances at SIBA and NCIBA
Jan 2008	Her Last Death	Susanna Sonnenberg	Scribner	A stunningly brave and candid book about growing up with a mother whose narcissism pathological lying, sexual compulsions and addiction to drugs makes it impossible for her daughter to be a child. From the editor who brought you Mary Karr, Frank McCourt, and Jeanette Walls. // BIO: Sonnenberg was born in London in 1965 and grew up in New York City. She has worked for a major Hollywood studio and a small-town abortion clinic. After moving to Montana on 1993 she reviewed movies and theater for more than a decade, while also serving as an abortion counselor. She recently wrote a popular two-year column on family life. She lives in Montana with her husband and two children.		HC	8
Jan. 2008	Memoirs of a Beautiful Boy	Robert Leleux	St. Martins	This is one of those books that you simple fall in love with and want to champion whenever you can. It's the warm, hilarious story of the author's outrageously "different" childhood and intense relationship with his colorful, hopelessly narcissistic mother, who realizes he's gay even before he does, in a small town in East Texas. Left penniless when his rich father runs off with his pregnant girlfriend in the summer of 1996, Robert and his mother move into a rundown trailer and he watches as she copes with plastic surgeries and beauty makeovers in an attempt		HC	7

				to secure a new wealthy husband. MEMOIRS OF A BEAUTIFUL BOY is a debut to watch because it's so damn funny. We've gotten some terrific quotes from Beverly Donofrio, Kevin Sessums, and Elizabeth Forsythe Haily who said, "When reading David Sedaris leaves you wanting more, remember the name Robert Leleux."			
Jan 2008	Trail of Crumbs	Kim Sunée	Grand Central Publishing	When Kim Sunée was three years old, her mother took her to a marketplace, deposited her on a bench and promised she'd be right back. Three days later a policeman took the little girl to a police station and told her that she'd been abandoned by her mother. Fast-forward almost 20 years and Kim Sunée's life is unrecognizable. Adopted by a young New Orleans couple, she spends her youth as one of only two Asian children in her entire school or church. At 21, she becomes involved with a famous French businessman (the founder of L'Occitane) and suddenly finds herself living in France, mistress over his houses in Provence and Paris and stepmother to his eight year-old daughter. Yet despite this glamorous lifestyle, she remains a fish out of water, and it is only in the kitchen that Kim seems to feel at home. Kim takes readers on a lyrical journey from Korea to New Orleans to Paris and Provence, along the way serving forth her favorite recipes. // BIO: Sunée is the founding food editor of <i>Cottage Living</i> . She was born in South Korea and was adopted and raised in New Orleans, and lived in Europe for ten years. She now resides in Birmingham, AL.		HC	9
Jan 2008	This Common Secret: My Journey as an Abortion Doctor	Susan Wicklund	PublicAffairs	Dr. Susan Wicklund chronicles her emotional 20-year career on the front lines of the abortion war. Her voice is remarkably warm and personal, and she humanizes the people on both sides of the issue. // BIO: Wisconsin-born Wicklund travels hundreds of miles every week to provide health care (including abortions) to women at clinics throughout rural Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. // NOTE: Not yet sure if Wicklund will be appearing at MBA, but her story will echo loudly in the MPA states due to her personal connection to the region as well as to its recent controversy over books on this topic.		HC	7: PNBA, NEIBA, GLBA, MPIBA, NCIBA, MBA, NAIBA
Feb 2008	Hope's Boy	Andrew Bridge	Hyperion	One of America's forgotten children, Andrew Bridge spent a disastrous decade in foster care and managed to beat the odds, with an acceptance to Harvard Law School and an extraordinary life beyond. Hope's Boy is his stunning, inspiring story.	English non-US rights + Chinese rights sold	HC	9
Feb 2008	Becoming Holyfield: A Fighter's Journey	Evander Holyfield and Lee Gruenfeld	Atria	World-renowned athlete—and <i>Dancing with the Stars</i> contender—tells his dramatic and inspiring story, demonstrating the value of good character, spirituality and sportsmanship. Written with the help of a bestselling novelist, Lee Gruenfeld, this memoir reveals the boxing champions rise from poverty and struggle to fulfillment and success.		HC	9
Feb 2008	Rock On: An Office Power Ballad	Dan Kennedy	Algonquin	In his outrageous memoir, <i>McSweeney's</i> contributor Dan Kennedy chronicles his misadventures at a major record label. Whether he's directing a gangsta rapper's commercial, battling his punk roots to create an ad campaign celebrating twenty-five years of love songs by Phil Collins, or trying to grasp the rationale behind cross-promoting a ladies' razor with Jewel's new single about not selling out, Kennedy's in way over his head. And from the looks of those sitting around the boardroom, he's not alone. Egomaniacs, wackos, incompetents, and executive assistants round out this hilarious power-ballad ode to office life and rock 'n' roll. // NOTE: Jacket art by the famous illustrator Gary Baseman. // BIO: A regular contributor to		Trade Paper	5 shows; author to appear at SCIBA and PNBA

				McSweeney's, Kennedy is the author of the widely acclaimed <i>Loser Goes First</i> .			
Mar 2008	From Harvey River	Lorna Goodison	Amistad	In the tradition of Michael Ondaatje's <i>Running in the Family</i> and Carlos Eire's <i>Waiting for Snow in Havana</i> comes a lyrical, beautifully written memoir of a poet and her family's trials and tribulations in Jamaica. // NOTE: This book was published in Canada, where it has garnered rave reviews across the board. For the US edition, the author will write a new afterword that will address her decision to leave Jamaica for the States, exclusive to our edition. We anticipate equally positive reviews for this book as for Amistad's <i>The Polished Hoe</i> , by Austin Clarke.		HC	5: SIBA, NEIBA, NAIBA, NCIBA, SCBA

NARRATIVE NONFICTION

PUB DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	IMPRINT	ABOUT BOOK & AUTHOR	RIGHTS	FORMAT	SHOWS
Sept 2007	Why We Read What We Read	John Heath and Lisa Adams	Sourcebooks	Authors Heath and Adams take us on an insightful tour through nearly 200 bestselling books (yes, they read them all!), discovering their persistent themes and what they say about what we believe and how we relate to one another. They explore the nature of what we read and what it means for our current state of conversation in society, and offer up hidden gems that might help us communicate better. // NOTE: At BEA on June 1, they spoke (standing room only!) to booksellers, librarians and publishers about the book; they are booked on Diane Rehm for September 6.		Trade Paper	4-5
Nov 2007	Around the World on Two Wheels: Annie Londonderry's Extraordinary Ride	Peter Zheutlin	Citadel Press	Until 1894 there were no female sport stars, no product endorsement deals, and no young mothers with the chutzpah to circle the globe on a bicycle. Annie Kopchovsky changed all of that. Zheutlin vividly recounts the story of the audacious woman who turned every Victorian notion of female propriety on its ear. // BIO: freelance journalist.		HC	
Jan 2008	Brain Rules: 12 Principles for Surviving and Thriving at Work, Home, and School	John Medina	Pear Press (Perseus Distribution)	Dr. John Medina, a molecular biologist, shares his lifelong interest in how the brain sciences might influence the way we teach our children and the way we work. In each chapter, he describes a brain rule—what scientists know for sure about how our brains work—and then offers transformative ideas for our daily lives. Medina's fascinating stories and sense of humor breathe life into brain science. You'll learn why Michael Jordan was no good at baseball. You'll peer over a surgeon's shoulder as he proves that we have a Jennifer Aniston neuron. You'll meet a boy who has an amazing memory for music but can't tie his own shoes. In the end, you'll understand how your brain really works—and how to get the most out of it. // BIO: Medina is a developmental molecular biologist. He teaches bioengineering at the University of Washington and is the director of the Brain Center for Applied Learning Research at Seattle Pacific University.		HC w/ feature-length <i>Brain Rules</i> documentary on DVD	6
Jan 2008	The Assist: Hoops, Hope, and the Game of Their Lives	Neil Swidey	PublicAffairs	Revolving around gritty, complex characters, this is a compelling narrative of a high school basketball team in pursuit of a championship that also drills down into the legacy of desegregation, and explores issues of education, family, and race. // BIO: Swidey's series on the Charlestown basketball team for the <i>Boston Globe Magazine</i> , the series that gave birth to this book, elicited a huge reader response. // NOTE: We hope that Swidey will appear at NEIBA, as the events of the story take place in Boston. We expect that the NEIBA stores will rally around this title.		HC	9

Feb 2008	IR/RATIONALITY	Dan Ariely	Harper Collins	A challenging mate to Freakonomics, IR/RATIONALITY examines how the world often works according to principles of irrationality in the places where we least expect it. // BIO: Ariely, 40, is a professor of behavioral economics at MIT. His work has been featured in a variety of media including The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Business 2.0, Scientific American, Science, CNN, NPR, and he was interviewed for ABC 20/20's segment on Freakonomics. Born in NYC, he lives in Boston, MA and Princeton, NJ.			9
Feb 2008	The Game of My Life	Jason McElwain (J-Mac) with Daniel Paisner	NAL	On February 15, 2006, the Greece Athena Trojans High School basketball team took to the court for the final game of the regular season. Joining them in uniform on the bench, for the first time, was team manager Jason McElwain (J-Mac), a special education student who had been diagnosed with autism as a young child. After surprising everybody by scoring twenty points, including a school record of six 3-pointers, the story made national headlines. The Game of My Life is the story of J-Mac's triumph on the court as well as his lifelong determination to triumph over autism. Written from his first-person point of view with input from parents, siblings, and the coach who put him in the game, this is a heartfelt, can-do story. // BIO: J-Mac has been in the spotlight ever since this game. He has appeared on "Oprah," "Good Morning America," and the "Today" show. He received numerous awards, including ESPN's "Espy" award for best sports moment of the year and Nickelodeon's "Teen Courage" award.	Film rights were optioned by Columbia Pictures and producer Laura Ziskin (responsible for the "Spider-Man" series), as well as executive producers Mary Martin and NBA legend Magic Johnson.	HC	9
Feb 2008	The Life of the Skies	Jonathan Rosen	Farrar, Straus & Giroux	A history of America as seen through the eyes of a birdwatcher. // BIO: Rosen is a widely admired writer whose essays appear in <i>The New York Times</i> and <i>The New Yorker</i> . He is editorial director of <i>Nextbook</i> .		HC	9