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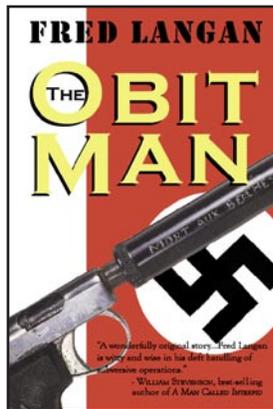
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## The Obit Man successfully hits the Library Markets!



The Obit Man  
ISBN 0-88962-829-7  
PB \$20 Can/\$15 US

On October 7th, 2004, the *New York Times* carried a story on the Frankfurt Book Fair written by Edward Wyatt, the *Times*' staff reporter. In his article, he mentions ONLY three publishers – the Wylie Agency, Simon & Schuster and "...at the booth of Mosaic Press, a small Ontario Publisher..."

The article features *The Obit Man* by Fred Langan.

The book is now receiving wonderful reviews, the most recent one in the March 15th issue of *Library Journal*.

"This fast-paced and exciting read is recommended for most collections."

Fred Langan is well known as the TV business anchorman for News-world. In addition to his day job on TV, he has now written two novels, the first one was *The Stringer*, ISBN 0-88962-743-6 PB, published by Mosaic Press in 2000 and he also writes obituaries for numerous publications in Canada and the UK, including the *Telegraph*.

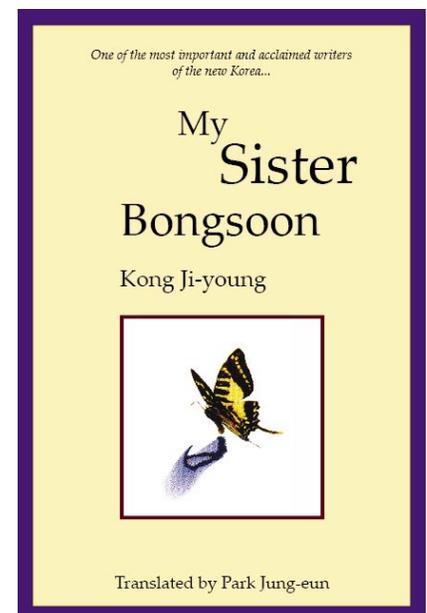
## Watch for My Sister Bongsoon

Korean film has now become a 'hot' commodity internationally. Now, watch out for Korean literature!

And, Mosaic Press will be releasing Korean best young woman writer in September 2005.

Kong Ji-young who is just 40 years of age, has already published 7 novels and won the prestigious 21st Century Literary Award in Korea in 2000. Her many novels explore the pains, conflicts and complexities of women searching for a place in the 'new' and modern Korea.

The importance of this new Korean writer is attested to by the fact that Mosaic Press has just sold Italian rights to *My Sister Bongsoon*. The Italian publisher is the well known and very successful Baldini Castoldi Dalai publishers of Milan. They plan to publish the Italian edition of *My Sister Bongsoon* in October 2005, to coincide with the Frankfurt Book Fair where Korea is the featured country.



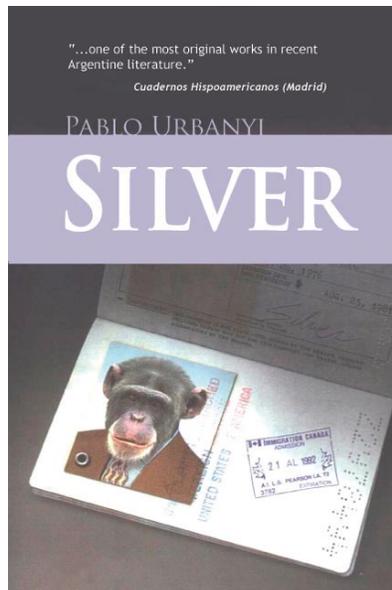
by Kong Ji-young of Korea  
ISBN 0-88962-831-9 PB  
\$20 can./\$15 US

# MOSAIC PRESS DOES IT AGAIN... BRINGING NEW LITERATURE INTO ENGLISH!

**Finalist for the prestigious Planeta Argentine Award, 1994!**

Pablo Urbanyi is one of the most important 'ex-pat' Argentinian writers. He has published eight novels and his work has been translated into English, French, and Hungarian.

*Silver* is special – wonderfully reviewed by the international press, satiric, a vitriolic parody, an anguished commentary. It is the story of an albino gorilla, found in Gabon, moved by a couple of anthropologists to Stanford University, studied and more.



**Silver**  
0-88962-838-6 PB \$22Can/\$18US

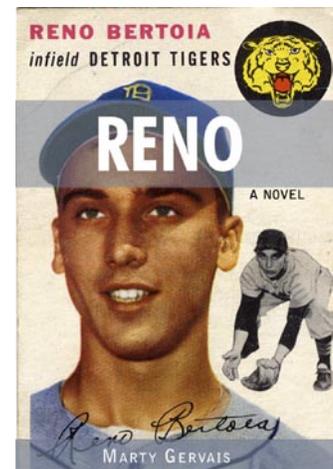
## The endless interest in Thomas Mann...Now a Japanese edition of Pringsheim's memoir

Klaus H. Pringsheim Jr. was the son a very famous and important conductor, Klaus Pringsheim Sr. who started his career as an assistant to the legendary Bruno Walter, went on to become the tutor in western music to the Japanese court, conducted and composed music for many years and died in Japan.

The Pringsheim family was a very wealthy and significant German family and one of the Pringsheim daughters married Thomas Mann.

Klaus Pringsheim Jr. grew up in Berlin during the Nazi era, moved to the UK to be educated, then in 1939 went to see his father in Tokyo, lived through the war in Tokyo, became an adjunct to General MacArthur during the American occupation of Japan, then lived with his uncle Thomas Mann in Pacific Palisades in California in the late forties, went to UCLA, then to Columbia University and had an academic career.

**Baseball...a small town...the Detroit Tigers of the 1950s... radio broadcasts...the dreams of a young man!**



**Reno**  
ISBN 0-88962-856-4 PB  
\$17.50 Can/\$15 US

Reno Bertoia was, indeed, the third baseman for the Detroit Tigers in the '50s. And, in the hands of Marty Gervais, he becomes the subject of the dreams of a young man and the inspiration for this novel. Experience the pathos, the fantasies, the frustrations...of the 1950s.

*Man of the World* was published by Mosaic Press in 1995 and the German edition was published by Weidle Verlag also in 1995. Pringsheim's chapters on the Mann family were extensively used in the 8 hour television documentary on the Mann family.

Now in 2005, Sairyusha Co. Ltd. of Tokyo will publish the Japanese edition.

**Man of the World: Memoirs of Europe, Asia & North America (1930s to 1980s)**  
ISBN 0-88962-584-0 PB

# It's good to have a laugh!!!

*The Sunforth Chronicles* by Andy Juniper becomes the Editor's Choice!

"Andy Juniper's second novel is a hilarious and well-crafted portrait of small-town life...With its abundance of slapstick, irony, parody, puns and wit, *Sunforth Chronicles* should appeal to almost every taste of humour."

That is why it was chosen as the Editor's Choice by the *Canadian Book Review Annual*.

Mosaic Press has, over the years, published a series of very well received books of satire and humour.

**This "humour package" of five books is available on a non-returnable basis for \$20! Have a laugh!( list price value over \$80)**

### ***The Measure of a Man is the Size of his Toolbox***

**A woman's take on small town, rural, life!**

**Carol Picard  
ISBN 0-88962-599-9**

### ***The Careerfree Life***

**A satirical take on our obsession with careers and success.**

**Gillian Hemstock and Frank McEnaney  
ISBN 0-88962-332-5 PB**

### ***When you get done bleeding, will you get make a snack?***

**A collection of off-the-wall essays on family life.**

**Andy Juniper  
ISBN 0-88962-641-3**

### **France...Really!!!**

**A irreverent, yet insightful take on the whims and woes of French life, love, food and more.**

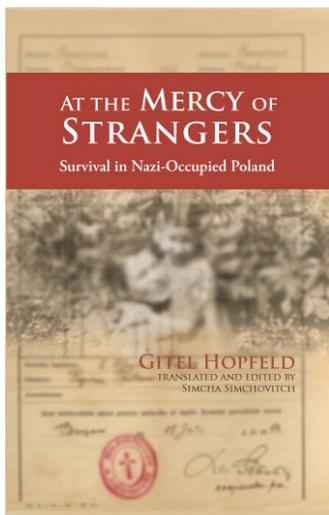
**Dale Gershwin  
ISBN 0-88962-796-7**

## MOSAIC PRESS ENTERS INTO THE 'HEART' OF VIETNAM!!!

The Security Publishing House of Vietnam will be publishing the very successful Mosaic Press publication by Chen-Ya Tien, *Chinese Military Theory: Ancient and Modern* (ISBN 0-88962-422-4 PB). This book is now firmly established as one of the seminal works in the field.

Mosaic Press has already sold rights to *Chinese Military Theory: Ancient & Modern* to Taiwan, India, Singapore and, now to Vietnam.

Important new material on the Holocaust and the 'righteous gentiles'



***At the Mercy of Strangers: Survival in Nazi Occupied Poland***  
by Gittel Hopfeld  
translated from Polish and edited by Simcha Simchovitch  
ISBN 0-88962-856-4 PB  
\$15.50 Can./\$15 US

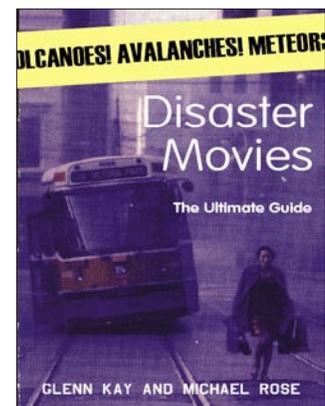
## AVALANCHES, EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, METEORS...AND MORE!!!

Watch for the fall publication of *Disaster Movies: The Ultimate Guide* by Glenn Kay & Michael Rose Foreword by Mike Nelson and Preface by Joe Dante

A book which gives you a comprehensive roadmap to this unique genre of film. The volume is full of documentation, information, history, reviews, articles and more. It is more than 30 years since the last book devoted to disaster film. Now.. the ultimate guide!

USA edition to be published by Chicago Review Press

UK edition to be published by Reynolds & Hearn



ISBN 0-88962-847-5 PB  
325 pages with photos \$25 Can.

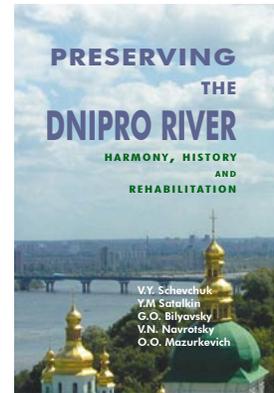
# A DIFFERENT 'TAKE' ON ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

*Preserving the Dnipro River: Harmony, History and Rehabilitation*  
by V.Y.Schechuk et. al.

Written by a group of Ukrainian scholars and professors, and now translated into English, this volume presents a succinct yet powerful message that caring for our planet and achieving the objectives of sustainable development cannot be accomplished without a renaissance of spirituality and a dedication to living in true harmony with nature.

Co-published with the International Development Research Council.

ISBN 0-88962-827-0 PB  
\$25 Can/\$20 US

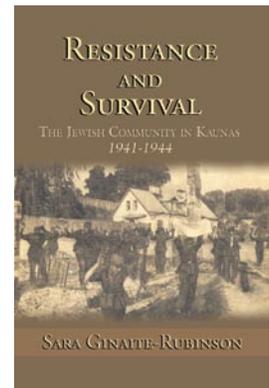


## A CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED WORK ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN LITHUANIA NOW AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

*Resistance and Survival: The Jewish Community in Kaunas 1941-1944*  
by Sara Ginaite-Rubinson

This superbly researched and very personal story is one of the seminal works on the Lithuanian experience during the Holocaust. It is also a first-hand account of life in the Kaunas Ghetto, the fate of its people, the escape of young resistance fighters and the partisan movement. It is particularly important for its documentation of the role played by women in the partisan movement.

ISBN 0-88962-816-5 PB  
\$25 Can/\$20 US



## THE SECOND, REVISED EDITION OF ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL BOOKS ON THE JEWISH ESTABLISHMENT IN AMERICA AND THE HOLOCAUST!

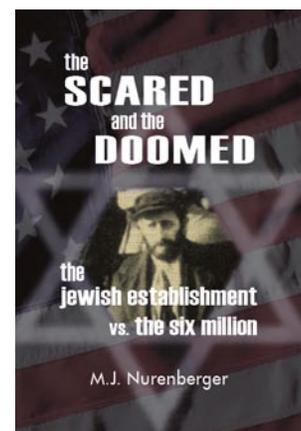
*The Scared and the Doomed: The Jewish Establishment vs. The Six Million*  
by M.J. Nurenberger

The author was a journalist and then editor of *The Jewish Morning Journal* in New York, a columnist with the *Algemeiner Journal* in New York, founder of the *Canadian Jewish News* in Toronto and then the publisher and editor of the *Jewish Times*. He was a US Army correspondent and covered the Nuremberg Trials and the Eichmann Trials in Israel.

A front-row seat on what Nurenberger called the "Jewish civil war" in the US when the American Jewish establishment did little if anything to save European Jewry from Hitler.

Fully documented, controversial, prophetic!

ISBN 0-88962-848-3 PB  
\$21 Can./\$18 US



# How does he do it!!! Taking New York by Storm! What a literary debut!!!!

Mosaic Press published Howard Altmann's first book of poems *Who Collects the Days* ( ISBN 0-88962-850-5) in the late winter of 2004.

It was immediately praised by Carol Muske Dukes – "...reverberant and compelling."

- The book was launched at the National Arts Club on January 9th, 2005.

- Then he read at the Bowery Poetry Club on January 26th, 2005.

- Another reading at the Hudson Opera House on April 9th, 2005.

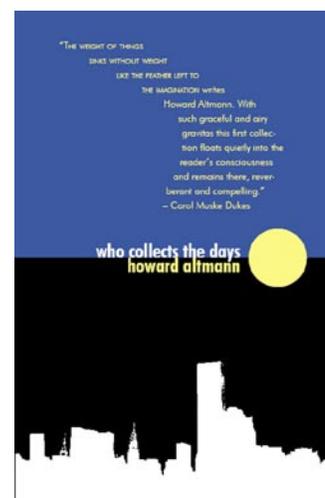
- Back to the National Arts Club for May 26th, 2005.

- Next, he reads at the 92nd Street Y on June 6th, 2005.

- Followed by a reading at Barnes & Noble in Astor Place on June 17th, 2005.

It seems to go on, and on, and on. And this is his 'first' book!!!

Howard Altmann is also an accomplished playwright!



Who Collects the Days  
ISBN 0-88962-850-5 PB  
\$15 Can/\$12 US

## HE HAS A THRIVING CAREER AS A COMEDIAN THROUGHOUT CANADA, THE US AND ON BOARD CRUISE SHIPS... BUT DEEP DOWN JOHN WING REALLY IS A POET! COMEDY IS JUST HIS NIGHT JOB!



*Excuses: New Poems*  
John Wing Jr.

ISBN 0-88962-852-1 PB  
112 pages \$20 Can/\$15 US

About Wing's poetry, Don Coles writes "...it's the way art's supposed to feel but not nearly often enough does."

High praise from one of the most important poets writing today!

"He taunts and teases and plays with every line delivered...He writes with authority and conviction. His work is controlled and outrageous. The beauty and the stringent reaching for notes out of range and rolling words into ideals."

TDR – the Danforth Review

This is John Wing's fourth book of poems. There is a blatant and often brutal honesty about his poetry – probing the ambiguities of his own existence, the contradictions of his inner life and the ironies of others' lives.

### OTHER BOOKS BY JOHN WING JR. –

*A CUP OF NEVERMIND*  
ISBN 0-88962-664-2  
PB \$14.95 Can/\$12.95 US

*...AND THE FEAR MAKES US SPECIAL*  
ISBN 0-88962-725-8

*NONE OF THIS IS PROBABLY TRUE*  
ISBN 0-88962-790-8  
both books: PB \$15 Can/\$12 US

**NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS A DEFINITIVE WORK IN THE FIELD!**

**British edition just sold to Reynolds & Hearn UK**

*The American Musical: History and Development*

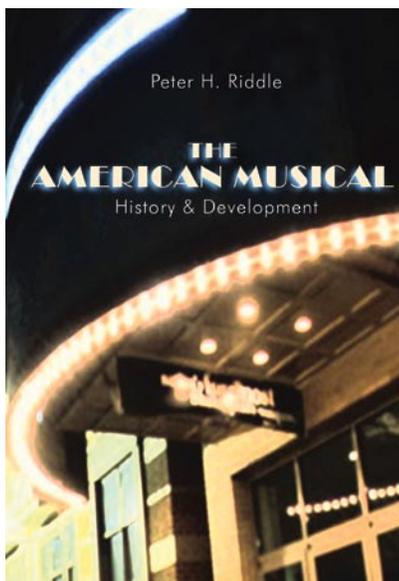
by Peter Riddle

“Riddle’s encyclopedic treatment of the musical provides a panoramic view of the history of theatre... an informative, delightful portrait of the genre”

*-Foreword Magazine*

“This book offers a clearly written and probing narrative... includes imaginative descriptions of the different types of songs, extensive footnotes, indices, bibliography, a glossary of terms, and an entertaining critical list of film versions of musicals.”

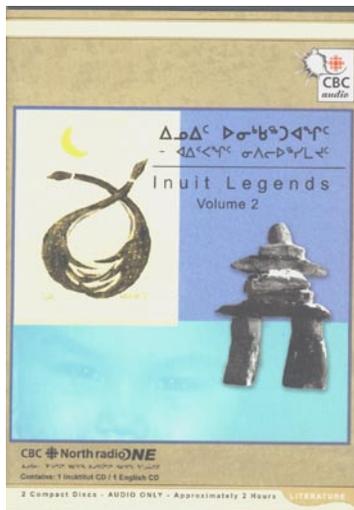
*-Wholenotes Magazine*



**The American Musical**  
**ISBN 0-88962-0-88962-794-0**  
**\$25 can/\$20 US**

# A NEW SERIES OF LEGENDS AND MYTHS FROM THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE NORTH

## VOLUMES ONE AND TWO INUIT LEGENDS



**These unique legends are broadcast by CBC radio. Audio CDs are available. The entire project comprises some 7-10 indigenous languages, broadcast programs CDs, DVDs and books.**

The languages of the indigenous northern peoples of the globe are quickly disappearing. That is true throughout the entire circum-polar region and certainly true about the indigenous peoples of the Canadian north.

And with the disappearance of those languages will disappear a very rich tradition of story-telling, myth and legend.

*The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation* has undertaken a unique, long-term project. They dispatch a group of producers to these remote northern communities where different languages are spoken. They seek out the village elders and, over the course of three or more weeks, they listen to and record the rich oral traditions of these peoples. These tapes are then edited and an English translation of the spoken myths and legends are made.

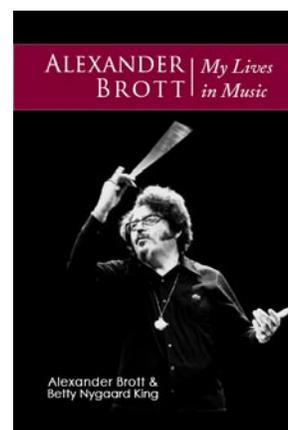
**Mosaic Press is pleased and honoured to be the assigned publisher for this series. Each book will be comprised of some 5-8 legends/myths/stories, approximately 10,000 words and will be accompanied by visual materials, photographs, art, artifacts.**

## AN EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL LIFE NOW FULLY DOCUMENTED

*Alexander Brott: My Lives in Music*  
by Alexander Brott & Betty Nygaard-King

For eighty years he was at the center of the musical life of his community, of his city, of his country and he affected the international musical world. He started as a violinist in vaudeville houses of Montreal, went on to Juilliard, established the Montreal Symphony in Montreal, the McGill Chamber Orchestra, was a renowned composer, conductor, educator, ambassador of music and international traveller... and more.

Alexander Brott died at the age of 90 last March, 5 days prior to the launch of his autobiography.



**ISBN 0-88962-854-8 PB**  
**\$24.95 Can/\$19.95 US**