

Book Buzz

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Wit and Humor

Barry, Dave. *Big Trouble.* 1999. Collection: Fiction Call #: Barry

The well-known newspaper columnist has created a novel in which the lives of several Miami denizens, from ad agents to gunrunners to street thugs to school children, intersect with humorous but dangerous results.

Also Available: LP

Childress, Mark. *Crazy in Alabama.* 1993. Collection: Fiction Call #: Childress

Set in 1960's Alabama, Childress's novel sketches unforgettable characters and childhood memories that will leave the reader in stitches.

Also Available: Cassette

Edgerton, Clyde. *Lunch at the Piccadilly.* 2003. Collection: Fiction Call #: Edgerton

Edgerton's droll wit can wring laughs from the most innocuous aspects of life. *Lunch at the Piccadilly* presents a delightful look at aging within the halls of Rosehaven Convalescent Center. Also Available: CD

Flagg, Fannie. *Welcome to the World, Baby Girl.* 1998. Collection: Fiction Call #: Flagg

The author of *Fried Green Tomatoes* tells the story of Dena Nordstrom, a brainy, beautiful and rising star of 1970's television. Flagg's famous Southern humor is evident throughout.

Also Available: LP, Cassette

Heller, Jane. *Princess Charming.* 1997. Collection: Fiction Call #: Heller

Elaine, Jackie and Pat, who met each other in divorce court and have been friends ever since, take a cruise to end all cruises. Heller's wicked wit is honed to knife-edge perfection.

Also Available: LP

Henderson, Lauren. *Freeze My Margarita.* 2000. Collection: Mystery Call #: Henderson

Henderson's sharp wit blends comedy with mystery in this tale of Sam Jones, artist-cum-detective, who plunges into the world of theater when he accepts a job sculpting props for an avant-garde production company.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Basket Case.* 2002. Collection: Fiction Call #: Hiaasen

Hiaasen, a reporter for many years with the Miami Herald, once again draws on his vast journalistic experience to create a hilarious crime novel, this time about the mysterious drowning death of a former rock star.

Also Available: LP

Kotzwinkle, William. *The Bear Went Over the Mountain.* 1996. Collection: Fiction

Call #: Kotzwinkle

Nominated for a World Fantasy Award, this is an outrageously funny parable about a bear named Hal Jam who finds a manuscript under a tree and sets out for New York City in search of fame and fortune.

McCorkle, Jill. *Carolina Moon.* 1996. Collection: Fiction Call #: McCorkle

McCorkle, a native of Lumberton, North Carolina, says she loves humor and looks for it everywhere. This tale of Queen Mary Purdy, who starts her own smoke-enders clinic in a resort town, does not disappoint in that respect.

Russo, Richard. *Straight Man*. 1997. Collection: Fiction Call #: Russo

Written by the author of *Nobody's Fool*, *Straight Man* presents a single, convoluted week of experiences, some hilarious, some harrowing, from the mid-life crisis of William Henry Devereaux, a literature professor.

Also Available: Cassette

Ty, Brother. *God Is My Broker: How One Monk Saved His Monastery and Discovered the Seven-and-a Half Laws of Spiritual and Financial Growth*. 1998. Collection: Fiction Call #: Ty

Brother Ty converts his monastery into a financial powerhouse with tips from the Supreme Insider. Ecclesiastical humor at its best.

West, Michael Lee. *She Flew the Coop: Life, Death, Sex and Recipes in Limoges, Louisiana*. 1994. Collection: Fiction Call #: West

West successfully interweaves calamity with dark comedy in this tale of everyday life among the eccentric, gossip-mongering citizens in 1952 Louisiana.

Westlake, Donald. *The Road to Ruin*. 2004. Collection: Mystery Call #: Westlake

This is the latest installment of the adventures of John Dortmunder, Westlake's hapless crook who never gets a break. Westlake is the master of witty bewilderment.

White, Bailey. *Mama Makes Up Her Mind: and Other Dangers of Social Living*. 1993. Collection: NonFiction Call #: 817.54 Whi

Familiar to NPR listeners, White brings together some fifty of her humorous, folksy tales of southern rural Georgia where she teaches first grade.