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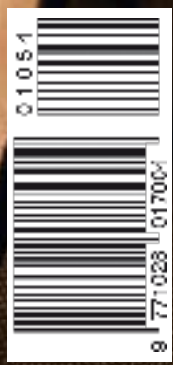
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MOVIE OF THE MONTH

COMFORT FOOD FOR THE SOUL **The Jane Austen Book Club**

Based on the novel of the same name, this film is about a group of people who start a book club to discuss Austen novels. Life begins to imitate art and the club members start to display similar characteristics to the 19th-century personalities they are reading about. When it comes to love, it seems we haven't changed much over the years. A fabulous cast that includes *The Devil Wears Prada's* Emily Blunt make this a warm and fuzzy chick flick. – **Melissa Attridge**

THE KNUCKLE-WHITENER **We Own the Night**

Joseph (Mark Wahlberg) and Bobby (Joaquin Phoenix) are brothers who live in different worlds. One is a respected New York City police lieutenant, the other a nightclub manager with links to the Russian mafia. Their worlds collide fatefully, which places their father's (Robert Duvall) life in jeopardy. A superb drama packed with suspense, romance, action and a whole lot of twists in the tale. And who can resist Joaquin Phoenix when he plays the bad boy? – **Eulogio Rheeder**

THE ANTI-COMING-OF-AGE FLICK **Into the Wild**

Many young graduates dream of escape; few give away everything to search for freedom. In 1990 Chris McCandless (Emile Hirsch) ditched everything to take an epic journey across the US and director Sean Penn revisits 35 of the same spectacular

locations. When Chris finally backpacks into the Alaskan wilderness, determined to survive off the land, the natural idyll goes awry. You can't help wondering: is he pursuing something greater than the 'ordinary', or just running away? – **Janine Stephen**

THE CULT CLASSIC TO BE **The Darjeeling Limited**

You either love Wes (*The Royal Tenenbaums*) Anderson's films or they leave you cold; we're in the former category. His latest traces the story of three brothers (Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman and Adrien Brody) on a quest through India. Anderson's films are about family ties and how fathers affect their children's lives in ways that are good, bad or just plain odd. They also feature his delightfully off-kilter styling, offering a vision of the world at odds with conventional reality. – **Robyn Alexander**

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1 Mark Wahlberg and Robert Duvall in *We Own the Night*. 2 *Into the Wild*. 3 *The Darjeeling Limited*.

WHAT WE'RE NOT REVIEWING... *Don't Take Shit from Hyenas in the Workplace* by Dr Susan M Steinman (because if you think the title is a bit much, you should see the cover); *I Am Legend* (in which Will Smith saves the world. Again) and Prince's *Planet Earth*, which is like everything he's done lately - just OK.

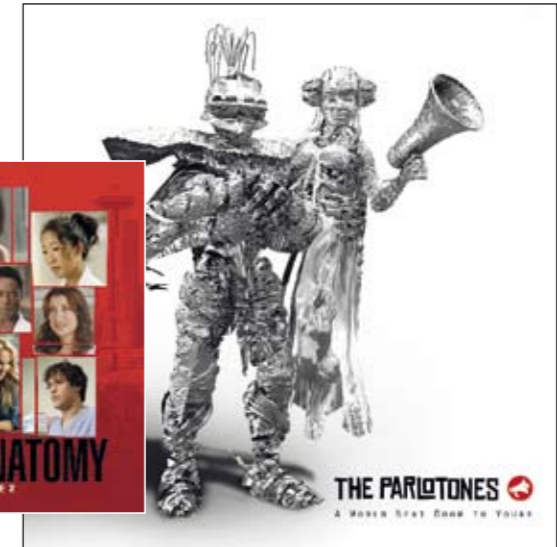
THIS MONTH'S HOT READS



The Uncommon Reader (Faber and Faber/Profile, R170) **To sum up** The Queen borrows a book from the Westminster travelling library van when it visits the palace. It doesn't really grab her, but once she borrows a second book, Her Highness is hooked. **Palace shenanigans** A monarch who's suddenly an avid reader is a bit of a shock, and some hilarious exchanges take place between the Queen and her subjects. **Your reading pleasure** This is the best description of - and advertisement for - the joys of reading to be published in years. – **Robyn Alexander**

On the Run Ben Trovato (Black Hat, R140) **To sum up** Trovato is a practical-joke letter writer and a columnist for the *Cape Times*; this collection presents his best columns from the past five years. **They can't all be wrong** His many fans treat each new offering from Trovato's pen as a masterpiece to be seized upon with joy and thankfulness. In fact, if you are a fan, you probably have a copy of *On the Run* already. **Extras** The hilarious columns are interspersed with hate mail from readers who haven't yet discovered the joys of satire. – **Melissa Attridge**

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WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO

WELCOME RETURN Annie Lennox, *Songs of Mass Destruction* (SonyBMG, R140) It's been four years since her last solo album, *Bare*, but Annie still sounds like an angel - albeit one with a super-sized voice who enjoys a pack of Marlboros a day. The title of her latest album is serious, and yes, the subject matter of the 11 songs is, for the most part, personal and profound. But there's no unnecessary melancholy here, and at times her voice will make your heart soar. **Download now** 'Dark Road' – **Mandy Allen**

MOST COLLECTABLE Various Artists, *Grey's Anatomy Original Soundtrack Vol 1-3* (Universal, R159) John Legend, Snow Patrol, Paolo Nutini and The Postal Service are just a few of the artists who have graced the soundtrack of *Grey's Anatomy*. Musicians used to be labelled sell-outs for writing for TV, but this megahit hospital drama has proved that TV soundtracks are now a sought-after launch pad for new bands - as well as a platform for pop purists. Rest assured: if a band is featured on *Grey's*, they've either made it or they're about to. **Download now** 'Young Folks' by Peter, Bjorn and John – **Zodwa Kumalo**

PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN The Parlotones, *A World Next Door to Yours* (Sovereign, R120) The SAMA award-winning rock outfit has done it again. This is a lean, mean, slightly Radiohead-inspired album filled with angst, gritty lead vocals and catchy radio ditties - all the delicious (and essential) ingredients that catapulted The Parlotones to the top of the SA rock scene. We predict that you'll be hooked from the first track, 'Giant Mistake'. **Download now** 'Sun Comes Out' – **Zodwa Kumalo**

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The Secret Servant Daniel Silva (Michael Joseph, R160) **To sum up** An Israeli secret agent joins forces with an Egyptian who is prepared to shop his own son to prevent a terror attack. **Cherchez la femme** There's a great female character in the form of an American ambassador's doctor daughter, who is held hostage. **And then some** This thriller rushes you from one heart-stopping moment to another as it hurtles towards a great ending that isn't at all predictable. – **Jane Raphaely**



Literati

Fulbright scholar, Harvard Business School graduate and US native Mital Shah, 31, quit her job as a Vera Wang fashion executive to follow her dream. The first book in the *Well-Souled* series showcases SA style **What inspired you to put *Well-Souled* together?** Many things - from childhood summers in India, to the New York fashion scene, to losing my mentor to HIV/AIDS - but most of all a belief that life doesn't have to be so compartmentalized. **Why the title?** It's named in the spirit of being well-travelled, well-heeled, well-read, well-dreamt and well-lived. **What's next on your reading list?** *Shantaram* by Gregory David Roberts. **What book do you recommend to friends?** *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. It made me realize that love is not only for youth. **And your own next book?** I'm off to India for the second in the series, so stay tuned... *Well-Souled* is available from The Space for R770; for more information visit www.wellsouled.com.

