

PHOTO BY LORA DRASNER FROM "SUNSETS"

Female perspectives

After her 2004 wedding in Venice, Lora Drasner and her husband, Fred (formerly co-owner of the Daily News), set sail around the world. The view from their yacht, *Andromeda la Dea*, was spectacular, particularly when the sun dipped over the mid-Atlantic. Inspired, Lori began keeping a photo journal of magical sunsets in sometimes exotic places, a swarm of darkened clouds reflected on the water in Guanacaste, Costa Rica, or more familiar locales, such as a dimming sky over Miami. Still sailing, she paused to publish 80 of her most stunning photos to date in **"Sunsets"** (Courage Books, \$9.98).

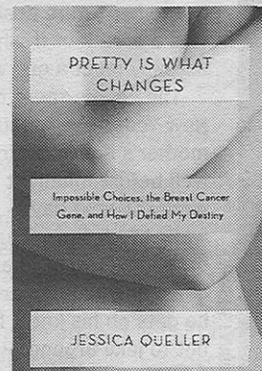
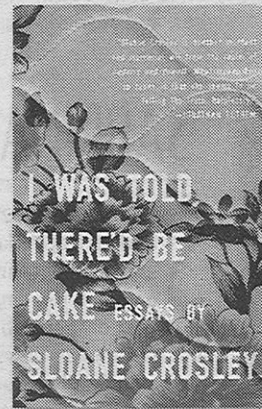
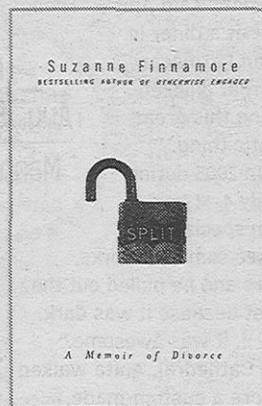
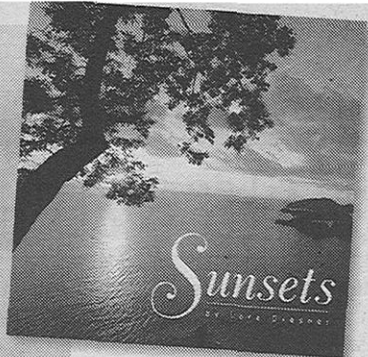
Suzanne Finnamore's journey was of an entirely different order. As she recounts in the engrossing **"Split: A Memoir of Divorce"** (Dutton, \$24.95), she and her husband

her. "I. Want. A. Divorce," and "You should get the papers next month." "Goodbye, darling," he said on his way out the door. Finnamore had thought their marriage was a happy one. But she soon realized he'd been behaving badly in an attempt to manipulate her into ending it so he could leave guilt free for another woman. That insight, as with others in this achingly wry and supremely smart memoir, will be recognizable to any woman who's been there.

In a series of essays, Sloane Crosley writes from the vantage point of a Manhattanite in her mid-20s who invites us into her head. It's a hugely entertaining place to hang out. In **"I Was Told There'd Be Cake"** (Riverhead Books, \$14), she recounts moments from a life that verges on normal, though Crosley has her own take on things from

wonderful to anyone who was not me") and her plans to give birth in Belgium (the explanation is long and so very funny) in order to turn out a cooler American.

Jessica Queller nursed her mother, a fashion designer recovering from breast cancer, through her final illness from ovarian cancer in Lenox Hill's ICU. Afterward, Queller was tested for the BRCA breast cancer gene mutation. When she got the result—that she had an 87% chance of developing breast cancer—Queller determinedly shrugged the news off. It was a wily friend who forced her to confront what that meant. At 35, unattached and childless, she had a double mastectomy. In **"Pretty Is What Changes"** (Spiegel & Grau, \$24.95), Queller, a writer on "Gilmore Girls," and now, "Gossip Girl," doesn't just keep it real. She makes it real.



6. **Change of Heart**
Jodi Picoult (Atria)
Last week: No. 3. Weeks on list: 5.
7. **Remember Me?**
Sophie Kinsella (Dial Press)
Last week: No. 4. Weeks on list: 6.
8. **A Thousand Splendid Suns**
Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead Hardcover)
Last week: No. 9. Weeks on list: 47.
9. **A Prisoner of Birth**
Jeffrey Archer (St. Martin's Press)
Last week: No. 7. Weeks on list: 5.
10. **Hollywood Crows**
Joseph Wambaugh (Little, Brown)
Last week: No. 8. Weeks on list: 2.

TOP 10 NONFICTION

1. **Mistaken Identity: Two Families, One Survivor, Unwavering Hope**
Don and Susie Van Ryn, Newell, Colleen and Whitney Cerak (Howard Books)
Last week: No. 2. Weeks on list: 2.
2. **The Secret**
Rhonda Byrne (Atria Books/Beyond Words)
Last week: No. 1. Weeks on list: 67.
3. **Home: A Memoir of My Early Years**
Julie Andrews (Hyperion)
First week on list.
4. **Beautiful Boy**
David Sheff (Houghton Mifflin)
Last week: No. 3. Weeks on list: 6.
5. **Underrated: Big Names, Big Liars and the Battle to Save Baseball**
Jose Canseco (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
First week on list.
6. **Women & Money: Owning the Power to Control Your Destiny**
Suze Orman (Spiegel & Grau)
Last week: No. 7. Weeks on list: 18.
7. **Armageddon in Retrospect**
Kurt Vonnegut (Putnam Adult)
First week on list.
8. **Brett Favre: The Tribute**
Sports Illustrated (Sports Illustrated)
First week on list.
9. **Stop Whining, Start Living**
Laura Schlessinger (Harper)
Last week: No. 4. Weeks on list: 4.
10. **Losing It: And Gaining My Life Back One Pound at a Time**
Valerie Bertinelli (Free Press)
Last week: No. 5. Weeks on list: 6.

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