



Weidenfeld & Nicolson has a second novel from Ann Widdecombe; first fiction from Flamingo and Granta; and the start of a saga from Earthlight

story, set in remote northern India, that reaches back to Partition. No proof.

**Ravi Shankar Etteth**

**The Tiger by the River**

Doubleday, 1st, hbk, £12.99, 0385603630

And another contribution to the blossoming of the Indian novel (now clearly a *sine qua non* for every list), and one for fans of magic realism. A stylish but commercial saga telling of the kings of a small Indian state, to the present day, by the illustrator, political cartoonist and art director of *India Today*.

**Charlotte Fairburn**

**God Breathes His Dreams**

**Through Nathaniel Cadwallader**

Review, 1st, hbk, £10, 075530182X

A mysterious stranger comes to a village in a far-away valley and the community flourishes, until a beautiful outsider breaks the spell. A fable in the Paulo Coelho mould.

● Author PR

● Press advertising

**Lisa Gabriele**

**Tempting Faith Dinapoli**

Virago, 4th, C pbk, £9.99, 1860499392

Heart-warming first person narrative about a young girl growing up in Detroit in a dysfunctional but loving family. For the Melissa Banks/Rebecca Wells market.

**Luiz Alfredo Garcia-Roza**

**The Silence of the Rain**

Picador, 25th, hbk, £16.99, 0330490915

A new literary, Latin American crime series introduces Rio philosopher/detective Espinoza. Books two and three come in 2003. This first

work won two Brazilian literature awards, and rights have been sold in the US and Europe.

**Chris Greenhalgh**

**Coco and Igor**

Review, 1st, hbk, £12, 0755300866

Imaginatively fictionalised, this describes the little-documented affair in the early 1900s between the young, independent-minded Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky, then in exile and married and with four children. The poet's first novel.

● Press advertising

**Andrew Holmes**

**Sleb**

Sceptre, 4th, C pbk, £10.99, 0340823607

Christopher Sewell, former ad-exec with a wife and a drink problem, is famous—for killing a big pop star. But why did he do it? With Holmes billed as Britain's answer to Bret Easton Ellis, this novel is a satire on celebrities and their fans which, at around 350pp, may be a bit long for its market.

**Simon Kernick**

**The Business of Dying**

Bantam Press, 1st, hbk, £12.99, 0593049780

A wholly unexpected "hero" marks out this accomplished crime début—a jaded London cop who moonlights as an assassin for a shady character. It deserves to do well, but Transworld doesn't appear to be spending any money on it.

**Jem Poster**

**Courting Shadows**

Sceptre, 18th, hbk, £14.99, 0340822570

The architect protagonist and narrator of this gothic tale is an arrogant,

repressed snob. In 1880, in a remote English village where he is restoring the church, he manages to inflict damage not only on the church but on everyone he comes into contact with, yet the reader is compelled to stick with him. Another first novel by an award-winning poet.

**Olga Tocarczuk**

**House of Day, House of Night**

Granta, 18th, C pbk, £10, 186207514X

English language début (trans. Antonia Lloyd-Jones) for a popular Polish writer with this tale of the extraordinary lives of ordinary people living in the borderland heart of Europe. She is described by Granta as "a Polish Angela Carter".

**Art, photography and fashion**

**Eve Arnold**

**Eve Arnold Film Journal**

Bloomsbury, 22nd, hbk, £25, 0747559171

Essential collection of Arnold's photographs of Hollywood legends from the '50s to the '80s. Magnum will mount a major exhibition next year.

BookTrack N/R

**Biography**

**Sonny Barger**

**Ridin' High, Livin' Free:**

**Hell-Raising Motorcycle Stories**

Fourth Estate, 1st, hbk, £16.99, 1841157414

"A high speed bagful of stories from life on the open highway". More of the same from the author of *Hell's Angels*.

BookTrack ★★★

**Ian Cotton**

**Summer of Hope: The Power of Friendship at a Boy's Summer Camp**

Simon & Schuster, 1st, hbk, £15.99, 0684866676

Covering a summer at Camp Mohawk in Berkshire, where boy scouts from London's East End look after autistic children, and the extraordinary effect each set of young people has on the other.

● Author PR

BookTrack N/R

**Waris Dirie**

**Desert Dawn**

Virago, 4th, pbk, £10.99, 1860498531

The fashion model and UN ambassador who first told her remarkable story in *Desert Flower* describes her return to her native Somalia.

● Author PR and events

BookTrack ★★★

**Sheila Hale**

**The Man Who Lost His Language**

Allen Lane, 4th, hbk, £16.99, 0713993618

The author's husband, an eminent Renaissance historian, suffered a stroke which deprived him of the power of speech. She movingly describes his struggle to return to some kind of normality, thereby also exploring the nature of language and how we construct our lives through it.

BookTrack N/R

**Brendan Halpin**

**It Takes a Worried Man**

Hamish Hamilton, 4th, hbk, £12.99, 0241141710

A cancer memoir written from "the other side"—the (US) author candidly describes the effects of his wife's breast cancer on himself and