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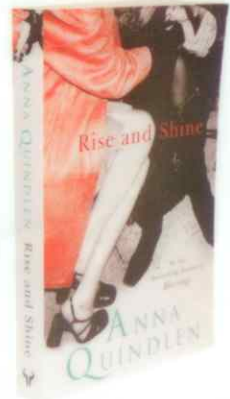
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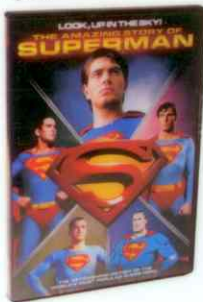
Movies, books, music, and more . . . By Irene Curtis



1 A GOOD YEAR Brit financial barracuda Max Skinner (Russell Crowe) flies to Provence, France to settle his inheritance—a chateau and a winery—left by a loving uncle. While he agonizes whether to sell these or not, he falls for the charms of a local café owner and meets a long-lost cousin (Abbie Cornish, *above*) who may have claims over the mysterious yet very profitable vineyard. *Gladiator's* Ridley Scott directs. **Opens Dec 6**

4 LOOK UP IN THE SKY: THE AMAZING STORY OF SUPER-MAN (DVD)

Bet you didn't know the Man of Steel was supposed to be evil? Let this two-hour docu on Superman's 68-year-long journey from pre-war global superstardom to has-been-hood to legendary prominence enlighten you and just about every guy in your life—Gramps, Dad, the beau, and the kids—about the real deal behind the DC Comics icon and the men who brought him to life.



2 TA-DAH (MCA Universal) Scissor Sisters' sophomore outing reaffirms their unofficial tag as "jack of all trades" with danceable tracks clearly influenced by early McCartney pop, a glam Bowie vibe, ABBA harmonies, Pink Floyd psychedelia, Bee-Gees' disco, and even the Carpenters. Sir Elton John pounds the keys in "Don't Feel Like Dancin'," an oxymoron since it actually makes you want to take on the dance floor. Frenzied, elevated sonic fun.

3 RISE & SHINE (Random House, P799) Famous TV host Meghan Fitzmaurice self-destructs when she calls her guest a "fucking asshole" on air. A social pariah overnight, Meg runs to Jamaica to reflect on life while her only son nearly gets killed back home. Now, it's up to her social worker sis, Bridget, to bring Meg back to the real world and attempt to resolve a lifetime of sibling rivalry both never even knew they had, but Meg's calculating ambition threatens to drive away everyone she loves. Another engrossing Anna Quindlen novel.



6 LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE In this Sundance filmfest runaway hit, one endearingly fractured family's trip to a pre-pubescent beauty pageant results not only in comic mayhem but in death, transformation, and a moving look at the surprising rewards of being losers in a winning-crazed culture. A family comedy starring Toni Colette, Steve Carrell, and Greg Kinnear. **Opens Dec 13**

5 SURREALITY (JST Publishing, P300)

"Get yourself to Manhattan and your whole world shall fall into place," is the message author Carissa Villacorta conveys. Those yearning to indulge their dream of flight to where free spirits are unbound and potentials can be fully realized will find this a quick but wanderlusting read.



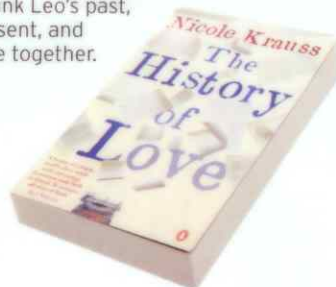
7 KELIS WAS HERE

(Virgin/EMI) Kelis (pronounced "Kuh-leese") gets raunchy with suggestive lyrics that invoke female listeners' inner dominatrix. She can talk sex without coming off as a vulgar R&B skank. Her explicit, saucy edge is her "pro-male industry" bashing and brave admission of cheating CD buyers every time she dishes out third-rate pop inanities. Too risqué, too hot.



8 THE HISTORY OF LOVE

(Penguin, P399) Nicole Krauss's haunting story spans over 60 years of loneliness. Old war refugee Leo Gursky is scared of dying unnoticed by the world. Fourteen-year-old Alma Singer is named after the lead character of a book Leo wrote decades ago, which he never knew got published under another man's name. The book and a shared solitude borne of lost loves link Leo's past, Alma's present, and their future together.



10 SEX & THE CITY 6

(DVD) New York's Fab Four close the curtain on their monumental journey of complicated hook-ups and self-discovery at a "riper age" in five bliss, lost babies, mental exes, stolen Manolo Blahniks, and a romantic trip to Paris. Sam's cancer scare adds drama to the farewell plus three alternate endings (and a stream of deleted scenes). (Magnavision) ■



7 20 Y.O. (CD)

(Virgin/EMI) This "youngish" post-Nipplegate album reveals that Janet Jackson is no Madonna of Reinvention. It's a mystery why she didn't opt for a more mature, classic sound to celebrate her two decades in the pop cosmos.

Even so, she proves that no other "genuine diva" can get people on their feet, booty-shake, and have honest-to-goodness fun more than Jacko's baby sis.