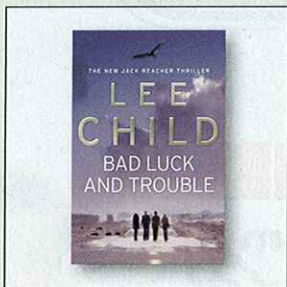
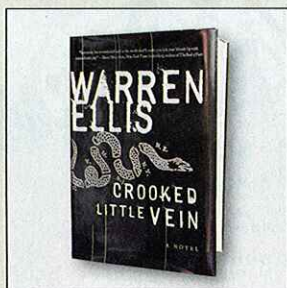


Read



BAD LUCK AND TROUBLE
By Lee Child, Bantam, \$27 (MPH)

I'm cheating here. This new Jack Reacher novel is not really small enough to fall under my *Transporters* category, but it makes a long journey short, so into my bag it goes. Ten Jack Reacher books later, and I've just discovered the big former military policeman and am now a fan. As he continues living free with just the clothes on his back and the odd job to sustain him, Jack finds his miserable bank balance boosted by a mysterious deposit. It's a call for help. Some old team mates are in trouble, and like a good friend and former leader, Jack moves fast to track the cause of their disappearance. So gripping, you'll go darn, is it time to alight already! - TSL

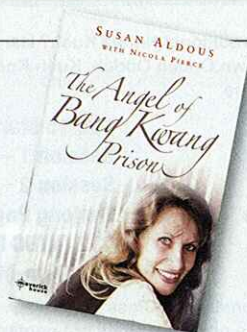


CROOKED LITTLE VEIN
By Warren Ellis, William Morrow, \$37 (MPH)

I had a great time with this book which is wacky, wicked, and outrageous. But then, what can one expect as a debut novel from celebrated graphic novelist Warren Ellis? His characters from the main man – dead-broke and burned-out private investigator Michael McGill, to the weirdos dotting middle America, will have you in stitches. As perverts and the conscience-less grow in number, the government moves to wipe out the rot. What they need is a 'mesmerizing' version of the Constitution created by the Founding Fathers in anticipation of a time civil society falls apart. So Michael McGill in his slummy office gets a visit from the president's drug-addict chief-of-staff. Not in a position to turn down his only client, he follows the trail of the lost Constitution, criss-crossing the country and encountering the mad and the bad. Try and not grin like a lunatic while reading in public. - TSL

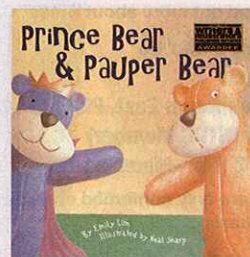
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General Interest



THE ANGEL OF BANG KWANG PRISON
By Susan Aldous (with Nicola Pierce), Maverick House Publishers, \$24

As a teenager, Susan Aldous spent time with social workers. She was an angry, defiant youth who dived in alcohol, drugs and petty crime (in Melbourne, where she grew up). It takes a true been-there, coupled with fortitude and compassion, to be an angel. For the past 18 years (and counting), this angel has been making a difference to the lives of the socially disadvantaged, especially those in Bangkok's notorious Bang Kwang Prison. What makes this book a treasure are the words of wisdom found throughout it. (Among them: "If you're going to throw your life away, why don't you give it away instead?") This book is easy to read (anecdotes aplenty) and very in-your-face (Susan's very forthcoming with her thoughts and opinions).
- Leong Wai Kit



PRINCE BEAR & PAUPER BEAR
By Emily Lim, Illustrated by Neal Sharp, Mustard Seed Books, \$18.69

Charming illustrations and a very sweet tale – what more can anyone ask for? Emily Lim won a First-Time-Writer award last year for her tale of two bears. One nicknamed Pauper Bear, vocally challenged like the author, is a bit tatty with mismatched eyes while his neighbor Prince Bear, is regally handsome. But love is not about price or good looks and when Prince Bear is bought by a spoilt little Missy and Pauper Bear goes to a humble little boy, they learn how unexpected life can be.
- TSL

Really Kiddy