

## John Luttman's Joke of the Week

Q. What do you call a chicken at the North Pole?

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## the arts

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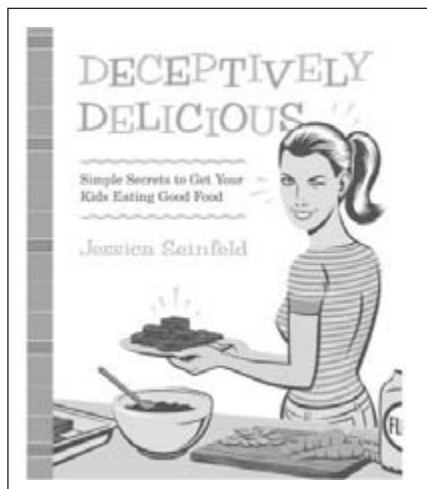
## books

## Nantucket Atheneum

1 India Street, 228-1110

**"Deceptively Delicious"**

by Jessica Seinfeld



A wonderful new cookbook for parents of picky eaters, "Deceptively Delicious" offers proven recipes that hide nutritious fruit and vegetable purees in foods popular with children. The book has a '50s-style design with simple drawings accompanied by full-page photos of the recipes, and an inner wire binding that makes for easy use. Definitely geared for busy families with young children, this cookbook offers loads of good advice about efficient, nutritious cooking.

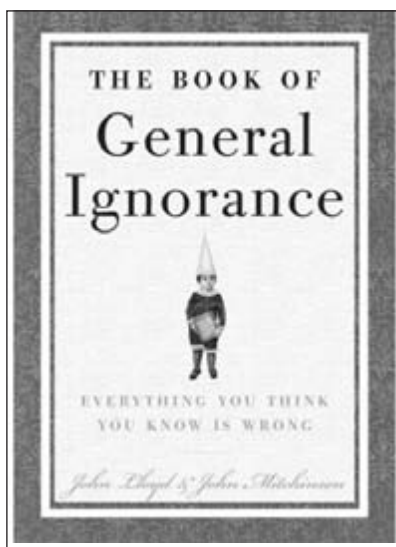
—Maggie Head,  
Nantucket Atheneum

## Mitchell's Book Corner

54 Main Street, 228-1080

**"Book of General Ignorance"**

by John Mitchinson and John Lloyd



There's more to a New Year's Resolution than a diet. How about resolving to learn something new every day? This book can provide the framework for such an intellectual objective. "The Book of General Ignorance" (\$19.95) is an extraordinary collection of 230 common misperceptions — all those things we think we know but don't. You think Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone? Or that Henry the VIII had six wives? Or that Everest is the tallest mountain? Wrong, wrong and wrong again.

—Mimi Beman,  
Mitchell's Book Corner

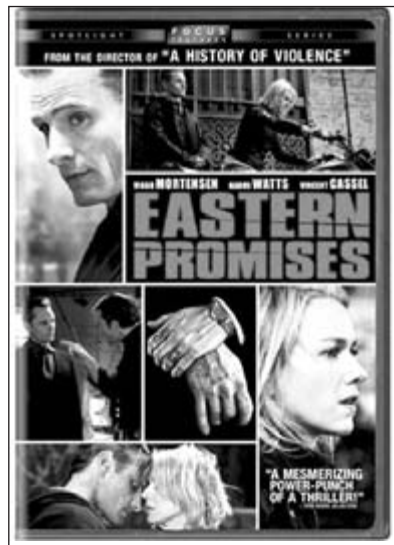
## videos

## Orange Street Video

117 Orange Street, 228-5806

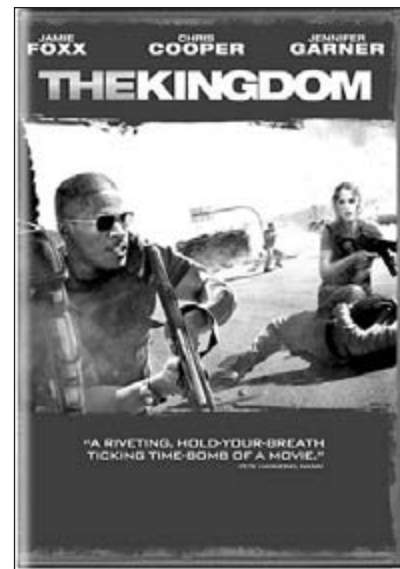
**"Eastern Promises"**

(Rated R for strong brutal and bloody violence, some graphic sexuality, language and nudity)



While working her normal shift at a London hospital, nurse Anna (Naomi Watts) tries to help a young girl through a complicated childbirth. However, when the young woman dies, leaving behind her orphaned child, Anna refuses to give up on the baby. By translating the mother's diary, Anna hopes to find some family for the child but instead she gets sucked into the world of the Russian Mob. Mob driver Nikolai (Viggo Mortensen) is given the job of retrieving the diary and silencing Anna. As with previous David Cronenberg films, no one is as simple as they seem and even though Nikolai has wanted into the family for years this simple job becomes quite complicated.

—Kate O'Brien,  
Orange Street Video



"The Kingdom," an action/drama directed by Peter Berg, has an all-star cast with Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, and Chris Cooper. After a suicide mission in Riyadh that kills and wounds hundreds of Western workers in a segregated and guarded compound, FBI agent Ronald Fleury (Jamie Foxx) organizes a secret team to investigate the bombing that killed his best friend but it's against the wishes of high US officials and they are faced with a five day limit to complete their task. They battle resistance from every side until the Saudi colonel assigned to the team helps them locate a terrorist cell responsible for the attack. The friendship between Fleury and the colonel provides some of the drama but with Michael Mann as the producer you can count on some spectacular thrill ride action.

—Laurie Donovan,  
Camera Shop & Nantucket Video

**Camera Shop & Nantucket Video**

32 Main Street, 228-0101

**"The Kingdom"**

(Rated R for intense sequences of graphic brutal violence and for violence)

## YOUR WINE

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full bodied, with loads of truffle, cocoa, and earth tones. I presented this wine at a Golf Club dinner and was swarmed with inquiries about and orders for the wine. It shined with rack of lamb.

## Under \$100

White: Domaine Maltroye Chassagne-Montrachet, 1er Cru Maltroye, Burgundy, France. An amazing bottle in pretty much any vintage, this one is from the phenomenal 2005 vintage. Very lean upon opening the bottle, over the time it takes to finish, it opens up and displays incredible complexity. Red: Pieve Santa Restituta Brunello de Montalcino 'Rennina,' Tuscany, Italy. Although some folks may miss the fine print on the bottle, this winery is the offspring of the famous Gaja Winery in Piedmont. This Brunello is seductive, supple, and intriguing.

## Under \$200

Champagne: Dom Perignon. A classic in any vintage. White: Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Domaine Tolle-Beaut, Burgundy, France. From a vineyard so tiny that production and distribution are a drop in the bucket of world wine. When you can get your hands on some, grab it if you are able! Red: Chappelle-Chambertin, Domaine Damoy, Burgundy, France. This tiny winemaker has some of the best vineyard holdings in Burgundy, with at least three different Grand Cru bottlings. The Chappelle-Chambertin is from the 1999 vintage, the great last vintage of a century. The years have been good to this wine, and it will continue to provide pleasure for many years.

This was a difficult task, and even as I am writing, I feel I can go on and on about my favorites in various categories — 'American' wine, for example, or grape varietal — but, that would be a much longer column. The only other thing I want to go out of 2007 with is a list of essential cheeses for the ultimate cheese platter to accompany all of these outstanding wines.

## Favorite Blue

Gorgonzola Dolce, from Lombardy, Italy. This cheese is a combination of gooey creaminess, and slight saltiness that is spreadable and decadent. Favorite Cheddar: the folks at Mainland Dairy in New Zealand milk their happy kiwi cows and then age the cheddar for at least two years before release. Wonderful texture and flavor. Favorite Sheep Milk Cheese: Manchego. There is quite a variance between wheels from one dairy to the next. Look for artisanal wheels from small farms, if possible. Favorite Goats Milk Cheese: Humboldt Fog, from Cypress Grove Dairy in Humboldt County, California. The layer of ash in the center reminds me of another favorite cheese — Morbier, from France — but this one is snowy on the inside, creamy on the inside, and quite unique. Favorite stinky cheese: it's a toss-up between Italy's Taleggio and France's Epoisses. Both are very creamy, in fact, runny when ripe and warm.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy end to 2007, and a new year filled with exciting new tastes! Cheers! ■

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