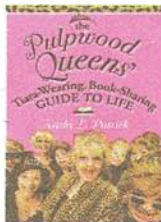


Books

Local, regional interest

■ **The Pulpwood Queens'** *Tiara-Wearing, Book-Sharing Guide to Life* by Kathy Patrick (Grand Central Publishing, \$13.99) — Publishing industry cut-backs-victim Patrick joined her cosmetology know-how and her book smarts to open Beauty and the Book, a combination beauty salon/bookstore and founded the reading club, The Pulpwood Queens of East Texas, which now has 70 chapters nationwide and has even spread to foreign countries. Signings are scheduled at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Square Books in Oxford and 5 p.m. Wednesday at Lemuria Book Store in Jackson.



cial guest at the Book Club Bash at Lorelei Books in Vicksburg, 7 p.m. Jan. 24; everyone is invited, book club membership isn't required. Highlights include door prizes and a big-hair makeover from Patrick.

■ **Holly's Halo** by Samantha Gronmeyer and illustrated by Jeanna Jinks (self-published, \$17.95) — Petal artist Jinks illustrated and published the story by her daughter, Samantha, then 6, about dealing with the loss of her beloved dog, Holly. Jinks, Samantha (now 10) and her dog, Tommy, will be at signing events. Signings are 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday at Lemuria Book Store in Jackson and 2-4 p.m. Feb. 9 at Lorelei Books in Vicksburg. Also, Jinks' artwork is on display in the show *Moving Inward Piece by Piece*, through Feb. 15 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis campus.



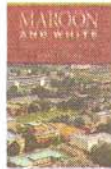
Collins, \$23.95) — West explores the funny, poignant and complex bonds between a daughter 20 pounds overweight with a bad haircut and a luck deficit and her estranged, womanizing, heart-surgeon dad. Signings are at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Lemuria Book Store in Jackson, 5:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at Turnrow Books in Greenwood; and 5 p.m. Jan. 25 at Square Books in Oxford.



■ **On-the-Road Histories: Mississippi** by Ben Wynne (InterlinkBooks, \$20) — Wynne sketches the state's development from wilderness through industry, focusing on Mississippi's history and cultural heritage. A signing is at 2 p.m. March 1 at Lorelei Books in Vicksburg.



■ **Maroon and White: Mississippi State University, 1878-2003** (University Press of Mississippi, \$35) by Michael B. Ballard — University archivist and coordinator of the Congressional and Political Research Center at MSU, Ballard covers MSU from its 1878 founding as a land-grant school through the Great Depression, World Wars I and II, the civil rights movement and more.



■ **The Stylist** by Cal Emmons (Harper, \$13.95) — Critically acclaimed author Emmons' latest novel, described as "eloquent and heartbreaking," is about two young women overcoming personal crises and struggling with identity and forgiveness. A signing is at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Square Books in Oxford.



■ **Mermaids in the Basement** by Michael Lee West (Harper-

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