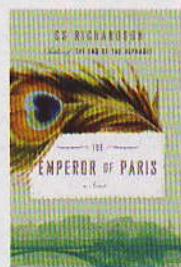
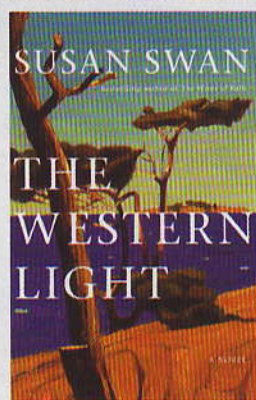


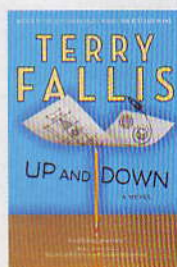
Hockey Killer

Susan Swan revisits heroine Mary "Mouse" Bradford in this prequel to her 1993 award-winning novel, *The Wives of Bath*. At 12, Mouse struggles with being teased by boys, her father's inattention and her confusing feelings for the new man in town—a renowned hockey player condemned to the nearby psychiatric hospital for murdering his wife and child. The book is a tribute to small-town life, colder climes and Canada's official winter sport. Readers will revel in the familiar details of home coupled with a dramatic plot. **THE WESTERN LIGHT**, Susan Swan, \$30. —K.P.



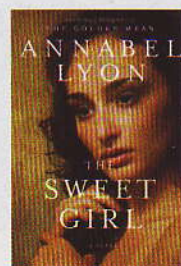
UNLIKELY LOVE STORY

In early 1900s Paris, an illiterate baker who worships books and a disfigured girl who loves to read unwittingly wind their way toward each other—and love—with the help of mysterious strangers. An enchanting, wistful tale about longing, fate, hope and perseverance is painted in delicate strokes by an author who, in his other career, is a book designer. **THE EMPEROR OF PARIS**, CS Richardson, \$25. —L.G.



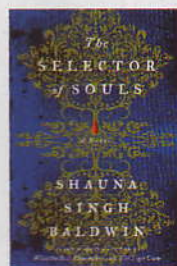
SPACE CADET

When NASA sets out to boost its image in the U.S. and Canada, newly hired PR hack David Stewart comes up with a massively popular contest to launch two average Joes into orbit. But when Landon Percival, one of the randomly drawn winners, turns out to be anything but ordinary, David has to pull some fast ones to win over NASA and propel her into space. **UP AND DOWN**, Terry Fallis, \$23. —L.G.



AHEAD OF HER TIME

Pythias, beloved daughter of philosopher Aristotle, is unlike any girl in ancient Greece. She's educated, well-read and more intelligent and quick-witted than many men. But after her father's death, will her gender condemn her to nothing more than a conventional life? Annabel Lyon's use of a modern voice captivates in this follow-up to her debut novel, *The Golden Mean*, a Rogers Writers' Trust Prize winner. **THE SWEET GIRL**, Annabel Lyon, \$30. —J.H.



BREAKING FREE

In 1990s rural India, two brave women fight to escape society's oppressive gender roles. Damini, a Hindu widow, lives with her pregnant daughter in a small village, while Anu, a Hindu-Christian, leaves her abusive husband and becomes a nun. As the two come together, working to break the cycle that keeps women under male control, they must make sacrifices and find strength in each other to survive. **THE SELECTOR OF SOULS**, Shauna Singh Baldwin, \$32. —L.K.G.

