



When the Pac-10's best pitcher and all-conference catcher get together, the results are bound to be good. Cavanaugh (left)

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A ROMANCE OF THE LAST 500,000 YEARS

The Temple Of My Familiar_ ALICE WALKER

Alice Walker describes her latest novel as "a romance of the last 500,000 years." Transcending the conventions of time and place, it moves from contemporary America, England, and Africa to unfamiliar primal worlds, where women, men and animals socialize in surprising ways.

In the forefront of this story are three pairs of characters: Suwelo, a middle-aged teacher of history, whose generation of men has "failed women," and Fanny, his former wife, who has a habit of falling in love with spirits; Arveyda, a famous guitarist and composer, in search of his past, and Carlotta, his Latin American wife who is a refugee from hers; and Lissie a woman of a thousand pasts, and her gentle painter companion, Hal. As they talk about their lives, they uncover disquieting truths about women and men, people of color and whites, throughout our history on this planet.



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lot with the faster players. I'm not very confident with my slapping. I didn't try it at all against UCLA, but then there was always the chance against Oregon State.

Julie really has had an offyear hitting, but has more than made up for it by getting on base a lot with slapping." countered Wilson. "She's had a good year slapping. She's laid bunts down with two strikes a lot.

"I think she's one of the best number-two hitters in the country because she has so many options." she continued. "She's one of the best bunters in the country. In the Arizona and Nebraska games, with two outs and runners in scoring position or on base, she bunted when nobody expected her to and got on base. By doing that she passed the bat on to Kathy (Gray) or Danny (Senner). In that aspect she's won a lot of games for us."

Cavanaugh has done more than win games with her bat for the Ducks. As the starting catcher, she has been instrumental in handling the Oregon pitching staff and is a big reason behind the success of freshman pitcher Katie Wiese (38-10. Pac-10 Player of the Year).

"She's a real intelligent person," Wilson said. "One of the things as a pitching coach that I expect of the catchers is that they know as much about pitching as the pitcher does. It's impossible for a pitcher to analyze herself and know what she's doing wrong.

'That's where Julie comes in. She's very good at that.'

Cavanaugh is also a rarity in another aspect, as one of the very few left-handed catchers in the game. While many might see that as a hindrance. Cav-anaugh and Wilson don't think

"Sometimes I have to tell the

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And, in the end, they deeply affect each other.

Among the many engaging characters who appear in the story are Miss Celie and Miss Shug of The Color Purple, to which this mesmerizing novel is related in vision and spirit.

Alice Walker won the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for her best-selling novel The Color Purple. She is also the author of two other novels and two volumes of short stories, two of essays, and four of poetry. She lives in San Francisco.

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