

# Ya-Ya fans gather at UO bookstore to meet author

■ **BOOKSIGNING:** Rebecca Wells introduced her second novel charting the Sisterhood escapades

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Ya-ya, there will be a third book added to the Sisterhood.

Award-winning novelist Rebecca Wells informally announced Saturday that she will write another sequel to *Little Altars Everywhere* and *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*.

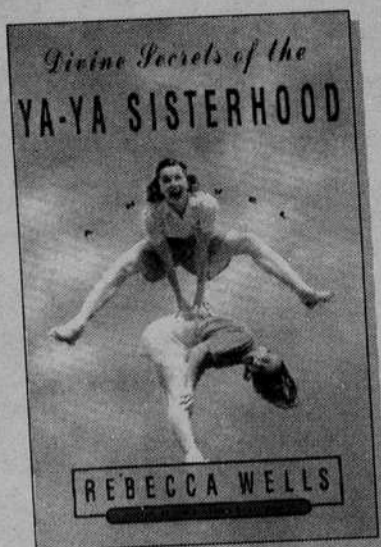
"My next book will not be a Ya-Ya book, but the one after my next one will be," said Wells, at a booksigning at the University Bookstore. "I learned a lot from writing this book [*Ya-Ya Sisterhood*], and I think I would like for this to sink in for awhile before I revisit it."



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Wells' first novel, *Little Altars Everywhere*, won the Western States Book Award for Fiction in 1992 and was a Literary Guild Alternate Selection and Editor's Choice. The jurors for the award, including chair William Kirtledge, applauded the book's "astounding family of voices, potent in its pain, dazzlingly brilliant in its stretches and perceptions."

The newly released sequel offers readers another look into the turbulent, unconventional and



often hilarious lives of the quirky Walker clan of Thornton, La., according to Wells. This time, Wells delves deeper into an inseparable and indominate band of four women called the Ya-Yas by telling the story of their childhood in Thornton.

Wells is often asked if her two novels follow the pattern of her life.

"I'm sorry to say that I wrote this book hoping that I could have a group of friends like these in the book," Wells said. "But I think whenever you read a book you learn something about the author."

Wells, a Louisiana native, is an actor and playwright as well. Her stage plays include *Splittin' Hairs* and *Gloria Duplex*, and she has also written teleplays for ABC and CBS.



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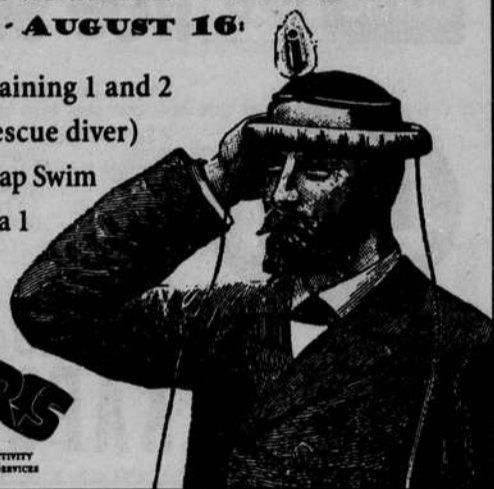
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