



# PRIDE WEEKEND JUNE 17 & 18, 2000

**GRAND MARSHALS: PORTLAND GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

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## SAVE THE DATE!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS TO BENEFIT PRIDE NORTHWEST

**Every Friday** the Month of May: At Fox & Hound, join your hostess Laurelhurst for "Pride Karaoke" at 9pm all night long with proceeds benefiting Pride NW. You too can be a glamorous on Laurelhurst's Main stage during this spectacularly fun night of Friday Frolic! Fox & Hound 217 N.W. 2d 243-5530

### Saturday, May 28:

At the Embers Nightclub is the first "Annual Gay Day at the Zoo" hosted by Buttercup and Misha 38. Starting at Noon till 2pm with a Picnic basket auction. Buy a basket with a secret celebrity attached. Carpool from the Embers parking lot to Washington park for a day of picnic and **Gay Zoo frolic**. This is sure to become one of the most fabulous events during the year. If you would like to volunteer to create a picnic basket, call Misha at 295-9788 or Buttercup at the Embers at 222-3082. The Embers 110 N.W. Broadway

At Scandals beginning **Sunday June 4:** at Noon is the "Herbie the Lovebug Mania" hosted by Monroe and Jimmy, the bartenders. Number Nine all day all night with all the Disney Herbie classics. Buy a square on Jimmy's Lovebug for \$20 and paint what you wish to debut in this year's Pride 2000 Parade "A Celebration of Queer Art and Culture". Join in all the **Lovebug madness** with a beer bust tea party blowout all day long!!!! Scandals 1038 S.W. Stark 227-5887

**Sunday June 11th:** At the Brigg is the "Annual Mr. & Miss Gay Pride Pageant" hosted by Rose Empress XXXVIII. Doors open at 6pm/ Pageant at 7pm with a \$10 donation at the door to benefit Pride NW. **Portland's finest bid for the prestigious title** of Mr. and Miss Gay Pride 00-01 in three categories: Formal Wear, Creative Club Wear and the popular Swimsuit Competition. The Brigg 1035 S.W. Stark 226-4171

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For complete details, Parade Route and the Festival Stage line-up, for **Pride Weekend**, pick up a copy of our **2000 Pride Guide Commemorative Program** or the **June 2nd issue of Just Out.**

### Friday June 2:

At CC Slaughters is "The Luscious Luau". Hosted by Craig and Misha fit with a real beach, roasted pig feast, and of course a wet shorts and shirt contest. Hawaii is coming to Portland so **bring your beach wear** and be at the door at 7pm for a Party you will never forget. C.C. Slaughters 219 N.W. Davis 248-9135

### Saturday, June 10, 2000:

**DANCE** with the 16 piece band, ROSE CITY SWING @ PPA Swing lessons at 7p.m., Band begins at 8p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance \$15 at the door. 618 S.E. ALDER. For more information, call 790-2170.

Accessibility varies at each location, please call for details.

## BOOKS

**THE SPELL**  
By Alan Hollinghurst. Penguin Books, 2000; \$12.95 softcover.

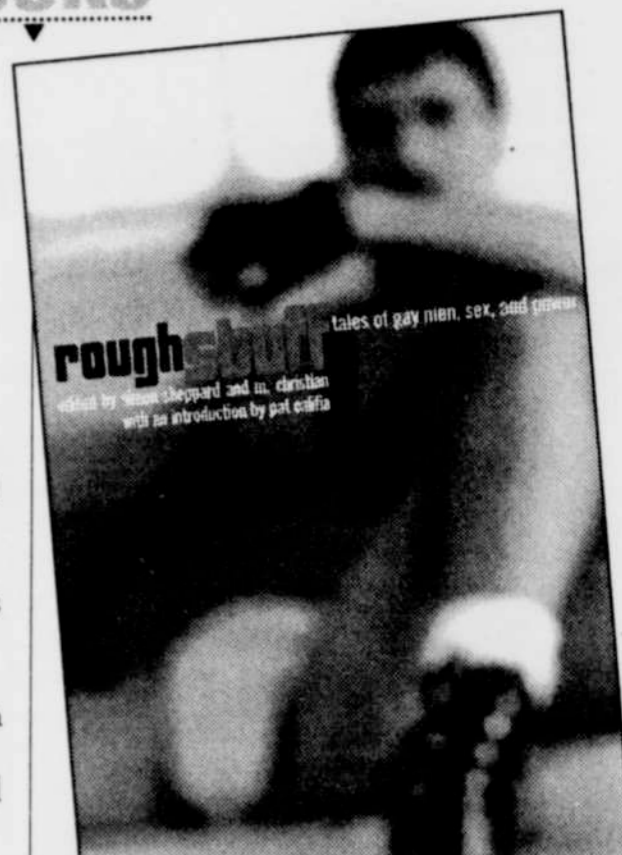
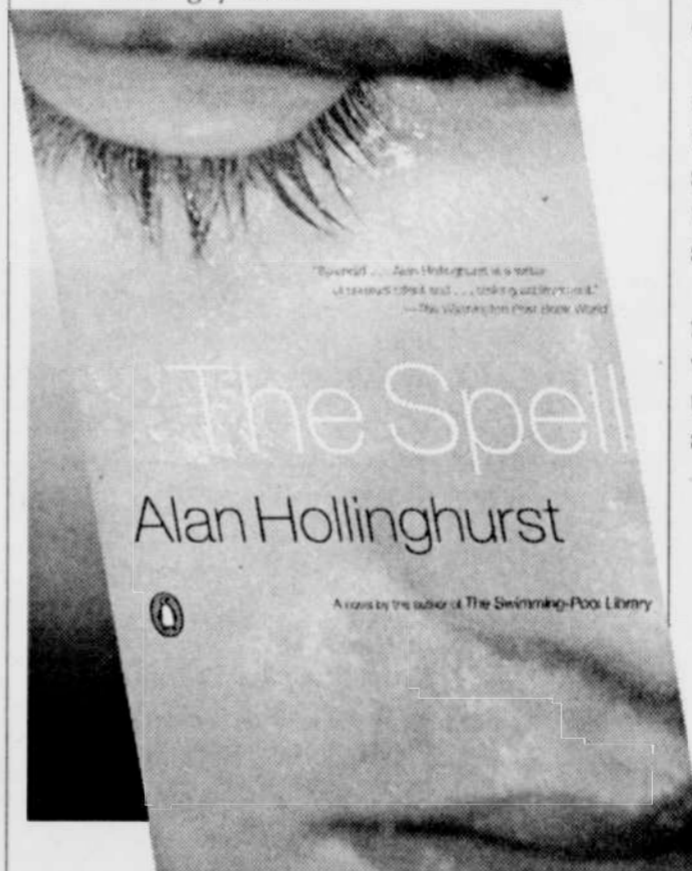
Just released in paperback, *The Spell* is an Anglophile's wet dream. Early in the book, one of the characters is traveling in the United States and remarks that talking to Americans makes him feel his vocabulary is "embarrassingly large and accurate." While author Alan Hollinghurst doesn't overwhelm the reader with English slang or 50-pence words, just enough of each is present to preclude forgetting the setting.

Born in 1954, Hollinghurst was elected to the "Best of Young British Novelists" pantheon in 1993—at the age of 39, which apparently counts as "young" in the UK. This extratextual tidbit further complicates the manifest story line, which deals in large part with an inter-generational romance between a 37-year-old and a 22-year-old.

*The Spell* lives up to its name for about two-thirds of its length; the remainder is less entrancing than it is riveting, more like watching a plane crash than losing oneself in voluptuous voodoo. At 257 pages, it's worth the effort—especially if you need a lesson in letting go of fear and engaging the world with abandon. —Christopher D. Cuttone

**FABULOUS HELL**  
By Craig Curtis. Alyson Books, 2000; \$12.95 softcover.

My initial reaction was something like "Ugh! Not another sex-crazed, drug-laced gay novel!"



## Hot off the presses

Some things for the boys, something for film fans

At first glance, *Fabulous Hell* seems to be right-wing propaganda about how disgustingly deviant and amoral gay men are. But the first-person narration—quite the fad among young North American novelists—quite literally forces the reader to identify with the protagonist, which in turn inspires sympathy with the difficult choice of whether to drink and drug oneself to death or have some dignity and a job.

Craig Curtis' debut novel treats HIV/AIDS rather lightly and tends to glamorize substance use, if not abuse. But damn it if there isn't something really compelling about it! I liked this book against my will and read it compulsively into the wee hours.

Curtis' prose is clear, precise and easy to read without being simple—the way Hemingway wrote, some would say. And the story does turn around in the end; gay life isn't so bleak and besotted after all. —CDC

**ROUGH STUFF**  
Edited by Simon Sheppard and M. Christian. Alyson Books, 2000; \$13.95 softcover.

Who can resist anthologized smut? Certainly not me. According to the back cover, "the sexy, edgy stories in *Rough Stuff* travel far

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