

**NANCY'S LIST April, 2003**

**COLD- John Smolens**

**A young man breaks out of prison in northern Michigan to claim the woman he loves, who happens to have married his brother.**

**SHOT- Jenny Siler**

**Timely tale of a government cover-up of biological diseases and experiments.**

**THE FOURTH PERIMETER- Tim Green**

**Excellent and gripping. A young secret service agent's death is ruled a suicide, but his father, a former agent himself, is convinced it was murder. This book is fast-paced and exciting, and even the technical components of the story (which can be boring if not handled properly) are handled in such a way that the reader is never bored.**

**A PERFECT CRIME- Peter Abrahams**

**Another winner with plot twists and turns no one would expect. A must-read!**

**JOE- Larry Brown**

**Brown writes with sometimes-painful realism. I hate the fact that people resembling some of the characters in this book truly exist, but I know that they do. Not a pretty story of our Southland, but it will make you think.**

**LARRY'S PARTY- Carol Shields**

**I loved the ending of this book, and I would never have guessed it. Story of a decent, average man coming to grips with his life in middle age. It evokes feelings we have all struggled with.**

**DATING WITHOUT NOVOCAINE- Lisa Cach**

**Funny, racy light read about the trials of dating and the perils encountered while searching for "Mr. Right" language is pretty raw.**

**THE WHEAT FIELDS- Steve Thayer**

**Sex, greed, murder, and unrequited love- this mystery has it all. Cindy, a co-worker, often points out books to me, and we usually enjoy the same ones. This is one of those picks.**

**WALK AMONG BIRCHES- Carol McAfee**

**Really good story about a woman's descent into depression after the death of her infant son.**

**KIT'S LAW- Donna Morrissey**

Loved this book set in Canadian shores. It is a sad tale of a young girl born to a retarded mother and raised by her beloved grandmother. When grandmother suddenly dies the fate of Kit and her mother and their mistreatment by townspeople is chilling. Kit possesses strengths she never knew she had, and the strange relationship between mother and daughter will touch your heart.

**WHY YOUR LIFE SUCKS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT-**

**Alan H. Cohen**

I had to include this book a friend requested. It is a reminder of what is important in life, a reminder to feed our spirits and follow our intuition- a terrific self-help book.

**EVERYDAY GRACE- Marianne Williamson**

This author has long been a favorite of mine. Getting in touch with the divine in us is the difference between a mediocre existence and a joyful wonderful life. It is wonderful to be reminded that miracles do still happen and this journey called life can be so rewarding if we nourish our souls and hearts.