

# SPLIT-SECOND

# Reviews

QUICK TAKES ON WHAT TO WATCH, READ AND PLAY RIGHT NOW BY JOYCE CHANG

## MOVIES



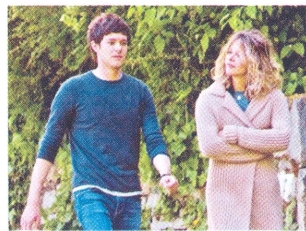
**Year of the Dog**  
Starring Molly Shannon,  
Peter Sarsgaard (April 13)

Shannon delivers a sensitive performance as a single secretary whose world turns upside down when her dog dies.



**The Nanny Diaries**  
Starring Scarlett Johansson,  
Chris Evans (April 20)

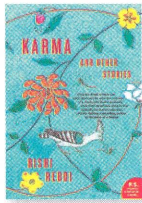
Johansson, though a lowly nanny, proves irresistible to her neighbor (Evans). Laura Linney and Paul Giamatti are genius as the terrible Park Avenue parents who employ her.



**In the Land of Women**  
Adam Brody, Meg Ryan (April 20)

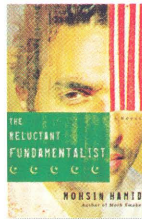
After a breakup, Brody moves in with his aging grandmother to clear his head. Instead he gets involved with the neighbors—a mother (Ryan) and daughter (Kristen Stewart).

## BOOKS



**KARMA**  
Rishi Reddi  
*Ecco/Perennial, \$12.95 (April 1)*  
A young Indian woman falls in love with an arranged suitor in spite of herself. An old woman plots an escape from her son's suburban home. Reddi explores the cultural conflicts.

**THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST** Mohsin

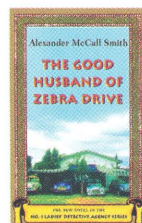


Hamid *Harcourt, \$22 (April 3)*  
This stunning literary mystery tracks the evolution of a young Pakistani living the good life in N.Y.C. who returns to his homeland post-9/11.



**MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS** Dana Vachon  
*Riverhead, \$23.95 (April 5)*  
First-time novelist

Vachon delves into the privileged, high-powered world of investment banking through the eyes of a preppy first-year analyst. A funny romp.



**THE GOOD HUSBAND OF ZEBRA DRIVE** Alexander McCall Smith  
*Pantheon, \$21.95 (April 17)*  
The eighth book in the series finds Mma Ramotswa, founder of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency in Botswana, allowing her husband to take on his first case. Delightful as ever.

## TV



**The Bachelor**  
Starring Andy Baldwin, ABC,  
premieres Mon., April 2,  
9:30 p.m.

In its 10th season, the stalwart series keeps looking for love. This time, the eligible guy is Andy Baldwin, a naval officer, M.D. and world-class triathlete. Tune in for drama and romance.



**Entourage** Starring Kevin Connolly, Adrian Grenier, Jeremy Piven, HBO, returns Sun., April 8, 10 p.m.

Fans were stunned last season when Vince (Grenier) fired his agent, Ari (Piven). But don't worry, Ari's trying to scheme his way back into the posse.



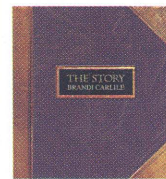
**Drive** Starring Taryn Manning, Kristin Lehman, FOX, premieres Sun., April 15, 8 p.m.

Strangers take part in a mysterious cross-country race with a \$32 million prize. No one knows who the other competitors are or where the finish line lies. Intrigued? We are.

## MUSIC

**THE STORY**  
Brandi Carlile (April 3)

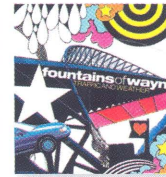
With shades of Melissa Etheridge and Tori Amos, this young folk rocker alternates



between raw emotion and tender melancholy. The title track will leave you breathless.

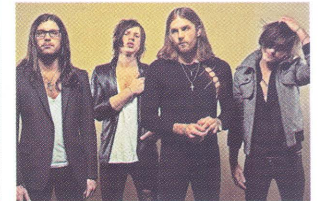
**TRAFFIC AND WEATHER**  
Fountains of Wayne (April 3)

These guys do it the way a pop band should. Tongue-in-cheek lyrics and peppy beats with a '70s cast will keep heads bobbing and hips moving. But switching gears, "Michael and Heather at the Baggage Claim" is sweet and lovely.



**BECAUSE OF THE TIMES**  
Kings of Leon (April 3)

These critically lauded southern boys stay true to their rock roots but lighten up with the uptempo "Ragoo" and gentle "Fans."



**5:55**  
Charlotte Gainsbourg (April 24)

This French singer-actress is sexy and hopelessly chic in style—and her music. Breathy and charmingly accented, her



voice is a perfect backdrop for a sophisticated dinner or cocktail soiree.