

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

BOOKS

Food writer shares delicious surprises

"Comfort Me With Apples," by Ruth Reichl (Random House, \$24.95).

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Reading this memoir by the editor in chief of Gourmet magazine is a little like having dinner at a trailblazing restaurant.

She travels to rural China, sweetly scented Spain, romantic Paris, the sexy stew of Bangkok...

Love and life

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Reichl obviously delights in food, glorious food - in fact, it's a little startling sometimes just how worshipfully she (and her co-workers) regard it.

This is a book with a deliciously satisfying ending, though. Its closing pages may make many readers believe in the old adage that life is full of great surprises...

Appetizing travels

We also get to know some lesser-known lights in Reichl's life - her husband, artist Douglas Hollis; her slightly dotty mother; a few colleagues; and her housemates at a Berkeley commune...

A forkful of scrambled eggs is "like biting off a piece of the sun." Some "Thai soup tastes" as if lemons had once gone gliding through and left their ghosts behind.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Guildings present musical

Take a trip back to the 1970s to discover what happens to fairy-tale heroine Cinderella in "That 70's Cindy (or, If Your Gown Wears Glass Slippers You've Gotta Have Pretty Feet)..."



On stage: Allie Barsamian stars as Cinderella, and Paul Luoma as her Prince, in "That 1970s Cindy."

Show times

Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday at the Players Guild of Dearborn Theatre, 21730 Madison, Dearborn, Michigan through Sunday, July 29.

Written by Guild member and Guildings youth theatre founder Lisa Andrea of Livonia, "That 70's Cindy" is a twist on her own original Cinderella script...

Appealing to everyone

Consistent with her previous musical productions, including Jack, Sleeping Beauty, Aladdin, Pocahontas and last year's award-winning Little Red, That 70's Cindy is written to appeal to both kids and adults.

"Mix The Brady Bunch, Austin Powers and Laugh-In and you get the idea of this year's show: the Cinderella story with the wacky fun of 70's flavor," explains Andrea...

Treat

As a special treat to our young

audiences, Cindy and her friends will invite you to a post-show reception in the theater's club room.

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Table listing various theaters and their current shows, including National Amusements, Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, and others, with show titles and times.