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Mooting the Challenge: Living With Chronic Illness By Audrey Kron (Self published, \$16)

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Audroy Kron is a West Bloomfield medical psychotherapist
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this chronic illness led her to
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In 1992, she self-published
"Aask Audrey," a collection of
question and answer columns
she wrote for the Michigan
Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
newsletter. That book centered
on IBD and its special problems.
Her newest book, "Meeting the
Challenge," (now in its second
printing) addresses chronic illness in general.

Kron begins each book with a
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Kron is a positive person who puts that positive attitude to work in her therapy. But she is not a goody-two-shoes type who thinks anyone who isn't always upbeat is wrong. She accepts that for many dealing with chronic illness is an endless struggle.

Kron begins with a disclaimer that she doesn't offer medical advice, nor is her advice necessarily sanctioned by the foundation. But Kron presents her advice with a combination of her personal experience and professional acumen. Her advice is not

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Her style is down to earth, easy to follow and avoids the simplistic picties of most "positive" medical books. Her book is also well designed and easy to navigate with sections clearly marked so that a person can go directly to questions of most interest to them.

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Kron's books are available by mail by writing her, Audrey Kron, M.A., Center for Coping with Chronic Illness, 7466 Pebble Lane, West Bloomfield, MI 48322-3521, calling (248)626-6960, fax at (248)626-1379. Her website is http://www.chroni-cillness.com

'Suspicious River' shows writer with poet's touch

Suspicious River Laura Kasischke (Mariner Books, \$12, 271 pp.)



This is a high-ly intriguing story, written by a young Michigan author who definitely possesses a way with words. Not surprisingly, she has already pub-lished two col-lections of well-

received poetry, "Wild Brides" and "Housekeep-

"Wild Brides" and "Housekeeping in a Dream."
Having said that, I won't recommend that every reader rushout and yet hold of this debut novel, however. Sometimes, "Suspicious River" makes a Joyce Carol Outes novel seem light and airy by comparison. If rough and bleak and dreary bothers you much, "Suspicious River" is probably a novel you'll want to avoid.
On the other hand, if poetry and stylish use of language and indelible characterization gleamed, this book would glow in the dark.
A promiscuous young woman named Leila works as "the front desk girl" at a musty little place called the Swam Motel, located on the banks of the Suspicious River" in the western ridge of the Michigan mitten. "This plain-but-respectable sanctuary is apily named: Each year, "swams... congregated on the motel lawn like a tea party of rich old women and movie stars."
Early on in the story, we perceive that something about Leila

ar about her life has game terribly wrong. We don't really know what it is, only that it has made this pretty, red-haired woman into a kind of broken 'object,' with a spirit as fragile as dust. To say that she is looking for something that will make her feel alive it putting it midly. To say that she is volunerable the day a nightmare named Gary Jensen signs in as a guest at the Swan is vast understatement. Soon, the leathery, cowboyish Gary appears to become sexually fixated on Leila, and even declares his 'love.' She seems obsessed, too, and her job falls by the wayside, along with her ineffectual husband, and just about everything else in her miserable life. Everything, that is, except the crucial childhood event that has made her the ghostly, hollow shell she is, oddly removed even from her own physical reality.

Arresting as Kasischke's use of the language and turns of phrase may be, the individual portraits she draws on these pages of desolate souls in a desolate milieu (Michigan has never folt so wintry) clearly reveal that this is a poet who knows a great deal about writing fiction.

Even relatively minor characters leave indelible impressions, their vivid reality established quickly in just a few short wordstrokes. Leila's fellow hotel clerk is "wispy as fatigue itself - a scarf of air and smoke, frayed." Emma's young husband, subsisting on carrots and hits of apple, has grown so thin, he's become "like - nothing." A shifty-oyed minister's breath smells "musty and yellow."

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human characters is this story's western Michigan backdrop and the brick-and-pink neon motel, recking of dusty heat or refrigerated air 'like ether.' Even an old hound tethered to a white birch tree and appearing only briefly leaves a lasting impression. This work of fiction also succeeds via an exquisitely careful structure and format. A series of flashbacks so closely intervowen with seenes from the present that it's sometimes hard to tell one from the other reflects the way in which Lella's gory past continues to seep into her limbolike present. Characters from the present in essential ways: sometimes names are shared by two separate characters, sometimes a "costume" is reworn by someone else years later. In a very read sense, "Suspicious River feels now and then like an skow, ghostly rerun of an old television drama, one of these linings you withnessed a long time ago that insinuated itself ind your heart and will never go away.

Last words: An informal, new book discussion series focusing no contemporary mystery fletion is scheduled for the full somestim as Schoolcraft College, starting 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16. The series will trun for 12 weeks, Call the college Continuing Education Office of the series will a run for 12 weeks, Call to re will be Observer & Eccentric ver will be Observer & Eccentric ver will be Observer & Eccentric

tion Unice at 1:34-362-348 details on registration. Modera-tor will be Observer & Eccentric book columnist Victoria Diaz. Victoria Diaz is a Livonia free lance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at 953-2045, then press 1854.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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Rudolf Arnholm, dean of film criticism and professor emeritas at the University of Michigan, reads from his collection "Film Brassys and Criticism," 4-8 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 11; Ira
Konigsberg, professor of film and English at UM signs the new detition of his book "The Complete Film Dictionary" 5-7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18; Michael Moore heats a showing of his new film "The Big One" about his book tour for "Downsite This, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; Michael Moore heats a showing of his new film "The Big One" about his book tour for "Downsite This, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 hosted by Shaman Drum at the Michigan Theatre on Liberty in Ann Arbor, other events at the store, 313
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Lighthouses and Lighthouse Keepers* 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, (fee for admis-sion, door prizes), He will also sign copies of his latest book "The Northern Lights: Lighthouses of the Upper Great Lakes"; Internet demonstration 6:30 p.m.

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