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list price. (Dial Press).

"History of the World" is full of "lush illustrations" and easy-to-read prose, Sapp said, but it also appeals to adults who want to brush up on their history. The book is laid out in timeline fashion, and besides dates, it discusses thematic trends in history. Sapp said she expects the book to be a big seller this holiday season. \$35 list price; \$31.50 at Borders.

"The Big Book For Our Planet" is an "all-star salute" to the planet Earth by 40 writers and artists. Partial proceeds from this "gorgeous" book's sales will benefit

various environmental projects, Sapp said. \$17.99 list price; \$16.20 at Borders.

"The Wainscot Weasel" by Tor Seidler is a "very romantic story" for kids between the ages of 10 and 13, Mannino said. The book tells the story of a weasel who is in love with a fish and saves her from a terrible death by being resourceful. The book is illustrated by Fred Marcellino. \$20. (Harper Collins.)

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"The Giver" by Lois Lowry is another one of Mannino's favorites. It tells the story of a boy who lives in a society that values safety over anything else

"and how he discovers there is a richness to life that is more important than safety," she said. The book is suitable for kids from 12 to 14. \$13.95 list price.

"Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers" is the latest "silly but entertaining" book by Laura Numeroff, author of "If You Give a

Moose a Muffin" and "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." Sapp described it as a "hilarious look at animals imitating people." Kids will love it, she said. \$14; \$12.60 at Borders. (Simon and Schuster).

"From Sea to Shining Sea" is "one of the most wonderfully put-together anthologies I've seen," Mannino said. It brings together American folk tales and folk songs in the context of the times in which they were written and does so with the illustrations of 14 or 15 award-winning book artists. Mannino said it's a "terrific" gift idea for kids 9 years and up and adults. \$29.95 list price. (Scholastic).

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Calendars, from page 18

Audubon, Wilderness Society, Leaky Foundation, Environmental Defense Fund, National Arbor Day Foundation and the Share Our Strengths Organization.

"The page-a-day calendars also have become popular," Barratt added. "I think people like having something different to look at and to read each day."

There's another calendar very popular year after year, according to both Barratt and

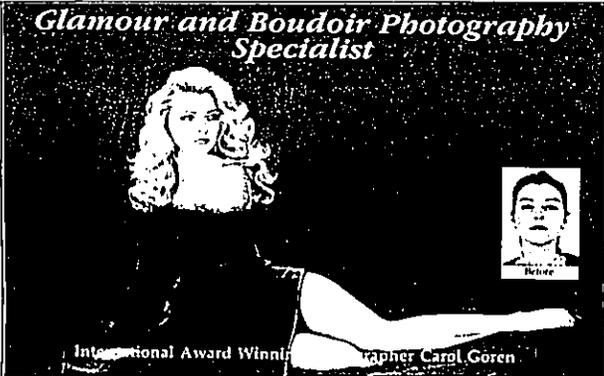
Dubrinsky.

"That is the swimsuit calendar. We always have those and they always are popular," said Dubrinsky, who confessed to already purchasing several different 1994 calendars for herself.

Borders has stores in Birmingham, Utica and Ann Arbor. Barnes and Noble has other stores in Michigan and other states.

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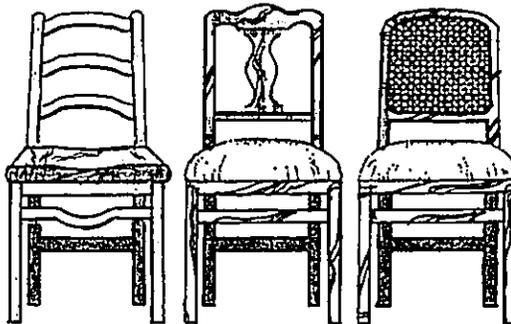
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