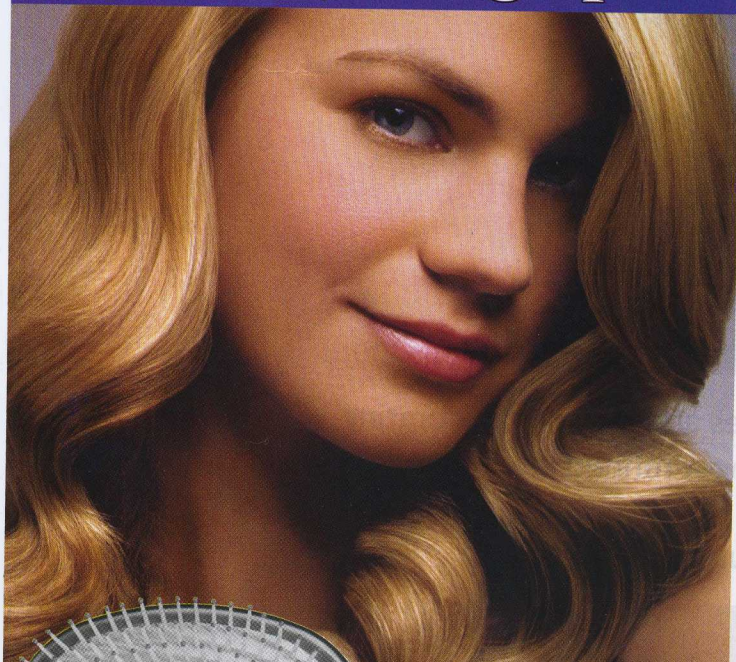




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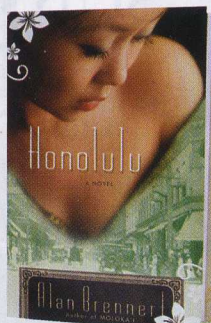
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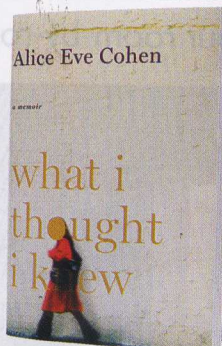
### ELLE'S LETTRES 2009 GRAND PRIX

Once again, 180 discerning ELLE readers picked the very best from among 36 of the year's top titles, including novels by best-selling authors Diane Johnson, Sarah Dunant, Arthur Phillips, and Kate Christensen, and compelling nonfiction by Danzy Senna, Sanjay Gupta, and Norah Vincent. Here are the two books that were voted over all the rest to win this year's literary laurels:



**FICTION WINNER**  
ALAN BRENNERT  
*HONOLULU*  
(ST. MARTIN'S)

A sweeping, meticulously researched saga that sees its plucky heroine, a mistreated but independent-minded Korean mail-order bride, through the highs and lows of life in twentieth-century Hawaii, this book extends our readers' tradition of favoring lush, flavorful historical novels.

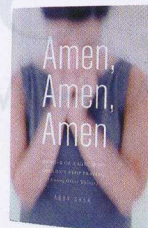


**NONFICTION WINNER**  
ALICE EVE COHEN  
*WHAT I THOUGHT I KNEW*  
(VIKING)

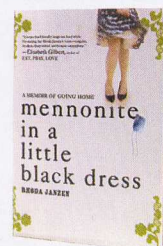
In a year of economic dread and of debate about America's dysfunctional health-care system, this memoir of carrying an unexpected and at-risk pregnancy to term without health

### THE ELLE'S LETTRES READERS' PRIZE 2010

Every month, 15 ELLE readers vote for their favorite book among three new releases we love



**1. ABBY SHER *AMEN, AMEN, AMEN*** (SCRIBNER) The tragic family roots of this journalist, comedian, and scriptwriter's adolescent obsessive compulsion to pray, which blossomed into deeper pathologies, upped the ante in this month's nonfiction round and propelled Sher's moving account to No. 1 for its sheer gravitas.



**2. RHODA JANZEN *MENNONITE IN A LITTLE BLACK DRESS*** (HENRY HOLT)

When the life of this theologian's daughter and English prof came unglued (her husband ran off with a guy; she suffered a debilitating surgical mishap), she had a community to fall back on—one that embraced her return to the fold, gallows humor and all.



**3. ELNA BAKER *THE NEW YORK REGIONAL MORMON SINGLES HALLOWEEN DANCE*** (DUTTON)

Stand-up comedian Baker's book debut plays her romantic coming-of-age mostly for laughs—and what a setup line: Simon-pure Mormon girl comes to NYU and goes Carrie Bradshaw, looking for love in all the wrong places (while keeping the