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Bliss for the Chocoholic



If you're thinking of buying a box of candy for your Valentine, may we suggest a blissful alternative. Designed by Ilene Shane, formerly Ralph Lauren's private chef, SweetBliss chocolates are not your garden-variety truffles or caramel clusters. These gourmet sensations appeal not only to the chocoholic in you, but also to your inner child. Take, for example, the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich (crunchy peanut butter

and grape jelly sandwiched between slabs of Belgian milk chocolate), and the Fluffy Nutty Alien (caramel, peanut butter cookie-dough crumbs, whipped marshmallow, and dark chocolate). They bring new meaning to comfort food.

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Author! Author!

Big-time authors have been making forays into the Palm Beaches of late, and while they may spend time taking in the sunshine, their bigger purpose is to provide illumination.

This month, Dominick Dunne and Christopher Hitchens, two writers whose work appears in *Vanity Fair*, will lecture in West Palm Beach as part of the SunTrust Celebrity Author Series.

Dunne, best known for his coverage of the O.J. Simpson and Michael Skakel trials, and for a dozen novels, lectures Feb. 7 at the Governors Club at Phillips Point. Hitchens, wry political columnist and author of *Why Orwell Matters*, speaks Feb. 24 at The Harriet Himmel Gilman Theater at CityPlace and Feb. 27 at Addison Reserve in Delray Beach. (561-471-2901)

— Bob Brink