

Stuff We Think You'll Like ...

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Books

Exploring Evil

In *The Castle in the Forest* (Random House; \$28), one of America's greatest writers, Norman Mailer, wrestles with one of history's



worst monsters, Adolf Hitler. A blend of fact and fiction, the novel delves into the incestuous

couplings and Freudian desires that shaped the future führer. Angela Lambert's new biography, *The Lost Life of Eva Braun* (St. Martin's; \$30) seeks to answer the many questions surrounding Hitler's mistress. Both books help in our struggle to understand the essence of evil.

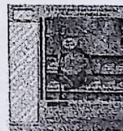
CDS

Jazz Hands

Jazz legend Duke Ellington had a 29-year collaboration with Billy Strayhorn, who composed tunes like "Take the A Train" for Duke's orchestra. This month, current jazz stars such as Joe Lovano and Dianne Reeves honor the prolific pianist with inspired interpretations of his work on *Billy Strayhorn: Lush Life* (Blue Note; \$18).



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