

watch it

Joel Bissonnette

"A burnin' love god." That's what one insider at CBC's *Liberty Street* says, admiring a publicity still of Joel Bissonnette. As one of the stars of Canadian TV's kinder, gentler *Melrose Place*, this introspective young Toronto actor is showing distinct himbo potential.

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- Hobbies:** "Writing, walking the dog, wondering why *The Rockford Files* is still on television."
- Favorite Toothpaste:** Aquafresh. "The way the three colors blend is excellent."
- Favorite Book:** *Geek Love* by Katherine Dunn
- Favorite Cologne:** "Cologne is for wimps."
- What's In His Fridge:** "Fake tartufo, three loaves of bread and Minute Maid lemonade."
- The Word On His Latest Relationship:** "Over."
- Why People Should Catch The Show:** "It's got lots of great, funny people. And because I said so."



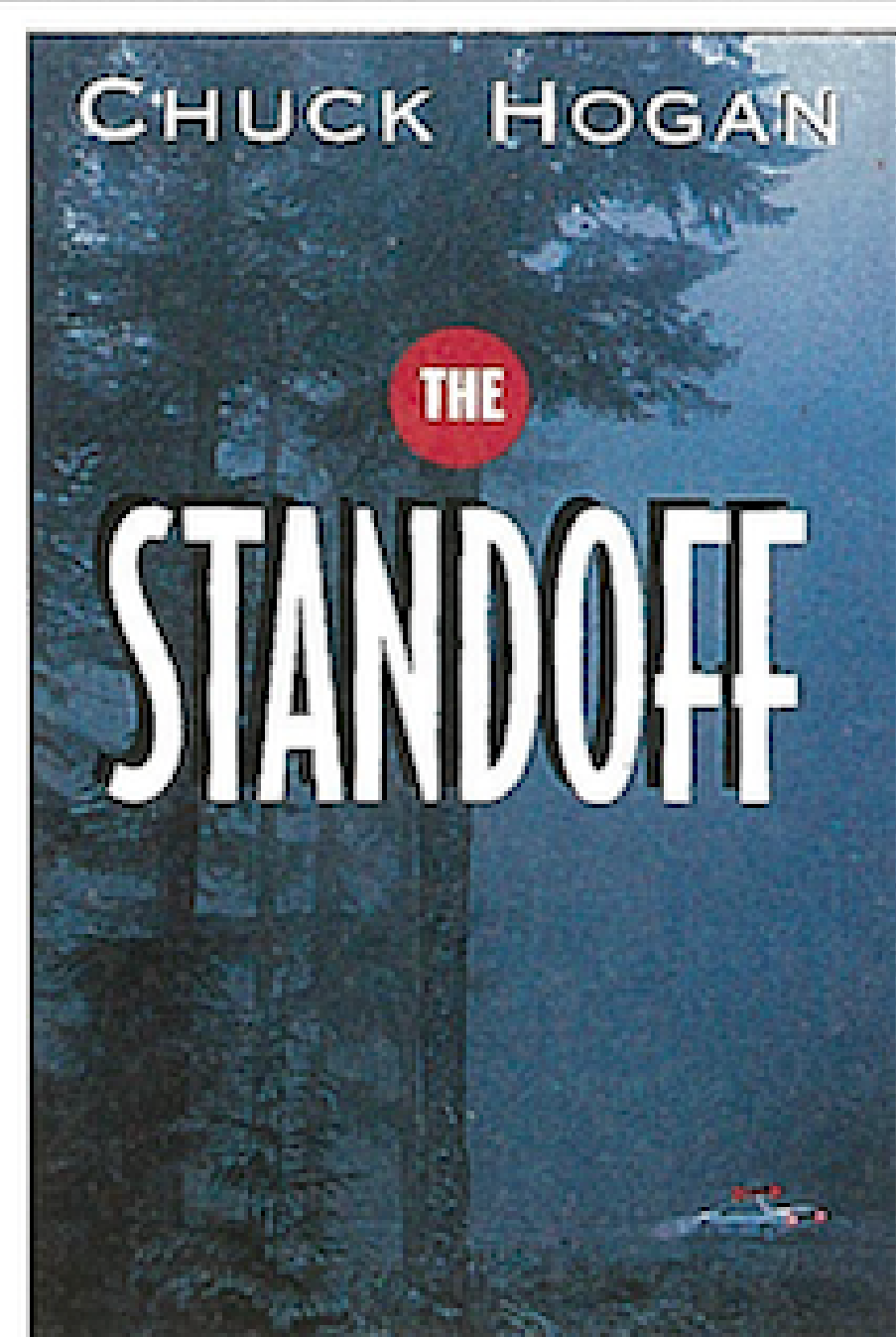
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Must be a sign 'o' the times. First it was Liz and Cher, now The Very Strange Artist Formerly Known As Prince has lent his name (well, symbol) to a new fragrance for both men and women. The scent, dubbed Get Wild, after the song his New Power Generation contributed to the *Ready To Wear* soundtrack, is available only at the N.P.G. stores in Minneapolis and London, or by phoning (800) NEW-FUNK. And the secret ingredient to this essence of love? We don't know—and we don't want to.

read it

Stand By Chuck

Roll over John Grisham and tell Michael Crichton the news: there's a new kid in thriller town—and we do mean kid. At 26, Chuck Hogan has written a gripping first novel, *The Standoff* (Doubleday), about a battle of wills between a dangerous fugitive barricaded in a secluded mountaintop cabin, and the brilliant but troubled FBI special agent sent to defuse the situation. Hollywood has already snapped up the screen rights, so you *could* just wait for the movie. Our advice: don't.



Watch Out For...

...Women with a past. In *Dolores Claiborne* (adapted from the Stephen King novel), Kathy Bates and Jennifer Jason Leigh play a mother and daughter who share a dark secret. From Castle Rock



In *Losing Isaiah*, Halle Berry is a recovering crack addict trying to win back custody of the child she abandoned two years earlier—a child since adopted by a social worker, played by Jessica Lange. From Paramount



...A collection of works by legendary director Cecil B. DeMille (among them *Union Pacific*, *Unconquered* and *Reap the Wild Wind*), now out on video. He's ready for his close-up. From MCA

...Canada's bad-boy playwright Brad Fraser. The author of *Unidentified Human Remains* and *the True Nature of Love* and *Poor Super Man* has a deal with—believe it or not—Disney, to create a sci-fi "Generation X" romance called *Beauty*. What would Unca Walt say?

...Rosie O'Donnell in leather, in the video release of *Exit to Eden*. We repeat: Rosie O'Donnell in leather. You have been warned. From HBO Video

...Eclectic casting. *Don Juan DeMarco*, a romantic comedy about a guy who thinks he's the legendary Spanish seducer himself, stars Johnny Depp, Faye Dunaway and the alarmingly rotund Marlon Brando. ("Stella! Get me Jenny Craig's number!") From Alliance

