

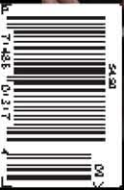
# BlackBook

POP CULTURE UNCORKED!

## POWER FALL

### FASHION

- Claire Danes
- Scarlett Johansson
- Pete Yorn
- Ohne Titel
- Mika
- Kylie Minogue
- Lissy Trullie
- Adam Green
- Paul Iacono
- Diablo Cody
- Monsters of Folk



## THE GREAT ESCAPES

Indulgent intrigue? Certainly. Sexy hideaways? You bet. Eggs Benedict with Marilyn Manson? Probably not. Hedge your bets (not your funds) with the latest and greatest in international decadence. *By Ken Scrudato*



SEA-SPAN:  
La Réserve Ramatuelle

### LA RÉSERVE RAMATUELLE, CÔTE D'AZUR, [larreserve-ramatuelle.com](http://larreserve-ramatuelle.com)

Robert Greenfield's riotous new tome *A Day in the Life* documents the prodigious debauchery that was Mick and Bianca Jagger's wedding in St. Tropez. Thankfully, little has changed, but if you're disinclined to drop a hundred grand on Class A's, the fashionable new La Réserve hotel can likely provide every other extravagance known to man. One of the newest members of the revered Design Hotels collection, it's untroubled by high concepts, with the stark whites and grays of the rooms and public spaces providing a breezy, sexy backdrop for all manner of luxurious indulgences. Indeed, there are almost as many spa rooms (13) as there are rooms (23); there's also a private chef for hire, and on-site fangothérapie, for those looking to get dirty.



BERGER JOINT:  
Michelberger Hotel  
**MICHELBERGER HOTEL**  
BERLIN, [michelbergerhotel.com](http://michelbergerhotel.com)

Since booking a posh hotel in East Berlin would be like bringing foie gras on a camping trip, the opening of another endearingly peculiar inn for creative types seems perfectly reasonable. The Michelberger is about as boho as they come: founder Tom Michelberger literally put his friends to work building it, then enlisted designer Werner Aisslinger for style sans extravagance. Rooms exude barracks-chic—but with lively wallpaper, handmade wooden furniture and bright yellow curtains. Public spaces feel like art studios set up in bombed-out industrial buildings, which is totally spot-on for the hip art-colony neighborhood of Friedrichshain. Rates start at an appropriately bolshie \$84.



BULL'S-EYE:  
Ames Hotel.  
**AMES HOTEL, BOSTON**  
[ameshotel.com](http://ameshotel.com)

Morgans Hotel Group, the New York-based purveyors of scenester sleeps, have taken their act to Beantown. The Ames doesn't skimp on the brand's signature flamboyance, yet it definitively nods to their unflappable sense of tradition. Housed in the 19th-century Romanesque-Byzantine Ames House, designer David Rockwell's histrionic interiors (glitzy mirrored chandeliers, ghostly illusions) contrast extant elements like the lobby's dramatic marble-and-brass staircase and magnificent vaulted mosaic ceiling. The Woodward restaurant entertains patrons with its cryptically curated, Victorian-inspired "Cabinet of Curiosities"—which, we can only hope, will initiate an entire wave of macabre-chic.