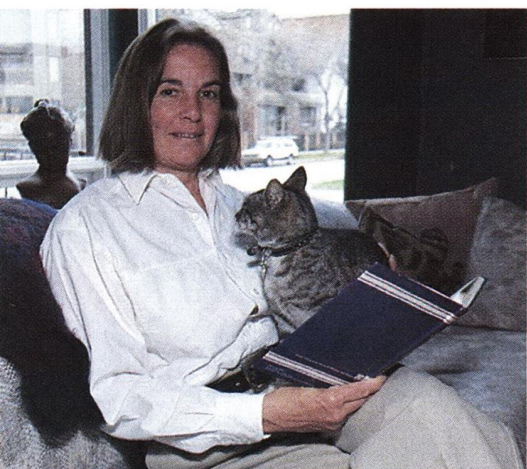


## Gay redemption

Even before its official release this week, *No Previous Experience* has created quite a buzz. Its author, after all, is Elspeth Cameron, a respected English professor at the University of Toronto and award-winning biographer, and it is not everyday that someone in her position is so forthright. Not only does Cameron, 54, describe in vivid detail how she fell in love with a woman—her lover is Janice Dickinson, 50, another well-known academic (she teaches Canadian studies and law at the University of Calgary), with whom she now lives part time—but Cameron also writes about the disintegration of her troubled third marriage, to York University history professor Paul Lovejoy. An increasingly familiar tale of the times.

**Cameron: from marital woe to lesbian love**



DAVE BUSTIN FOR MACLEAN'S

## Quebec illuminated

With its old-world charm, Quebec City has long been one of North America's top tourist destinations. But a project now under review may one day shed a whole new light on the city's attractions. In late April, a delegation of seven officials from three levels of government, as well as from Hydro Quebec and Quebec's National Capital Commission, spent a week in Lyon, France, studying its unique, \$15-million urban lighting system. In the early 1980s, French architect Alain Guilhot devised a plan to illuminate more than 250 of the ancient city's restored buildings and bridges on a rotating schedule with daylight-bright lights. According to at least one of the recently returned fact-finders, Lyon's nightly light show could—and should—be repeated in Quebec City. "We're a northern city that's dark by 4 p.m. in the winter," says commission spokesman Denis Angers. "Imagine if we really lit up the streets, buildings and fortified walls in the old part of the city. It would add a completely new nocturnal charm." It would also, Angers hopes, entice tourists to stay longer: "It's very exciting to think about the possibilities."

## BEST-SELLERS

### FICTION

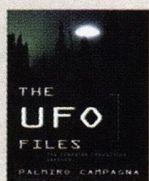
1. *The Echo*, Minette Walters (2)
2. *Birds of Prey*, Wilbur Smith (5)
3. *The Partner*, John Grisham (5)
4. *Fall on Your Knees*, Ann-Marie MacDonald (3)
5. *Gut Symmetries*, Jeanette Winterson (4)
6. *Dust to Dust*, Timothy Findley (8)
7. *Alias Grace*, Margaret Atwood (1)
8. *The Ranch*, Danielle Steel (7)
9. *Drums of Autumn*, Diana Gabaldon (10)
10. *The Englishman's Boy*, Guy Vanderhaeghe (9)

### NONFICTION

1. *Boom, Bust & Echo*, David Foot and Daniel Stoffman (2)
2. *Angela's Ashes*, Frank McCourt (1)
3. *Simple Abundance*, Sarah Ban Breathnach (3)
4. *Eight Weeks to Optimum Health*, Andrew Weil (4)
5. *Sex in the Snow*, Michael Adams (5)
6. *Career Intelligence*, Barbara Moses
7. *The Princess: Machiavelli for Women*, Harriet Rubin
8. *Personal History*, Katherine Graham (10)
9. *Deadly Feasts*, Richard Rhodes (7)
10. *Byron*, Phyllis Grosskurth (8)

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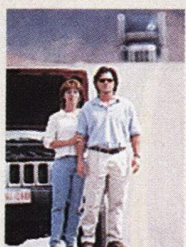
## All about flying saucers



Ottawa author Palmiro Campagna, who wrote *Storms of Controversy: The Secret Avro Arrow Files Revealed*, again claims to have top-secret dossiers on dubious government practices. In *The UFO Files: The Canadian Connection Exposed*, he sets out to expose what Ottawa really knows about extraterrestrials.

## POP MOVIES

### More than car trouble



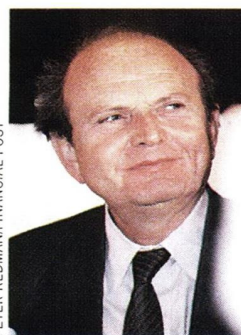
The suspense thriller *Breakdown* preys on the paranoia of having one's car break down on a back road in the middle of nowhere. When an average couple, Jeff (Kurt Russell) and Amy (Kathleen Quinlan) Taylor, are stranded in the desert in the American Southwest, the results are terrifying.

Top movies in Canada, ranked according to box-office receipts during the seven days that ended on May 1. (In brackets: numbers of screens/weeks showing.)

1. *Volcano* (157/1) .....\$1,535,930
2. *Liar Liar* (153/6) .....\$779,850
3. *Romy and Michelle's Reunion* (86/1) .....\$733,240
4. *The Saint* (128/4) .....\$597,480
5. *Murder at 1600* (124/2) .....\$527,430
6. *Anaconda* (118/3) .....\$388,510
7. *Grosse Pointe Blank* (67/3) .....\$357,760
8. *The Devil's Own* (77/6) .....\$120,650
9. *Paradise Road* (25/1) .....\$119,520
10. *The English Patient* (36/24) .....\$103,990

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# Passages



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**DIED:** Bay Street financier and philanthropist **Andrew Sarlos**, 65, of heart failure, in Toronto (page 50). Born in Budapest, Sarlos fled when Soviet tanks quashed Hungary's 1956 rebellion. Sarlos, who had an economics

degree from the University of Budapest, arrived penniless in Saint John, N.B., in 1957, but soon landed a position with the engineering firm Bechtel Canada. Then, in 1970, as head of Acres Ltd.'s merchant banking group, he began making the strategic forays into stock markets for which he became famous. Striking out on his own in the early 1970s, Sarlos racked up \$200 million through his investment company, HCI Holdings Ltd. It nearly went bankrupt in the 1982 recession, but undeterred, Sarlos paid his debts and rebuilt his fortune. When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Sarlos founded the First Hungary Fund, a venture capital enterprise that is fuelling many Hungarian businesses.

**RULED:** That paranoid schizophrenic **Jeffrey Arenburg**, 40, was not criminally responsible for the 1995 shooting death of Ottawa sportscaster **Brian Smith**, 54; by an Ottawa court. Arenburg will undergo further assessment to determine sentencing.

**RESIGNED:** Montreal Canadiens coach **Mario Tremblay**, 40, three days after the New Jersey Devils eliminated his team from the Stanley Cup playoffs.

**DIED:** Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist **Mike Royko**, 64, of *The Chicago Tribune*; after suffering an aneurysm, in Chicago.

**RESIGNING:** Justice **Jules Deschênes**, 73, from his 1993 judicial appointment to the United Nations' International Tribunal on War Crimes in former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; for undisclosed health reasons.

**AWARDED:** The Commonwealth Writers best first book prize, to Canadian author **Ann-Marie MacDonald**, 38, for her best-seller, *Fall on Your Knees*; in London.

**SUSPENDED:** Buffalo Sabres star goaltender **Dominik Hasek**, 32, for three games, by the NHL, after Hasek attacked a *Buffalo News* reporter critical of his actions; in New York City.