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## Worth reading

More blogs about **pop culture**.



**Best CD I heard:** *Reconstruction*, the new live disc from [Scott Miller & the Commonwealth](#). (It comes out April 10.) I'm a longtime fan of Miller, who also has roots in Virginia and Tennessee. He writes these great Southern rock 'n' roll songs that just make you want to drink buckets of beer and tell stories until 3 in the morning. For awhile his band was the house band on Comedy Central's *Blue Collar Comedy* show, but now they're back to doing what they do best. Favorite songs: *Arianne* and *Godd--n the Sun*.  
**I'm also listening to:** SXSW performances, **The Gossip's** *Standing in the Way of Control*, old *This American Life* episodes, **Neil Young's** *Live at Massey Hall*

**Best book I read:** I just read the first volume of **Bill Willingham's** *Jack of Fables*, and it was amazing! I know I've written about the *Fables* series before -- this adventure puts Jack (of the beanstalk and other stories) in a completely new setting. Humpty Dumpty guest stars.

**I'm also reading:** **Paula Deen's** memoir (it comes out next month), *The Call of the Weird* by **Louis Theroux**.

Feel free to share your own recommendations as well ...

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## HBO examines 'Addiction'

Last night HBO premiered *Addiction*, a documentary that examines the state of addiction in America. I probably shouldn't call it one film, though, because *Addiction* is actually a compilation of several short pieces by accomplished documentary filmmakers, including **D.A. Pennebaker**, **Albert Maysles**, **Rory Kennedy** and **Barbara Kopple**.

Another thing that makes the project especially unique is that HBO decided to post [the entire thing online](#). Right now on HBO.com you can watch all of the filmmakers' short films, along with an enormous amount of bonus material (30 hours of video in all), including helpful research and information about diagnosis, treatment and recovery for all types of addictions.

If you prefer to watch the series on the big screen, HBO still plans to [air the show](#) on its various channels.

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## AI and Seth, friends (and playboys)

I like these "Artist on Artist" videos MySpace has been posting -- [here's one](#) where **Seth Green** and **"Weird Al" Yankovic** interview each other about loud music, *Robot Chicken* and the Playboy Mansion. (One tip for MySpace, though: The next time they do one of these, could they please tone down the cheesy, porn-like background music?) Thanks to Zack S. for the tip.

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## Are you passionate about fonts?

One documentary that premiered at South by Southwest this week is called *Helvetica*, and it's exactly what it sounds like: a movie about a typeface. [Go here](#) to watch some clips, and check out [this list](#) of upcoming screenings.

Pop reader Amanda P. pointed me to [this contest](#) that's giving away a movie poster to the person who writes the best Helvetica haiku. The deadline is March 23, and so far it looks like only one person has entered. Good luck!

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## 'Lost' in a flash: Comments of the week

Don't have time to read this week's [Lost discussion thread](#)? Here are a few of the highlights. All comments are unedited and appear in the order they were posted:

1. **tza79** wrote:

We have heard alot about twins on Lost before. I know it seems a bit cliché but **could that be Jack's twin** who is ingrained in the other society?

2. **Jpdecoux** wrote: **The twin theory is entirely plausible** and here's why:

1. Jack is shown without any visible forearm tatoo the entire first three and 5/8th seasons.

2. In the final seconds of this week's episode, Jack is shown to have a brand new forearm-area tattoo. Either the "hostiles" or "others" have a tattoo parlor with a much accomplished artist, or this is Jack's "twin". I have no reason to believe that there should be any twin of any kind on the island, but it would be cool if there were. A man can dream...