Been, 7 p.m. March 20, at Left Bank Books in the Central West End. The book, about a baseball player dealing with the aftermath of a failed career, won a starred critique in the prestigious *Kirkus Reviews*. It's also reviewed in the March *Reader's Digest*, with the first chapter available as an iPad app.

[JUST IN TIME FOR ST. PAT'S]

More than 35 women of faith and character are featured in *Wise Irish Women*, a new book by Patricia Kagerer and Laura Gordon. Among the most inspiring is Sr. Mary Anne Owens, a first-generation Irish-American who now lives in St. Louis. Known as 'a warrior for the poor,' she currently serves as leader of School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Central Pacific Province, overseeing nuns in four cities, including Dallas and St. Louis.

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Rep. Russ Carnahan, acting on behalf of the French