

Deep Diversions

Faith & Family is looking out for parents' interests too! Here are a few finds:

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by DARIA SOCKEY

In This House of Brede

Philippa Talbot is a sophisticated London career woman who makes a shocking career change — she enters a cloistered Benedictine convent. Philippa's spiritual journey, which includes coming to terms with her flaws, her strengths, and her past, is as gripping

as any adventure novel I've ever read. And along the way we get a detailed picture of life in a cloistered convent, with a cast of some 30 fascinating women, not all of whom the reader will like, but all of whom seem utterly true to life. Author Rumer Godden spent three years living next door to a real Benedictine Abbey while she did her research, and converted to the Catholic faith in the process. Her style — frequently jumping backwards and forwards in time and inserting the comments of various characters on the story's events — gives it almost a documentary flavor. This 1969 bestseller has been among one of my all-time favorites, and now it's back in print thanks to Loyola Press' new Classics series.

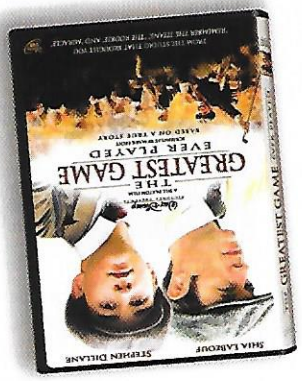
In This House of Brede by Rumer Godden (\$13.95), from LoyolaBooks.org



Golf Rules

I'm not into golf whatsoever, so I thought the title of this movie was probably highly exaggerated. But what made *The Greatest Game Ever Played* a good

movie — as is usual with sports pictures — was the human interest tale behind the game. It's the true story of a working-class youth who ends up winning a major golf tournament at a time when the sport was considered solely the turf of wealthy country-clubbers. Our hero and his precocious 10-year-old caddy show all the snobs and naysayers what he's



The Greatest Game Ever Played (DVD, \$29.99), from Amazon.com.

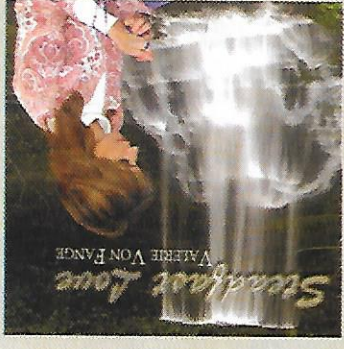
made of. Even if you're not a golf fan, this movie makes the sport exciting. It's a clean, family picture with no need for parents to preview — great stuff for your next family movie night.

Nesting Goodies

I stayed up far later than I should have browsing through all the ideas on HomeMadeSimple.com — the mega-center for “simple solutions for your home.” There are tons of tips in each of five categories: Organization,

Steadfast Love

A new kind of songstress has appeared on the scene. Valerie Von Fange's *Steadfast Love* combines an eclectic musical repertoire of Irish, Latin, folk, and



bluegrass tunes with lyrics inspired by her personal experience of the Catholic faith working in her life. *Steadfast Love* showcases Val's soothing melodies in songs like “I'm On My Way,” which reminiscences about the final days of a close family friend, and “Till Trouble Do Us Part,” an exploration of the predominance of divorce in today's society. You can listen to samples at ValVonFange.com.

Steadfast Love (CD, \$12.74), from CatholicMusicNetwork.com. — Grace Bebe