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If spilling into the mainstream betokens a subculture losing its allure, Kilpatrick's cute compendium may be sounding the death knell for goth. Kilpatrick plucked "ninety-five anonymous goths" off the Net to answer 125 questions and thereby serve as "*The [cross] Section*" responsible for the findings in a book that caused-- "fortunately for me," she notes--"a bidding war . . . among several publishers." Her informants often sent photographs, many of which accompany snippets of their responses in some of the book's dandy marginalia. Although very much about and for contemporary embracers of the goth lifestyle, this is a user-friendly tome that briefly addresses the historical, big-g Goths, drawing parallels and illuminating influences on today's small-g goths. Not that it's all serious historical analysis. Among the delicious contemporary topics covered are "Cemetery Picnics and Other Diversions," "Sex and the Single goth," and "Existential Questions for goth Bar-and-club Owners." Summarizes Kilpatrick, "Nobody knows what modern goth is about, but the simplest truth is this: Goth is a state of mind." *Mike Tribby*

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Bestselling author **Nancy Kilpatrick** has published 14 novels, over 125 short stories, and has edited 8 anthologies. Her series include *The Darker Passions*, the *Power of the Blood* and *As One Dead*. Winner of the Arthur Ellis Award for best mystery story, her work of horror has also been a Bram Stoker Aurora Award finalist many times. For over 25 years, Nancy has been involved with the goth scene. She and her black cat Bella make their home in Montreal.

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