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THE BEAUTY EXPERT

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## BEAUTY REPORTER

### Smell This

## Love Potion

Passionate trysts have kept Danielle Steel's readers breathless for years. But her newest affair, the fragrance Danielle by Danielle Steel, draws on mandarin orange, butterfly jasmine, and white amber to radiate "richness and romance," according to the press release. We took the scent to a meeting of the Romance Writers of America in New York City to see if it made these storytellers swoon.

—ELLEN MILLER



"It reminds me of a green field full of flowers."

—Michelle Yu, writer



"This smells zingy and fresh; it's better for day."

—Megan Frampton, writer



"Like her novels, it has a burst of conflict with a happy ending."

—Patti Mikuloff, writer



SKIN SOLUTIONS

## Full Service

**W**e like the idea of bee-stung lips, but not the burning sensation many plumpers cause. The latest ones aim to inflate with gentle anti-aging ingredients rather than irritating cinnamon or pepper. Bliss Spiff Upper Lip relies on retinol with alpha arbutin to help lighten spots around the mouth. Estée Lauder Perfectionist Correcting Concentrate for Lip Lines is peptide-rich to smooth creases. And Prescriptives Intensive Rebuilding Lip Shaper has hyaluronic acid for fine lines. Dermatologist David E. Bank was impressed with some of the ingredients in the products, but stipulated that "their effects won't be noticeable from across the room."

**Bottom Line:** The mess-free pens are a snap to apply and don't sting the skin on our lips the way some of the harsher plumpers do.

—LIZ KRIEGER

### Personal Shopper

## EUROPEAN IMPORTS

Like a pampered socialite, Walgreens is now flush with beauty products from abroad. Sevens of Europe's top skin- and body-care lines are available at a boutique in the pharmacy, complete with beauty advisors, testing stations, and special silver shopping bags. We check out the merchandise.

—ARI MOLLAR

**Artéco Wellfett Lemongrass Cooling Gel.** From the country known for Birkenstocks comes a Bavarian foot gel with lemongrass extract to eliminate odor and tingly peppermint to relieve tired muscles. \$20.



**La Flor Organique Anti-Aging Oil.** Fresh rose hips and geranium flowers are ground into this Provencal remedy—rub a few drops on the face and neck to smooth fine lines. \$35.

**Instill Arousal Paris Thermo-Active Body Conditioning Gel.** French women have been slathering on this brand's creams since the 1940s. This gel has horse chestnut to firm skin and prevent dimply derrières. \$20.



Infused mask can help firm up sagging skin. \$25.



**Skincode Switzerland Essentials Protective Day Cream.** Created by chemists in Zurich, this nonsongrass cream shields the face from free radicals and UV rays. \$35.

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**SHOPPING GUIDE:** Bliss, bliss.com. Danielle Steel, dsacs.com. Estée Lauder, estelauder.com. Prescriptives, prescriptives.com. Walgreens, walgreens.com.