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*"Write it on your heart that  
every day is the best day of  
the year."*  
—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## *10 Things to a New You in the New Year*

**Hinsdale's "Perfect Pair" Kirsten Cunningham and Mary Anne Calzolano will help you revamp your closet or address any fashion emergency in 2015**



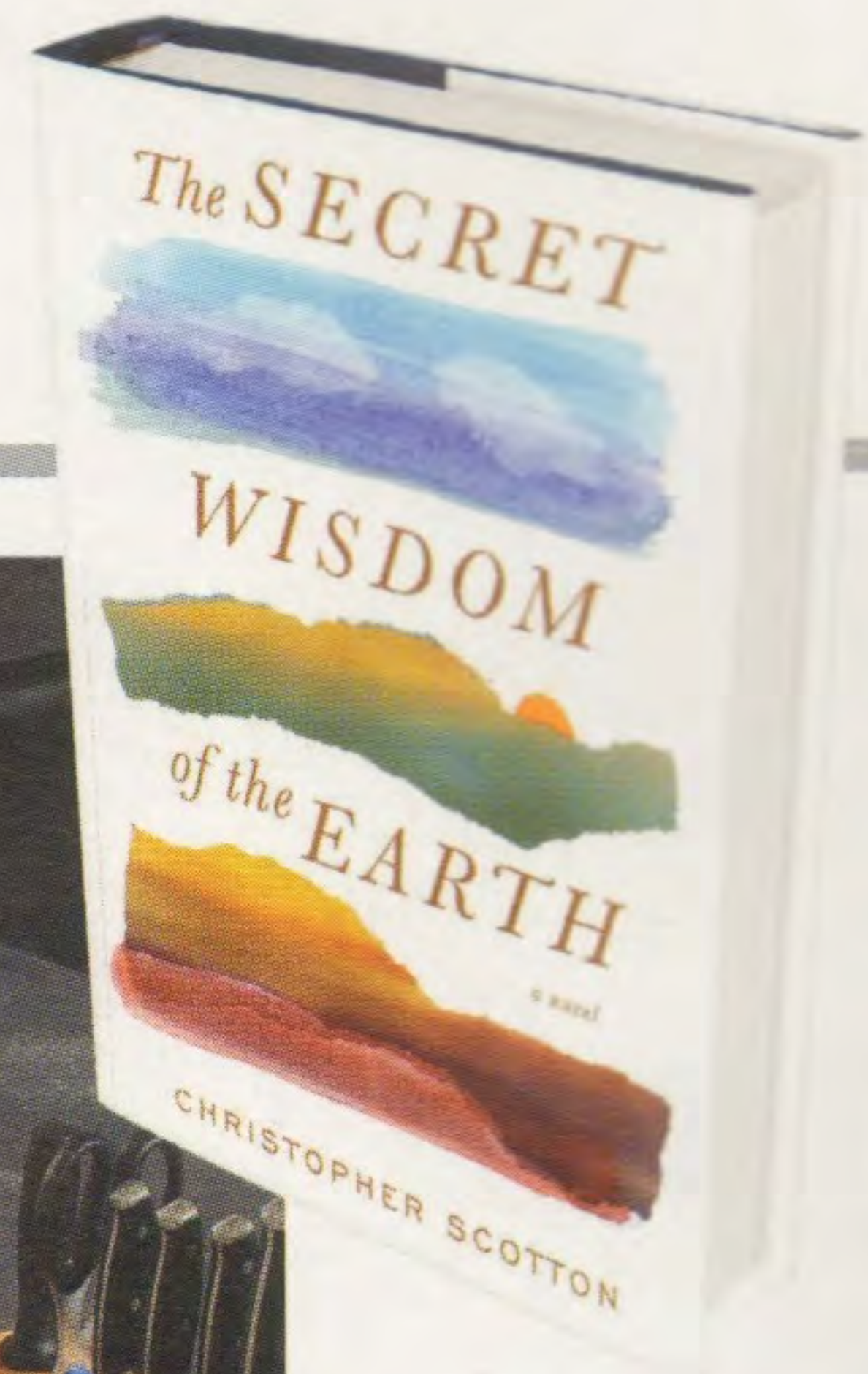
# Hill Loves

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## Refresh It

Sometimes the best way to kick off the New Year is with a home improvement. The new Galley Collection of Ideal Workstations (IWS) satisfies the desires of all who enjoy the art and activity of preparing a meal with family and friends, but don't want to compromise on aesthetic or space in the kitchen. Offered exclusively by **Hydrology**, the IWS is skillfully manufactured in America and boasts a design and functionality unparalleled in the marketplace. As functional as it is fashionable, the IWS accommodates the growing list of demands for the hub of the home. Available in various sizes ranging from two to seven foot lengths, there is a convenient IWS for every homeowner's needs. Each stylish and smart IWS includes a 16-gauge stainless steel double-tier kitchen sink with the highest quality Angel Finish. The 10" deep reversible sink with side drain maximizes usable storage under the sink and allows for a convenient left or right side drain location. Accompanied by a state-of-the-art culinary kit of interchangeable accessories such as deluxe colanders, cutting boards, condiment and appetizer serving boards, and drain racks, homeowners are well-equipped for every culinary and entertaining need. Each accessory, which is available in natural bamboo or restaurant-grade high-density white or black resin, easily slides above and below each other on the upper and lower tiers of the sink making preparing, serving and cleaning up effortless, efficient and enjoyable. If installed facing outward, the person preparing the meal can easily continue to entertain while cooking. Furthermore, the chef can invite others to join in the fun with the larger models allowing for multiple people to work comfortably side-by-side. With the IWS, your kitchen and lifestyle will be reinvented. What a way to start the new year! *Hydrology is located at 435 N. LaSalle Street in Chicago (one block northeast of the Merchandise Mart), 312-832-9000.*



## Read It

After witnessing the death of his younger brother in a terrible home

accident, 14-year-old Kevin and his grieving mother are sent for the summer to live with Kevin's grandfather. In this peeled-pain coal town deep in Appalachia,

Kevin quickly falls in with a half-wild hollow kid named Buzzy Fink who schools him in the mysteries and majesty of the woods. The events of this fateful summer will affect the entire town of Medgar, Kentucky. Medgar is beset by a massive Mountain Removal operation that is blowing up the hills and back filling the hollows. Kevin's grandfather and others in town attempt to rally the citizens against the 'company' and its powerful owners to stop the plunder of their mountain heritage. When Buzzy witnesses the brutal murder of the opposition leader, a sequence is set in play which tests Buzzy and Kevin to their absolute limits in an epic struggle for survival in the Kentucky mountains. Redemptive and emotionally resonant, *The Secret Wisdom of the Earth* by Christopher Scotton is narrated by an adult Kevin looking back on the summer when he sloughed the coverings of a boy and took his first faltering steps as a man among a rich cast of characters and an ambitious effort to reclaim a once-great community.



## Glam It

From the studio we've come to know for its fantastic classic lashes and brows is a new service in the new year. **Occhi' Lash & Brow Studio** is happy to welcome makeup artist **Melanie Rizzo** to its staff. Melanie has been a makeup artist for the past 14 years. Her experience helps her create a flawless makeup look that captures her client's beauty at its best. Melanie received her formal makeup training at the prestigious Westmore Academy in Burbank, California. While in Los Angeles, Melanie had the opportunity to work for renowned makeup artist Bobbie Joy and provide expert service to the high-end clientele at her studio in Beverly Hills. Melanie will be available to make you an even better version of yourself on Thursdays through Saturdays. To make an appointment with Melanie at Occhi' Lash & Brow Studio, call 630-785-6668 or visit [occhilashes.com](http://occhilashes.com). They're located at 17W580 Butterfield Road in Oak Brook Terrace.



# The ART of HYDROLOGY

Water rediscovered, one faucet at a time.

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A team of doctors from Brazil—a husband-wife team, actually—flew to Chicago for a medical conference in 2007. Shortly after arriving, while driving near the Merchandise Mart, they noticed Hydrology, the destination for high fashion, state-of-the-art bath and kitchen furnishings.

Their jaws came close to hitting the car's floor mats.

They had to stop.

They then entered Hydrology's extraordinary 6,000 square-foot showroom.

"They never made it to the convention," recalls David Kotowsky, who co-owns Hydrology with his older brother, Michael. "They got caught up with all our unique and fashionable designs, as well as the Hydrology experience—they were building their dream home in Brazil."

Hydrology's passion and beautiful products, along with a showroom experience like nowhere else, does not just attract homeowners (or visiting doctors from Brazil). Hydrology's collections are coveted by private clients, architects and designers, and commercial developers. The company's deeply knowledgeable, well-trained team of 25 has sold and managed projects throughout the country and around the world, including many luxury hotels and elite private residences.

"We have a passion for fine design, and our collection is pure, original and authentic. But it takes more than having passion and a good eye to succeed in this very technical industry. Our superior customer service and technical support teams are uniquely able to support our clients' projects every step of the way, from concept through completion and well beyond."

The Kotowsky brothers started in the plumbing supply business establishing The Advantage Plumbing Group in 1992. What triggered the siblings to establish Hydrology was a need—a glaring need.

"Nobody was doing it right," David says. "Everybody was offering a hodgepodge of products. Quality and design were being compromised," he adds. "Our clients don't settle for ordinary or average. They are making a long-term investment. Quality matters. Design matters. Our clients want pure, original, and authentic designs and service that will last a lifetime. We stand behind our products with our exclusive Lifetime Advantage™ warranty."

Hydrology travels all over the world discovering the latest designs and finest manufactures. The company has collaborated with the German manufacturer Dornbracht to build an otherworldly shower experience, and it partnered with the Italian firm Fantini on the very successful Milano H shower collection. In 2014, Hydrology rolled out a new



David Kotowsky

industrial-look faucet collection developed with a well-known Chicago designer.

Hydrology also creates its own exclusive line of products. "Due to the recent economic downturn, most well known mass-market brands have significantly reduced their quality and design in order to offer low-priced products. These products do not meet our strict quality and design standards. This is why, with our expertise and resources, we have created and designed the Hydrology Collection of bath, wellness and kitchen products." Hydrology will launch, in February, puresteel™, a stainless steel line of striking kitchen sinks. It also sets itself apart in the industry with its Pool Collection, a state-of-the-art, hygienic, therapeutic bath line.

Hydrology's Contract M™—a collection of affordable luxury plumbing fixtures—earned raves from its hospitality market. The collection has been so well received that they made it available to their private clients as well.

Kotowsky has found his profession to be a rewarding one, beginning with Hydrology's ability to offer exclusive, fashionable lines—or "cool products," as David succinctly describes—for oft-used spaces.

But nothing tops the look of an overjoyed client after the completion of a Hydrology project.

"Exceeding their expectations is as rewarding as it gets," David says. Clients come to us with their needs and desires. We have the resources and expertise to help them realize their vision."

"Along the way," he adds, "solutions usually have to be created; we do that." ■

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