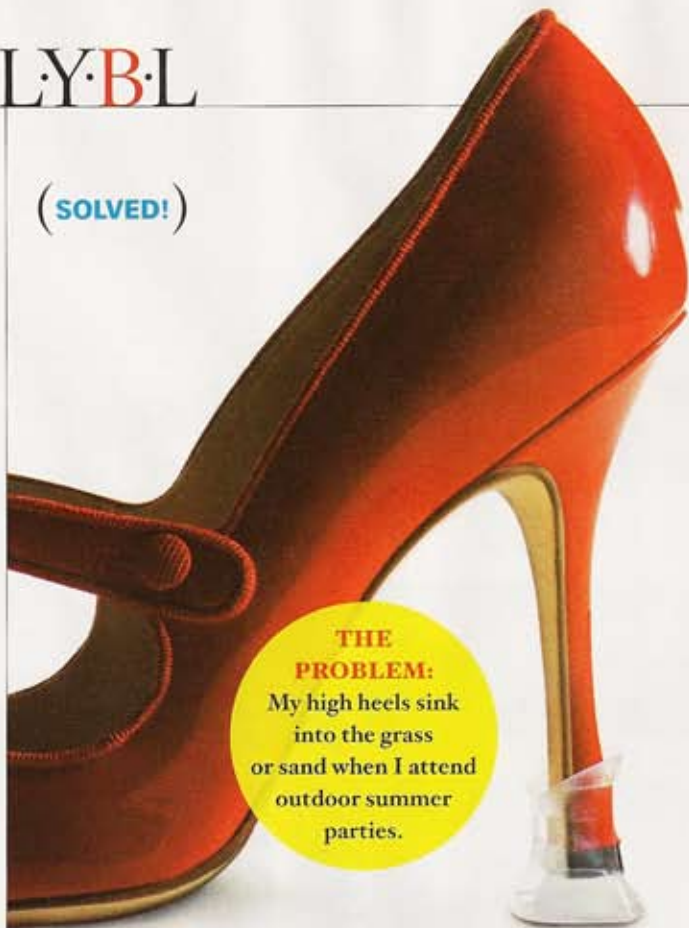
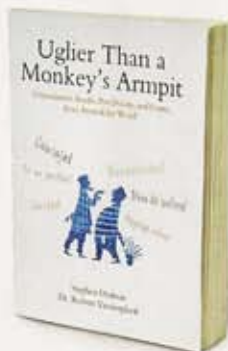


(SOLVED!)



THE PROBLEM:
My high heels sink into the grass or sand when I attend outdoor summer parties.

THE FIX:
Ingenious SoleMates slip over your heels to keep you grounded on all kinds of soft surfaces. They'll also keep you safe from ankle-twisting, ego-bruising altercations with sidewalk grates and cobblestones all year round. (\$10, thesolemates.com)



(THE SPEED READ)

PUT-DOWNS YOU CAN'T PUT DOWN

Praise be to *Uglier Than a Monkey's Armpit*, an addictive new compendium of slights and slams—some bizarre, some downright poetic.

“Child of pudding”:
A Turkish term for someone who's had life too easy.

like a goose into a bottle” and “You look like a cherub who's lost his soap in the bath.”

“We have many trains; some stay at the station.”

“You look as if your bees have flown”:
Charming Czech phrase for someone wearing a vacant, helpless expression. Other Czech slights: “You are staring

“She's coming home with the evening train”:
Finnish expression for someone who's slow to grasp an idea. If the person in question is *really* dense, the verdict is

“The roof has slid off”:
Russian variation on the observation “You've lost your marbles.”

“You are meaner than oleander”:
Spanish insult invoking a bush that's toxic when it grows wild.

(GREAT POURS)

Thinking Inside the Box

WINE IN A BOX used to be the equivalent of ham in a can: best avoided outside of a fallout shelter. But a new wave of premium-quality boxed wines is earning praise from oenophiles, who also love the cool, eco-friendly packaging and long shelf life. O asked Tyler Colman, author of *A Year of Wine: Perfect Pairings, Great Buys, and What to Sip for Each Season*, for his recommendations. —RACHEL MOUNT



FOR A WEEKNIGHT SUPPER
Black Box Sauvignon Blanc (New Zealand, \$25 for three liters)

“It's the one you want to drink on the deck, when it's hot hot hot outside,” Colman says of this bright, citrusy treat. Serve with grilled seafood.

FOR A SUNDAY BRUNCH
Yellow+Blue Rosé (Spain, \$12 for one liter)

“You'll love the summery hints of strawberry in this organic vintage,” Colman proposes a niçoise salad as a breezy lunch match.



FOR A BACKYARD COOKOUT
From The Tank Vin Rouge: Côtes du Rhône (France, \$40 for three liters)

This deep, dark red is produced by a cooperative of family-owned French vineyards. “I'd be very happy to serve this with grilled meats and burgers at my barbecue this summer,” Colman says.

FOR A PICNIC ON THE BEACH
Bandit Chardonnay (California, \$9 for one liter)

Pack this low-key wine for an outdoor meal or a weekday aperitif. It's oaky, smooth—and delicious with crab cakes, says Colman.



To find these wines, go to wine-searcher.com.

If you have only...one minute: Avoid restaurant markups on wine—find an establishment where you can bring your own by entering your zip code at goby.com (the site covers ten U.S. metro regions). You can also search by cuisine, read reviews, check corkage fees, and more.