Books of The Times
By Christopher Lehmann-Haupt


FORCED ENTRY The Disappearances Dissected By Jim Carroll. 176 pages. Viking Penguin. $7.95.

JIM CARROLL is a poet and a novelist who has been covering the drug war in America for the past decade. He is also the author of "The Basketball Diaries," a memoir of his early drug days, which became a best-seller in 1978 and was made into a film in 1999.

He has written extensively about the drug war and its effects on American society. His latest book, "Forced Entry: The Disappearances Dissected," examines the disappearances of thousands of Americans who were detained and interrogated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. His work has been praised for its incisive analysis of the war on drugs and its impact on American society.

Carroll's writing is characterized by its raw honesty and his unwavering commitment to the cause of those who have been unjustly targeted by the war on drugs.

Random House to Buy Schocken Books

By EDWIN MOORE

Random House agreed yesterday to purchase Schocken Books, the family-owned publishing house that specializes in books on religion and spirituality, for an undisclosed amount.

"This is an extraordinary coincidence," said James Moore, the chairman of Random House, "and it's an incredible gift for our company."

The agreement comes just weeks after the death of Robert Schocken, the guiding force behind Schocken Books, which was founded in 1964 by his grandfather, Rabbi Eliahu Schocken.

Moore said that the acquisition would "greatly expand our company's reach in the religious and spiritual market." He added that Schocken's books would be "a natural fit" with Random House's existing list, which includes works on religion, spirituality, and philosophy.

Schocken was founded in 1964 by Rabbi Eliahu Schocken, a noted scholar and author, and his wife, who was a prominent figure in the American Jewish community.

The acquisition is expected to be completed within the next few months.