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Books Read

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Author	Book	Notes	Date
Tim Ferriss	The 4-Hour Workweek, Expanded and Updated	I can see why this received mixed reviews. Lots of material isn't new, but Ferriss does a good job pulling it all together into a cohesive plan and does it with a captivating writing style.	03/11
Guy Kawasaki	Enchantment: The Art of Changing Hearts, Minds and Actions	It's awesome. My story appears in it, so you may not trust my review :)	03/11
Seth Godin	Poke the Box	Short book that's more of a manifesto encouraging and supporting the need for us all to go. Start something. It took less than an hour to read the first book from Godin's Domino Project. Rather than as a book that flows, it's a bunch of short bits telling about "starting" from a different perspective. Failing. A lot of it is stuff you've heard before like you miss all the shots you don't take.	03/11
Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni	One Amazing Thing	Quick read at about 200 pages. Some slow moments, some captivating stories. Although a worthy read, feels like it missed something.	03/11
Stieg Larsson	The Girl Who Played with Fire	Wow. I never thought it'd be better than <i>Dragon Tattoo</i> , but it was. Surprises at every turn. Action throughout. Eager to read the last one -- but taking my time getting <i>The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest</i> because I know there aren't going to be any other books from the author.	02/11

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Stieg Larsson	The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo	Intriguing story drew me in with characters, mystery and interactions. The financial piece especially near that end got a little confusing, otherwise I eagerly gobbled 85 percent of the book wanting to know what's next.	02/11
Ellyn Spragins	What I Know Now: Letters to My Younger Self	Lovely collection of letters from accomplished people with advice to their younger selves. The advice helps those who may be experiencing some of the challenges and see how these people wish they had handled them when they were younger.	01/11
Mary Blye Howe	A Baptist Among the Jews	A Southern Baptist shares her intriguing perspective of immersing herself into Jewish culture and sharing her discoveries. A wonderful read that teaches us to respect one another's differences.	01/11
Malcolm Gladwell	Outliers: The Story of Success	75% of the book was a fascinating read. The not as interesting parts hit in the last fourth of the book except the portion about the author's own family. I always suspected that the month we were born affected what kind of students we were in school. I noticed those with October and November birthdays tended to be more popular, have stronger grades and lead in athletics. This is just one of the few discoveries Gladwell shares. The book itself explains how successful people got where they are today. It's not just luck, hard work or silver spoons. Get the whole story of why the Bill Gates of the world got where they are today.	12/10
Steve Martin	Shopgirl: A Novella	122 pages. Quick read. Cute story. The biggest bang came from the creative descriptions Martin uses in the writing.	11/10

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Kathryn Stockett	The Help	Amazed how Stockett switches perspectives with such ease and retains the voice of the character. At first glance, I thought it would be a depressing book as I don't like reading about how poorly blacks were treated during the days of segregation (thank goodness I didn't live during those times). Yet Stockett turned the topic into an absorbing story with humor. No predictable endings. Before I read it, everyone mentioned a hilarious scene. They all knew exactly what scene. Halfway through the book, I asked someone if it was X scene. Obviously, I wasn't there yet as I figured it out instantly. You'll know it when you read it.	10/10
Lisa See	Shanghai Girls	Book club read: Not as good as Snow Flower and the Secret Fan . Enjoyed the historical fiction story -- just not as gripping.	09/10
Sadia Shepard	The Girl from Foreign	The story flips between captivating and slow. We know so little about the Jewish Indian culture because it's small and Shepard provides a perspective that we couldn't get elsewhere as the granddaughter of an Jewish Indian who struggled with her heritage and lived her married life as a muslim.	08/10
Erin Gruwell and the Freedom Writers	The Freedom Writers Diary	Inspiring. If I wanted to be a teacher, I'd dig deep into her teaching style and apply it.	07/10
Anita Diamant	The Last Days of Dogtown	Mixed feelings. Dragged, but rich writing style. Intriguing characters, but confusing points at times.	06/10
Sue Monk Kidd	The Secret Life of Bees	This read surprised me. I expected a depressing story that would be a struggle to get through. Instead, the humor and interesting lives gripped me and Monk weaved the "tough" parts just right so it wasn't a downer.	06/10

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Brett A. Johnson	Close Kids	Fast and easy read with tips on how to help raise kids that are close. Some of it is common sense, but it has some insightful information.	05/10
Paula Ford-Martin, editor	The Kid Turned out Fine	Stories of parents when they screwed up. Some funny. Not the best parenting essays book I've read.	05/10
Tom Wolfe	I Am Charlotte Simmons	Cut the 700-pager in half, fix a few troubled spots and it would've been a stronger book.	05/10
Nadine O. Vogel as told to Cindy Brown	Dive In: Springboard into the Profitability, Productivity and Potential of the Special Needs Workforce	Wonderful advice and insight into building a special needs workforce (consists of people with disabilities, parents of children with special needs and older workers with impairments).	04/10
Melinda Emerson	Become Your Own Boss in 12 Months	Well-rounded book that covers all the things you need to know to get a business up and running.	04/10
Audrey Niffenegger	The Time Traveler's Wife	A unique spin and writing approach on a romantic story with humor and drama. I love how she touches on all the things in life and reflecting the two main characters' growth and change. Though I enjoyed the story, I didn't "get" the significance or meaning behind some scenes.	04/10
B. Bryant Post	From Fear to Love	Target audience is parents with adopted children, but it has value to those with kids who have behavior issues. It repeats some of the content I saw in Great Behavior Breakdown and it's short (Dr. Post does this on purpose). Because it's short, the price is higher than I think it should be.	04/10
Brian Halligan	Get Found: How Inbound Marketing Can Drive Customers to Your Business	I'd say 3 stars for experienced. 4 stars for those newer to social media, web sites and SEO. The authors promote their own sites and stuff a little too much. Meant for those new to social media.	03/10

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Stewart O'Nan	Wish You Were Here	Wish I didn't read it, but it was a book club read. I can understand why the ratings are all over the place. One reviewer explained it very well -- we have preconceived notions of what makes a good good with mystery, suspense, conflict, etc. and the book never has any of these. That's OK to do. But this one spent an entire week with the family and the sections divided up into Monday, Tuesday, etc. You're almost a fly on the wall into a family's last vacation at a lake house.	03/10
B. Bryan Post	The Great Behavior Breakdown	I recommend all parents, teachers and people who work with kids read this book as it provides valuable insight into how the brain works and how we can work with the kids whatever state their brains are in. The only reason I gave it four instead of five stars is that it didn't have enough examples or provide more examples. Dr. Post gives an example of what to do when a child fights homework... well, it didn't apply to my kid and I was stuck. So it would help to have more examples.	02/10
Anne Lamott	Bird by Bird	I enjoyed Lamott's storytelling approach to the writing life. Instead of giving advice on sharpening text and avoiding this or that, she focuses on the the things a writer runs into and how she deals with them herself and what she tells her students. It's a different kind of book in helping writers.	02/10
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry	The Little Prince		02/10
Anthony E. Wolf	Get Out of My Life, but First Could You Drive Me & Cheryl to the Mall: A Parent's Guide to the New Teenager, Revised and Updated	An quick, insightful and breezy read worth a parent's hectic time. A good time to read it is before the kids become a teen, but if one is already a teen, it's still valuable as I had one teen when I read this.	01/10

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Michael Lewis	The Blind Side	Wonderful book that combines a person's story with the evolution of the football game in terms of positions, salaries and play styles.	01/10
Cliff Atkinson	The Backchannel	Cell phones with better Internet connections and other portable devices mean more interruptions when presenters speak. Presenters need to know how to deal with the backchannel that happens during the presentation.	01/10
Gary Vaynerchuk	Crush It!	Fast and easy read. A book I wish I had written, but it would not be as good because it relies on Gary's bold personality.	01/10
Dennis Lehane	The Given Day: A Novel	For book club: 700 pager that started off a little slow as I had to get familiar with the setting and characters. It picked up and kept me reading all the way to the end. I like how it parallels around Babe Ruth's career in Boston, which is where the story takes place.	12/09
Arlene Matthews	Getting in Without Freaking Out: The Official College Admissions Guide for Overwhelmed Parents	Although my oldest is only a 10th grader, I came across the book and it was a fast and reassuring read. Strongly recommend parents read this as soon as kids enter high school.	12/09
Kate Lister and Tom Harnish	Undress for Success	Reviewed on Web Worker Daily.	12/09
Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows	The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	For book club. Slow going due to lack of background, picked up. If I had more time, I'd reread it.	11/09
David A. Levin	Don't Just Talk, Be Heard!	Book reviewed.	11/09
Therese Walsh	The Last Will of Moira Leahy	Book reviewed.	10/09
Kristin Bair O'Keefe	Thirsty	Book reviewed.	10/09
Sara Morgan	No Limits: How I Escaped the Clutches of Corporate America to Live the Self-Employed Life of My Dreams	Book Blog Tour. Quick read. Touches every aspect of the business.	10/09

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Jen Yates	Cake Wrecks: When Professional Cakes Go hilariously Wrong	I read the whole book in one sitting and had a grand ol' time not caring that family members thought I had lost it. What's a cake wreck without snarkism? Jen Yates writes lots of fresh snarky for bonus laughs. She also adds lots of great new material that isn't in the blog -- make it worth the dough (pun intended). Two "thumbs up" for this wreck.	10/09
Joel Comm	Twitter Power	For GetAbstract . Well written book that helps you use Twitter for business from sign up to measurement.	09/09
Celia Rivenbark	You Can't Drink All Day If You Don't Start in the Morning	Book reviewed.	09/09
Christina Katz	Get Known before the Book Deal	Book reviewed.	
Tim Ash	Landing Page Optimization: The Definitive Guide to Testing and Tuning for Conversions	For GetAbstract . Very detailed book on creating effective landing pages. Might be a difficult read for those who haven't worked with them.	08/09
George S. Clason	The Richest Man in Babylon	Good way to tell a story about managing money, but the biblical writing style can be hard to read and intepret.	05/09
John E. Sarno	Healing Back Pain: The Mind-Body Connection	Excellent advice that explains why certain back problems don't have a structural reason to cause pain, and instead the mind does it.	04/09
Mike Michalowicz	The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur	Book reviewed.	03/09
Craig Stull, Phil Myers, David Meerman Scott	Tuned In: Uncover the Extraordinary Opportunities That Lead to Business Breakthroughs	Book reviewed.	03/09
Judith Guest	Ordinary People	Like <i>Girl, Interrupted</i> , explores emotions and motivations behind each family member's personality.	03/09
Susanna Kaysen	Girl, Interrupted	The author's exploration of herself and her time in a mental hospital and her return to the outside world in the '60s captured in witty essays.	02/09

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Robert Maurer	One Small Step Can Change Your Life: The Kaizen Way	If you want to change a habit or a little thing about yourself -- this is the way to do it. This wonderful book can help businesses and individuals.	02/09
Richard Bach	Jonathan Livingston Seagull	Short read, powerful messages. You can take away many messages from the story. I didn't realize how short it was until my mom recommended it. It took less than 30 minutes to read.	02/09
Jerry Weissman	The Power Presenter	How to focus on everything else besides the content.	02/09
Carrie Fisher	Wishful Drinking	Based on her hit one-woman show. Funny and insightful especially if you know of someone who addictions and depression. A friend left it in a waiting room. I read almost all of it before it was time to leave. I finished it that night and returned it to the waiting room.	02/09
Fannie Flagg	Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café	Lovely story. You can see the movie first or read the book first. It won't affect the experience of enjoying the other.	01/09
Nancy Duarte	slide:ology: The Art and Science of Creating Great Presentations	After reading slide:ology, I believe I can step up my presentations from a design perspective. I'm a pro when it comes to text, but visuals... kaput. Since I can easily create charts, it won't take much to make them more effective with the tips from the book. The book is easy to read and reference as it uses a lot of pictures and slides. Although a lot of the text uses too small of a font size -- very surprising considering the discussion on font size.	11/08

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Eric Butow and Kathleen Taylor	How to Succeed in Business Using LinkedIn: Making Connections and Capturing Opportunities on the World's #1 Business Networking Site	Too detailed. Focuses heavily on step-by-step. Expected more coverage of the networking aspect. Because of this, it's already outdated. If it had focused on how to make the most of connections, it'd have more impact and last longer.	11/08
Ginny Redish	Letting Go of the Words: Writing Web Content That Works	Recommendations from several experts and friends. Thorough resource useful for web content people to ensure they don't miss anything or to find answers if they are not sure of the best way to do something. Mostly common sense.	09/08
Garr Reynolds	Presentation Zen	Book reviewed.	08/08
Dan Roam	Back of the Napkin	Book reviewed.	08/08
Calvin Clemons	The Perfect Board	Book reviewed.	07/08
Margaret Heffernan	How She Does It: How Women Entrepreneurs Are Changing the Rules of Business Success	For GetAbstract . Insightful stories on how women work and run successful businesses.	06/08
Stephanie Losee and Helaine Olen	Office Mate: Your Employee Handbook for Romance on the Job	For GetAbstract . Work is a great place to meeting people. Worried about sexual harassment? This one helps you avoid the trap.	04/08
David Shields	The Thing About Life Is That One Day You'll Be Dead	Book reviewed.	03/08
Brent Sampson	Sell Your Book on Amazon	Book reviewed.	02/08
Joe Plummer, et al.	The Online Advertising Playbook	For GetAbstract . Great book with lots of examples explaining each tactic / strategy.	01/08
John Eckberg	The Success Effect	Book reviewed.	01/08
Linda Gordon Howard	Sexual Harassment Handbook	For GetAbstract . Clearly explains a complicated subject and its gray areas.	12/07
Linda Criddle	Look Both Ways: Help Protect Your Family on the Internet	For GetAbstract . Good book on how to stay safe online.	11/07
Joel Haber, Ph.D. with Jenna Glatzer	Bullyproof Your Child for Life	Book reviewed.	10/07
Dov Seidman	How	Book reviewed.	10/07
Christine Comaford-Lynch	Rules for Renegades	Book reviewed.	10/07

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Mike Song, Vicki Halsey & Tim Burress	The Hamster Revolution	Book reviewed.	09/07
Cliff Atkinson	Beyond Bullet Points	Blogged.	08/07
Jack R. Hart	The Writer's Coach	Book reviewed.	07/07
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	Content with how Rowling completed the book and tied the story. The ending fit — it wasn't a phony ending where she felt pressured to satisfy her readers. Discussion.	07/07
Arianna Huffington	On Becoming Fearless	Book reviewed.	06/07
Michael Flocker	Death By Powerpoint	Book reviewed.	05/07
William Ury	The Power of a Positive No: How to Say No and Still Get to Yes	Book reviewed.	05/07
Steven Levy	The Perfect Thing: How the iPod Shuffles Commerce, Culture and Coolness	Book reviewed.	04/07
Steve Weber	Plug Your Book! Online Book Marketing for Authors	Book reviewed.	03/07
Stephan Schiffman	E-mail Selling Techniques: That Really Work	For getabstract.com .	03/07
Robert Brinkerhoff	Telling Training's Story: Evaluation Made Simple, Credible, and Effective	For getabstract.com .	02/07
Steve Wozniak and Gina Smith	iWoz: From Computer Geek to Cult Icon: How I Invented the Personal Computer, Co-Founded Apple, and Had Fun Doing It	For getabstract.com .	01/07
Sam Horn	Pop! Stand out in Any Crowd	Book reviewed.	01/07
David Kidder and Noah Oppenheim	The Intellectual Devotional: Revive Your Mind, Complete Your Education, and Roam Confidently with the Cultured Class	Book reviewed.	12/06
Donald A. Norman	Emotional Design: Why We Love (or Hate) Everyday Things	Book reviewed.	12/06
Janet Hirshenson and Jane Jenkins	A Star Is Found	Book reviewed.	11/06
Michael Stelzner	Writing White Papers	Book reviewed.	11/06
Barbara Davilman and Ellis Weiner	Yiddish with George and Laura	For Blogcritics .	10/06
Shadan Malik	Enterprise Dashboards	For getabstract.com .	10/06

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Timothy L. Keiningham, et. al.	Loyalty Myths	Book reviewed.	09/06
Stephanie Lehmann	You Could Do Better	Book reviewed.	08/06
Debbie Weil	The Corporate Blogging Book	Contributed to book as a researcher. Book reviewed.	08/06
Michael Port	Book Yourself Solid	Book reviewed.	08/06
Susan Newman, Ph.D.	The Book of No	Book reviewed.	07/06
Lisa See	Snow Flower and the Secret Fan	Book reviewed.	07/06
Rene J. Cappon	The Associated Press Guide to News Writing	For writing class. Picked up valuable tips.	07/06
Jeremy Wright	Blog Marketing	For getabstract.com .	07/06
Jenna Glatzer and Daniel Steven	The Street-Smart Writer	Book reviewed.	06/06
Andrea N. Richesin, ed.	The May Queen	Book reviewed.	06/06
Jeffrey Eisenberg, Bryan Eisenberg, and Lisa T. Davis	Waiting for Your Cat to Bark?	Book reviewed.	06/06
Andrew Goodman	Winning Results with Google AdWords	For getabstract.com .	05/06
Thomas M. Koulopoulos and Tom Roloff	Smartsourcing	Book reviewed.	04/06
Elizabeth Noble	The Reading Group	Read for Book Club. Good book with every chapter beginning with a discussion over the book for the month. A couple of surprises, some predictability, and a couple of characters could be stronger.	04/06
David Jones	Next to Me	Book reviewed.	04/06
Shel Holtz and Ted Demopoulos	Blogging for Business	Book reviewed.	03/06
Judith E. Glaser	Creating We	Book reviewed.	03/06
Dan Poynter	Writing Nonfiction	Book reviewed.	03/06
Ian I. Mitroff	Why Some Companies Emerge Stronger and Better from a Crisis	Book reviewed.	02/06
Anne Miller	Metaphorically Selling	Book reviewed.	02/06
James Faure Walker	Painting the Digital River	Book reviewed.	01/06
Scott MacHaffie	Palm and Treo Hacks	Book reviewed.	01/06
David Meerman Scott	Cashing in with Content	Book reviewed.	01/06

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John G. Miller	Flipping the Switch	Book reviewed.	12/05
Shel Israel, Robert Scoble	Naked Conversations	Book Reviewed.	12/05
Roger Bennett, Jules Shell, and Nick Kroll	Bar Mitzvah Disco: The Music May Have Stopped, but the Party's Never Over	Book reviewed.	12/05
Eric Maisel	A Writer's Paris: A Guided Journey for the Creative Soul	Book reviewed.	11/05
Steve Krug	Don't Make Me Think! 2nd ed.	Book reviewed.	11/05
C.J. Hayden	Get Clients Now!	Book reviewed.	11/05
Brian Fugere, Chelsea Hardaway, Jon Warshawsky	Why Business People Speak Like Idiots	Book reviewed.	10/05
Alan Alda	Never Have Your Dog Stuffed: and Other Things I've Learned	Book reviewed.	10/05
Hal Edward Runkel	Scream-free Parenting	Book reviewed.	09/05
Cheah Chu Yeow	Firefox Secrets	Book reviewed.	09/05
Multiple authors	The Big Moo	Book reviewed.	09/05
Multiple authors	Best Software Writing I	Book reviewed.	09/05
Multiple authors	Professional CSS	Book reviewed.	08/05
Tom Hodgkinson	How to Be Idle	Book reviewed.	08/05
Mark Hughes	Buzzmarketing: Get people talking about your stuff	Book reviewed.	08/05
Kate Moses and Camille Peri	Because I Said So	Book reviewed.	08/05
Harriet Lerner	Dance of Fear	Book reviewed.	07/05
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	Very eager to read the final book. Going to be hard to say good-bye to such an engrossing series.	07/07
edited by Daniel Jones	Bastard on the Couch	Book reviewed.	07/05
Roy H. Williams	Free the Beagle: Journey to Destinae	Book reviewed.	06/05
Susan Trott	The Holy Man	Book reviewed.	06/05
Stephanie Lehmann	Art of Undressing	Book reviewed. Stop laughing. Yes, I know how to get undressed. Blogcritics review.	06/05
Dawn Josephson and Lauren Hidden	Write It Right	Book reviewed.	06/05
Joe Moglia	Coaching Yourself to Success	Book reviewed.	06/05
Seth Godin	All Marketers Are Liars	Book reviewed. Liked it better than Free Prize Inside. Thought-provoking.	06/05

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Steve Leveen	The Little Book to Your Well-Read Life	Book reviewed . Awesome. Had impact on me. Recommendation from Michael Masterson in his Early to Rise newsletter where I find the occasional gem. Thanks to the book, I expanded on this list.	05/05
Bryan Eisenberg and Jeffrey Eisenberg	Call to Action	Book reviewed . Practical advice on creating Web sites with customers in mind.	05/05
Steve Bass	PC Annoyances, 2 nd edition	Book reviewed . Easy and friendly tips for dealing with the Microsoft Office, email, and hardware. Great reference.	05/05
Joseph Rubin	Financial Statements.xls: A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating Financial Statements Using Microsoft Excel	Not recommended.	04/05
Jesse Torres and Peter Sideris	Surviving PC Disasters, Mishaps, and Blunders	Book reviewed .	03/05
Rachel Andrew	CSS Anthology	Book reviewed .	03/05
Kevin Yank	Build Your Own Database Driven Web Site Using PHP and MySQL	Book reviewed .	02/05
Linda and Charles George	Luis Muñoz Marín: Father of Modern Puerto Rico	In2Books book. I wasn't familiar with Marin and learned his working to improve conditions in Puerto Rico.	
Andrew Savikas	Word Hacks	Book reviewed .	01/05
Jeff Duntemann	Degunking Your Email, Spam and Viruses	Book reviewed . Most tech books from Paraglyph Press are fun and easy-to-read especially the <i>Degunking</i> series.	01/05
Joseph Rubin	F1 Getting the Most out of Excel	Book reviewed .	12/04
John G. Miller	QBQ	BzzAgent book. It immediately impacted me as I attempt to avoid blaming others and take responsibility. Book reviewed .	11/04
Christopher Schmitt	CSS Cookbook	Book reviewed .	11/04
C. Hope Clarke	The Shy Writer	Book reviewed .	11/04
Ann Rossi	Kids Communicate	In2Books book. Explains the various ways we communicate and uses excellent examples. I thought it was more interesting than your average children's social studies book.	11/04

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Guy Kawasaki	The Art of the Start	BzzAgent book. It has good and easy-to-understand principles. If I were starting a business, I'd refer to it. Book reviewed.	10/04
Tara Calishain	Web Search Garage	Book reviewed. Good reference.	09/04
Wil Wheaton	Just a Geek	Book reviewed. Like reading great fiction, only it's nonfiction. Pleasantly surprised how much I liked it.	09/04
Jennifer Niederst	Web Design in a Nutshell, 2 nd edition	Book reviewed. Fan of the first. Used it frequently.	08/04
Jonathan Land	The Spam Letters	Book reviewed. I discovered Land's Web site a few years ago and contributed a few letters, one of which he wrote a letter... hydrogen peroxide. That letter appears in the book.	08/04
Patricia O'Conner	Woe Is I	Book reviewed. Book was reward from BzzAgent.	08/04
Jeff Crilley	Free Publicity	Book reviewed. Easy and fast reading. Great tips. Author is a Dallas news reporter.	07/04
Rael Dornfest	Google: The Missing Manual	Book reviewed. Plenty of tips I hadn't tried.	07/04
Lynne Truss	Eats, Shoots & Leaves	BzzAgent book. Book reviewed. Overhyped book, some parts an enjoyable read while others dragged.	06/04
John Reid	Write Ways to Win Writing Contests	Book reviewed.	
Derrick Story	Digital Photography Hacks	Book reviewed. I'd like to try the tips, but never get around to it.	06/04
Derrick Story	Digital Photography Pocket Guide	Book reviewed. I'd like to try the tips, but never get around to it.	05/04
Molly Holzschlag and Porter Glendenning	Teach Yourself Movable Type in 24 Hours	Technical editor for this book. They actually remembered me in the book. Thank you. Book reviewed.	05/04
Dawn Josephson	Putting It on Paper	Book reviewed.	05/04
Raina Hawley and David Hawley	Excel Hacks	Book reviewed. Another good Hackin' book from O'Reilly.	05/04
Wil Wheaton	Dancing Barefoot	Book reviewed. Majority of the book focuses on life in Star Trek. Funny and sweet.	04/04
David Sawyer McFarland	Dreamweaver MX 2004: The Missing Manual	Book reviewed.	04/04

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Seth Godin	Free Prize Inside	BzzAgent book. Book reviewed . Tried to apply concepts learned.	04/04
Gail Carson Levine	Ella Enchanted	Better than the movie (duh). Quick and fun read.	04/04
Steve Bass	PC Annoyances	Book reviewed .	02/04
Carrie Bickener	Web Design on a Shoestring	Book reviewed .	10/03
Various	2004 Writer's Market	Book reviewed for AbsoluteWrite.com.	10/03
Jenna Glatzer	Outwitting Writers' Block and Other Problems of the Pen	Book reviewed .	10/03
Penny C. Sansevieri	Get Published Today!	Book reviewed .	10/03
Stephen C. Lundin, Harry Paul, John Christensen	Fish! A Remarkable Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results	Four simple things to make work and home a great place to be. My daughter's school implemented this philosophy two years ago, a women's organization board meeting discussed it, and my company adopted it. Does that say something for it?	09/03
Steven Splaine	Testing Web Security	Book reviewed .	09/03
Andy King	Speed up Your Site	Book reviewed . No book on this important topic exists.	09/03
Doug Isenberg	GigaLaw Guide to Internet Law	Book reviewed .	07/03
JK Rowling	Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix	It's Harry Potter. Always an absorbing read.	07/03
Ilise Benun	Designing Websites for Every Audience	Book reviewed . This is the book I was reading when I went to the ER and then had the baby and surgery a few days later.	04/03
Stupidman	Internet Adventures of Stupidman	Exactly... Stupid.	03/03
Tara Calishain and Rael Dornfest	Google Hacks	Book reviewed .	03/03
Bryan Eisenberg, Jeff Eisenberg, Lisa Davis	Persuasive Online Copywriting: How to Take Your Words to the Bank	Book reviewed .	02/03
Kristi Patrice Carter, J.D.	Fire Your Boss and Hire Yourself: Freelance Your Way to Happiness and Prosperity	Book reviewed . Some good tips. Mostly common sense or things you discover as you get more into the business.	02/03

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Jennifer Wiener	Good in Bed	It was embarrassing to read this title in the doctor's waiting room. It was a book club book. Seriously! Easy and fast read. Funny. I could relate to the main character in some ways and it has nothing to do with the title!	12/02
Susan Bilheimer	How to Become a Technical Writer	Book reviewed . Has good advice, but also needs to improve areas of the book. Author was receptive and positive about suggestions. I appreciated that.	12/02
Nick Usborne	Net Words	Book reviewed .	12/02
Joshua Feinberg	What Your Computer Consultant Doesn't Want You to Know	Quick and easy read. But has good tips. Book reviewed .	11/02
David Morrell	Lessons From a Lifetime of Writing	Book reviewed . Awesome book! I need to refer to it from time to time. Never heard of him, but certainly heard of his Rambo character on which the movie was based.	10/02
Alice Sebold	Lovely Bones	Best seller. Surprised how well the book covered a morbid topic.	10/02
Alex Singer	Alex: Building a Life	HLA training book. It was sad that there wasn't a happy ending. Talked about his life as an American and moving to Israel.	09/02
Nancy Hendrickson	Secrets of a Successful Freelancer	Book reviewed .	09/02
Dekker Malone	Kentucky Roses	Book reviewed . Enjoyable light fiction.	08/02
Jim Thatcher, Cynthia Waddell, Shawn Henry, Sarah Swierenga, Mark Urban, Michael Burks, Bob Regan, Paul Bohman	Constructing Accessible Web Sites	Book reviewed .	07/02
Gil Troy	Why I Am a Zionist	Attended a conference in which he was the speaker. Of course, I didn't catch much, but attendees loved his speech.	05/02
Meryl Runion	Power Phrases!	Book reviewed . Tried to apply the concepts learned.	04/02
Samuel G. Freedman	Jew Vs. Jew	It's sad that no matter what branch of Judaism you follow, that we don't all get along. This book talks about the issue.	03/02

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Heather Williams and Bruce Epstein	Dreamweaver in a Nutshell	Book reviewed.	02/02
Myla Goldberg	Bee Season	Reviewed for organization's book clubs reading guide. Wrote guide. Book reviewed.	11/01
Dekker Malone	Nashville Gold	Book reviewed. Enjoyable light fiction.	10/01
William Zinsser	On Writing Well	Someone emailed me this book recommendation and it's one of the best books I've ever read. Commentary.	07/01
J.T. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Fan of series.	06/01
J.T. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	Fan of series.	06/01
Jennifer Niederst	Learning Web Design	Book reviewed.	05/01
J.T. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	Fan of series. Glad I didn't start reading these till four books were out. It was nice having four whole ones to enjoy. Now, I gotta wait like everyone else.	05/01
J.T. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	Fan of series.	05/01
Dianna Booher	E-Writing: 21st Century Tools for Effective Communication	Book reviewed.	05/01
Vincent Flanders and Michael Willis	Web Pages That Suck	Book reviewed.	05/01
Jeffrey Zeldman	Taking Your Talent to the Web	Book reviewed.	05/01
Constance Hale and Jessie Scanlon	Wired Style	Book reviewed. Outdated, but can provide a good starting place for creating style guides.	
Steve Splaine & Stefan Jaskiel	Web Testing Handbook	Book reviewed.	04/01
Crawford Kilian	Writing for the Web: Geeks' Edition	Book reviewed.	03/01
Lynda Weinman	Designing Web Graphics.3	Book reviewed.	03/01
Tom Negrino & Dori Smith	Quickstart Javascript 4	Book reviewed.	12/01
Molly E. Holzschlag	Special Edition Using XHTML	Book reviewed.	01/01
Nora Roberts	Public Secrets	Good read.	05/99
Vicki Iovine	The Girlfriend's Guide to Pregnancy	The REAL story about being pregnant and hilarious. I give this to my buds instead of the other "famous" expecting book.	12/98

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Mary Pipher	Reviving Ophelia	As one obsessed with weight and looks for most of my life and unable to shake it, I read this for my daughter's sake. Interesting.	12/98
Robert E. Kelley	How to Be a Star at Work	Read in hopes of becoming a star when I first started at SBC. Had baby and lost interest in becoming a star. Just want to stay under the radar.	09/98
Mary Higgins Clark	You Belong to Me	Like author's works.	09/98
Mary Higgins Clark	Pretend You Don't See Her	Like author's works.	07/98
Sidney Sheldon	Best Laid Plans	Like author's works.	07/98
John Grisham	The Street Lawyer	Like author's works.	03/98
Patricia Cornwell	Cause of Death	Like author's works.	01/98
Mary Higgins Clark	My Gal Sunday	Like author's works. Not one of her better books.	01/98
Jeffrey Archer	Fourth Estate	Like author's works.	08/97
Wally Lamb	She's Come Undone	Best Seller. Oprah Book Club. Good book, not great.	05/97
Richard Lederer	Fractured English	Like author's works.	04/97
Roger Fisher & William Ury	Getting to Yes	Negotiation and compromise are tough subjects and this is one of the best books on the topic.	03/97
Scott Adams	Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook	Like author's works.	03/97
Jeffrey Archer	Matter of Honor	Like author's works.	02/97
Nelson Demille	General's Daughter	Like author's works. Later made into a movie .	01/97
Jeffrey Archer	Prodigal Daughter	Like author's works. Lost book when I had a few pages left. Figures.	12/96
Sidney Sheldon	Rage of Angels	Like author's works.	12/96
Joel Lurie Grishaver	40 Things You Can Do to Save the Jewish People	Great little tips for things you can do at home or in your community to retain your Jewish identity and create new traditions.	12/96
James Patterson	Hide and Seek	Like author's works.	12/96
James Patterson	Jack and Jill	Like author's works.	11/96
David Baldacci	Absolute Power	Best seller. Good read. Movie based on book.	11/96
Jeffrey Archer	Honor Among Thieves	Like author's works.	11/96

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Jeffrey Archer	Kane and Abel	Mom recommended. First-rate fiction story about two men who came from different backgrounds.	11/96
Mary Higgins Clark	Moonlight Becomes You	Like author's works.	10/96
Scott Adams	The Dilbert Principle	Like author's works.	09/96
Kate White	Why Good Girls Don't Get Ahead But Gutsy Girls Do	Awesome book for women trying to make it in a world where higher level managers and execs are often men.	09/96
John Grisham	The Rainmaker	Like author's works.	06/96
Mary Higgins Clark	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	Like author's works.	06/96
Marvin Brown	Working Ethics	Graduate school ethics class. Great course.	04/96
Lonnie Kliever	Dax's Case	Graduate school ethics class.	03/96
William K. Frankena	Ethics	Graduate school ethics class.	
James Clavell	The Children's Story	Graduate school ethics class. Short and chilling tale.	
Margaret Truman	Murder on the Potomac	Like author's works. Also liked the settings in the DC area having lived there.	01/96
Jerry Seinfeld	Seinlanguage	Don't recall except it was funny, of course.	12/95
Dale Carnegie	How to Enjoy Your Life and Your Job	Liked <i>Worrying</i> book. Good one, too.	12/95
Jill Spiegel	Flirting for Success	This is good flirting, not "dangerous to your marriage" flirting. I've never been a popular gal and thought maybe it would help me improve my networking style.	12/95
Sidney Sheldon	Morning, Noon and Night	Like author's works.	12/95
Nancy Taylor Rosenberg	First Offense	Liked previous works.	12/95
Lawrence Sanders	McNally's Trial	Like author's works.	12/95
Jack Canfield/Marc Victor Hansen	The Aladdin Factor	Still remember concepts and use them from time to time.	11/95
Patricia Cornwell	Postmortem	Like author's works.	11/95
Ann McGee Cooper	Time Management for Unmanageable People	Liked Cooper's <i>Exhausted</i> , so read this one especially since I was a mom of a one-year-old.	11/95
Mary Higgins Clark	The Lottery Winner	Like author's works.	11/95
Michael C. Thomsett	The Little Black Book of Business Etiquette	Another management book.	11/95

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James Patterson	Kiss the Girls	Like author's works. Alex Cross story.	11/95
James Patterson	Season of the Machete	Fan of author, but hated this one. It was not an Alex Cross story.	10/95
Patricia Cornwell	All That Remains	Like author's works.	10/95
Patricia Cornwell	From Potter's Field	Like author's works.	10/95
Mary Higgins Clark	Silent Night	Like author's works. Different type of story from usual stories.	10/95
Olivia Goldsmith	Fashionably Late	Like author's works.	09/95
Mary Higgins Clark	Remember Me	Like author's works.	09/95
Tom Peters	Pursuit of WOW!	Fun read with observations, snippets, aphorisms, conceits, and quotes. Book applies today as we are in topsy turvy times again.	08/95
Richard Eyre	Don't Just Do Something, Sit There	Like author's works. Ha, I feel guilty if I am not always doing something.	08/95
Richard Eyre and Linda Eyre	Teaching Your Children Values	I attempted to do this with my daughter when she was a toddler. Great material. Then the book got wet and ruined.	Unknwn
Steven Covey	7 Habits of Highly Effective People		
Michael Hammer/James Champy	Reengineering the Corporation	Best seller follow up.	06/95
Marc Victor Hansen	A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup	Heart warming stories.	06/95
Marc Victor Hansen	Chicken Soup for the Soul	Best seller. Heart warming stories. Geez, do they have enough books out on the topic now?	06/95
Michael Hammer/Steven Stanton	Reengineering the Revolution	Best seller. Read for work.	06/95
Ann McGee Cooper	You Don't Have to Go Home Exhausted	Another self-help management book.	04/95
Judith Krantz	Lovers	Like Krantz, but don't remember this.	04/95
Nancy Taylor Rosenberg	Interest of Justice	Read because of <i>Mitigating Circumstances</i> , but very good.	04/95
Jeanne Martinette	The Art of Mingling	More networking help.	03/95
Richard Lederer	Adventures of a Verbivore	Like author's works. Met him at a dinner where he spoke. Funny guy.	02/95

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Connie Brown-Glaser & Barbara Smalley	More Power to You!	Early in my career, I read many management books in trying to better myself as an employee so I could grow and go up the ladder.	01/95
Dale Carnegie	How to Win Friends and Influence People	Another winner from Carnegie.	01/95
Dale Carnegie	How to Stop Worrying & Start Living	Me – a worrywart thanks to Grandma. I even carry the basics of the book in my PDA as a frequent reminder. But I am too stuck in my world of worry to implement the excellent advice.	01/95
Susan RoAne	Secrets of Savvy Networking	Liked previous book, so I read this one. Other one is better.	12/94
Susan RoAne	How to Work a Room	Though I'm not shy by nature, I have trouble networking and knowing what to talk about. Being hard of hearing can be a barrier to wanting to approach others at parties or networking gatherings, so I got a little inspiration from this book, which provided great tips.	12/94
Sidney Sheldon	Nothing Lasts Forever	Like author's works.	12/94
Bert Decker	You've Got to Be Believed to Be Heard	About public speaking. Recommendation. Good book.	11/94
Richard Lederer	More Anguished English	Like author's works.	11/94
Mary Higgins Clark	A Stranger Is Watching	Like author's works.	09/94
Mary Higgins Clark	Cry in the Night	Like author's works.	09/94
Burton L. White	Raising a Happy, Unspoiled Child	Implemented the holding timeout with all three kids. Worked well except on Lane.	09/94
Carol Higgins Clark	Snagged	Mom loaned book. Light reading. So so.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	The Cradle Will Fall	Like author's works.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	Loves Music, Loves to Dance	Like author's works.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	Stillwatch	Like author's works.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	While My Pretty One Sleeps	Like author's works.	07/94

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Olivia Goldsmith	Flavor of the Month	I want to undergo dramatic plastic surgery like the main character. I know people will treat me the same, but I want to feel better about myself. Story shows that it's about the inside not the outside.	07/94
Mary Higgins Clark	I'll Be Seeing You	Like author's works.	06/94
Mary Higgins Clark	Where Are the Children?	Like author's works.	06/94
Mary Higgins Clark	Weep No More, My Lady	Discovered author and read as many of her books as I could. Love her suspenseful writing and strong female characters.	06/94
Richard North Patterson	Degree of Guilt	Forgot.	05/94
Jay Belsky	Transition to Parenthood	Ditto.	05/94
Grif Stockley	Probable Cause	Ditto.	01/94
Lawrence Sanders	Private Pleasures	Ditto.	01/94
Phillip Friedman	Inadmissible Evidence	Ditto.	12/93
James Patterson	Along Came A Spider	First book I read from Patterson. Couldn't put it down. I hate creepy stuff, but it was gripping. It takes place in the Washington, DC area where I lived at the time. Trivia: most of Patterson's books are titled based on a children's nursery rhyme.	12/93
Nancy Taylor Rosenberg	Mitigating Circumstances	Strong female character. Great and easy reading.	10/93
William J. Coughlin	Death Penalty	Don't recall.	10/93
Lawrence Sanders	McNally's Luck	Like series.	09/93
William Bernhardt	Deadly Justice	Yet another one I don't remember. Hey, it was over 10 years ago!	09/93
Howard Fast	The Trial of Abigail Goodman	Fan of author's works.	09/93
Lawrence Sanders	The Passion of Molly T	Like author's works.	09/93
Judith Krantz	Scruples Two	Liked <i>Scruples</i> .	08/93
Robert Mager/Peter Pipe	Analyzing Performance Problems	Mager is one of the better and well known instructional design / training development educators. His course was awesome and it was an honor to meet him.	08/93

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Dr. Kevin Leman	The Birth Order Book	As the youngest of three, but by 10 and 12.5 years, I've been fascinated by how our birth order affects us. As much as we try not to treat our children in a specific way based on the birth order, it's tough to avoid it.	08/93
Leon Fletcher	How to Speak Like a Pro	Tips for being a good speaker with checklists at the end of every chapter.	07/93
Rabbi Morris Kertzer	What Is a Jew?	A good introduction to Judaism with clear answers.	07/93
Marian Wright Edelman	Measure of Our Success	Wonderful read with Edelman sharing values of living a good life.	07/93
H. Jackson Brown	Life's Little Instruction Book II	Bite-sized suggestions on living a happy life. Obviously, I didn't implement this a few times in my life when I was having a difficult time.	07/93
John Grisham	The Client	Like author's works.	06/93
Lawrence Sanders	The Anderson Tapes	Like author's works.	06/93
Margaret Truman	Murder at the Pentagon	Like author's works.	06/93
Lawrence Sanders	McNally's Secret	Like McNally series.	05/93
Olivia Goldsmith	First Wives Club	Great and lots of fun to read. Funny. Movie did a decent job.	05/93
Michael Crichton	Jurassic Park	Gripping. Great read.	04/93
Lawrence Sanders	The Timothy Files	Like author's works.	04/93
John Roger/Phillip McWilliams	Life 101	Think it was average.	03/93
Jay Brandon	Tripwire	All I remember was the book dragged and I hated it. I should've stopped reading it instead of finishing it.	03/93
Lawrence Sanders	The Eighth Commandment	Like author's works.	03/93
Lawrence Sanders	Capital Crimes	Like author's works.	03/93
Lawrence Sanders	Caper	Like author's works.	03/93
William Bernhardt	Primary Justice	I guess I like the author's works even though I can't remember the stories.	02/93
Joseph Wambaugh	Fugitive Nights	Blankity blank.	02/93
William J. Coughlin	Shadow of a Doubt	Blank.	02/93

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Mary Higgins Clark	All Around the Town	First Higgins Clark book I read and became a fan. Trivia: Most of her books' titles come from a song title or a phrase in a song.	02/93
Sidney Sheldon	The Other Side of Midnight	Like author's works.	02/93
Sidney Sheldon	Bloodline	Like author's works.	02/93
Sidney Sheldon	Memories of Midnight	Like author's works.	02/93
William Bernhardt	Code of Buddyhood	I don't remember an inkling.	02/93
Shirley Conran	Crimson	I think it was a mama loaner.	01/93
Phillip Friedman	Reasonable Doubt	Don't remember story. Lots of stories called <i>Reasonable Doubt</i> , so it may not be the one you remember.	01/93
William Byham	Zapp! In Education	Liked original, so read follow up.	01/93
Sidney Sheldon	The Naked Face	Like author's works.	01/93
Kenneth Blanchard/Spencer Johnson	The One Minute Manager	Fast and inspirational reading to learn management techniques.	01/93
Sidney Sheldon	The Sands of Time	Like author's works.	12/92
Sidney Sheldon	Windmills of the Gods	Like author's works.	12/92
Sidney Sheldon	The Doomsday Conspiracy	Like author's works. Weird one - science fiction.	12/92
Sidney Sheldon	Master of the Game	Like author's works.	12/92
John Grisham	The Pelican Brief	Not his best, but an enjoyable page-turner.	11/92
William Byham	Zapp! The Lightning of Empowerment	Required reading for work. Tells a lesson through a story. Recommended. First business book I've read told as a story.	11/92
Grif Stockley	Expert Testimony	Don't remember the story. Obviously I like lawyer-themed stories.	11/92
William Bernhardt	Blind Justice	Don't remember the story.	11/92
Danielle Steele	Family Album	Like author's works.	10/92
Dennis Prager/Joseph Telushkin	Nine Questions Jews Ask About Judaism	Complete answers to the most often asked questions about Judaism.	10/92
Herman Wouk	This Is My God	If you want to learn about Judaism with an easy-to-read book, this is it.	10/92

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Michael Doyle	How to Make Meetings Work	Larry Blevins (manager) recommended. Classic. Still applies today. Meetings have spiraled out of control and everyone should read this to stop wasting countless hours in meetings.	10/92
Sidney Sheldon	If Tomorrow Comes	Like author's works.	10/92
John Grisham	A Time to Kill	Best seller. Liked <i>The Firm</i> . Morbid topic. Probably least favorite.	08/92
J.F. Freedman	Against the Wind	I just read the summary, but I don't remember the story.	08/92
Ken Mandelbaum	Not Since Carrie	Enjoyable insight into musicals that flopped.	06/92
Danielle Steele	Heartbeat	Mom recommended. Girlie reading.	06/92
Sidney Sheldon	Stranger in the Mirror	First Sidney Sheldon suspense book read and loved it. Started reading all of his works.	06/92
John Grisham	The Firm	Best seller. Gripping. Couldn't wait to find out what happens. Read this on trip to Atlanta where I found out I got my first job. What a trip it was!	05/92
Judith Krantz	Scruples	Best seller. Great book. Very <i>Dynasty</i> .	04/92
Jude Devereaux	Knight in Shining Armor	Mom recommended. Light and enjoyable fantasy.	04/92
Deborah Tannen	You Just Don't Understand	Excellent insight into how men and women communicate. As one who is fascinated with communications, written and spoken, I agree with what she says. I tried hard to raised my kids as kids, not as boy / girl. Guess what? Girl loved Barbies (ick) and boys love Hot Wheels.	04/92
Robert Ludlum	The Bourne Identity	Long and slow reading. Read it on the subway.	03/92
H. Jackson Brown	Life's Little Instruction Book	Funny, wise and sweet tips.	02/92
Roger Von Oech	A Whack on the Side of the Head	See <i>A Kick in the Seat of the Pants</i> .	01/91
Roger Von Oech	A Kick in the Seat of the Pants	College reading for an excellent health class. Liked it so much, so I bought <i>A Whack on the Side of the Head</i> .	01/91

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Vicktor Frankl	Man's Search for Meaning	College reading for an excellent health class. Didn't appreciate it as much as I would now.	01/91
M. Scott Peck	A Road Less Traveled	College reading for an excellent health class. Didn't appreciate it as much as I would now.	01/91
Henry Kisor	What's That Pig Outdoors? A Memoir of Deafness	I can relate to Kisor's experiences as a deaf person and writer.	'91
Joan Borysenko	Minding the Body, Mending the Mind	At the time, it didn't have an impact on me. Then I came across it again a few years later for a course I took on my own. Still no impact. Maybe today would be another story.	'91
Elizabeth Kubler-Ross	Death and Dying	I believe I would appreciate it more now than when I read it.	'91
Eli M. Bower, editor	The Handicapped in Literature		'90
William Kephart	Extraordinary Groups: An Examination of Unconventional Groups		'90
Chinua Achebe	Things Fall Apart	Background: I took two literature classes in my first semester at American University. I was NUTS! I never read so many books in a short time. But I am thrilled I took them. It would be wonderful to take them again and see what understanding I have after over 15 years has passed since I took the courses. I still have my notebooks from the classes. Read in Multi-Cultural Literature class. Was knocked over. It was different from anything I've ever read and it provided me insight into Nigerian tribal life. Achebe came to American University to speak, but I didn't get to see him. I am in awe of his work.	10/89
Gabriel Garcia Marquez	One Hundred Years of Solitude	Found it challenging to follow, but later on I was proud of the fact I had read this book since Marquez was mentioned often. Can only remember Achebe, Fuentes, and this one as I lost the notes (the notebook I have is the packet we get with short stories and such).	10/89

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Carlos Fuentes	The Death of Artemio Cruz	Vaguely remembered it.	11/89
	Gilgamesh	Found it fascinating as it was one of the earliest written texts in history (pre-dated <i>The Odyssey</i> by 1500 years).	08/89
Homer	The Odyssey	Adventurous. Surprised how much I enjoyed it.	08/89
Dante	Divine Comedy: The Inferno	Thought it was going to be dark and depressing, but I liked adventure stories and Greek myths while growing up.	09/89
Shakespeare	The Tempest	Somewhat interesting and challenging.	10/89
Voltaire	Candide	Unusual and humorous story. I don't think I got as much out of it as I would've liked to. When you're reading this many books, it makes it hard to take your time and appreciate them.	10/89
Herman Melville	Billy Budd	Immensely disliked this story.	10/89
Joseph Conrad	Heart of Darkness	So-so. <i>Billy Budd</i> was the worst.	11/89
Charlotte Perkins Gilman	The Yellow Wall Paper	Short story where the wall paper gives insight into the main character.	11/89
Franz Kafka	The Metamorphosis	I was too freaked out by the character's change to pay attention to what the author wanted to say. Ask anyone how I am about spiders. I know he didn't become that, but still... eww.	11/89
William Faulkner	As I Lay Dying	Sad, interesting adventure. Different style.	11/89
Zora Neale Hurston	Their Eyes Were Watching God	Wayyyyy pre-Oprah. I think I was tired of all these books that I didn't get to appreciate this book as much as I wanted.	12/89
Margaret Atwood	Surfacing	The only modern book in the course.	12/89

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Michael Osborn and Suzanne Osborn	Public Speaking	My college public speaking textbook. I wish more college books were like this one -- easy to understand, clearly defined terms and written in everyday English. :)	10/88

Children's Books - Recommended

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/1596432039/?tag=expert-20>

Author / Illustrator	Book	Notes
Lemony Snicket	The Latke Who Couldn't Stop Screaming: A Christmas Story	Not your usual holiday book that incorporates Hanukkah and Christmas in a innovative way. The book says it's for age 4 to 8. The print is too small.
Nick Bruel	Bob and Otto	I love Nick Bruel's Bad Kitty.
Dan Gutman	Nightmare at the Bookfair	
Tedd Arnold	Parts	The other Parts books are good, too. It's funny and gross, something great for boys. I'm a gal and I like it.
Chris Van Allsburg	Jumanji	I read this one in Children's Lit in college. Just loved the story, illustrations, and originality.
Chris Van Allsburg	The Z Was Zapped: A Play in 26 Acts	Ingenious look at the alphabet on stage. My youngest is currently hooked on it. It's nice because the letter "Z" is the title, the same letter as his first name.
Graeme Base	The Eleventh Hour	The whole story is a mystery and every page has a puzzle for solving. The puzzles may or may not contribute to solving the big mystery. It kept me absorbed for hours and I couldn't let go! It's funny, reading the story was not interesting at first - so I started doing the puzzles. As I worked through them, I read the story. When I solved the big mystery, I found another puzzle and got busy again.

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Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen	The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip	In2Books book. I love this series and wish I had something like this to read when I was a kid so I could understand science better. It's not recommended to read this out loud because it is a lot of content and the way it's organized.
Graeme Base	The Water Hole Discovered 05/2005	Beautifully illustrated story that has lots of discoveries: ecology, geography, and math. Recommendation came from children's book discussion on Edward Tufte's ASK E.T. section .
Graeme Base	Animalia Discovered 07/2005	Alphabet book with stunning illustrations where each page has items representing the page's letter of the alphabet (eXcept for X). Great for toddlers and younger.
Margaret Wise Brown	Goodnight Moon	It's a simple story that has a wonderful sound to it when you read it. It's one of the few books that I feel comfortable reading to my kids as I often struggle to read aloud.
Eric Carle and Bill Martin, Jr.	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	A enjoyable repeatable story. Some of the repeatable stories get on your nerves, but not this one. My son's kindergarten class created their own book with the students' pictures and the teacher appearing last in the book.
Eric Carle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Read this one in college and grabbed a copy from the Scholastic Book Fair at Horace Mann Elementary in Washington, DC where I did student teaching (across the street from American U.).
Eric Carle	Catch the Ball	I like the flow of the words and the ball can pass through each page. My youngest has loved this one since he was a year old.
Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type	Too funny for words. I could read it a hundred times and still laugh.
Nina Laden	The Night I Followed the Dog	Funny story about a dog with two lives.

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A. Wolf aka Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	The True Story of Three Little Pigs	I've had this book since college. Who says you can't buy children's books for yourself? These guys are wonderful together. Great illustrations, lots of laughs, and imaginative stories.
Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	The Math Curse	Shh... it's a fun book that covers math. Don't tell the kids.
Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	The Stinky Cheeseman and Other Fairly Stupid Tales	My daughter had us reading this one and <i>Squids</i> many times. We happily obliged as we enjoyed them, too.
Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables	See <i>Stinky Cheeseman</i> .
Art Spiegelman	Open Me...I'm a Dog	Gift to my daughter from her aunt. This is a pet dog that doesn't make you sneeze or itch. It doesn't shed or have fleas. Best of all, it doesn't bite or do its business on the carpet. The book's insides have a felt / velvet feel, so it gives the child something to touch. It has a leash that can act as a bookmark or make it easy to "walk the dog." Parents will enjoy reading this one repeatedly.
Mike Thaler and Jared Lee	Black Lagoon Series	My daughter loved it and passed the books to her younger brother. My son started enjoying the series when he was four or five.
Mo Willems	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!	Hilarious. It interacts with the reader and it's a fun read for both children and adults.
John Steptoe	The Story of Jumping Mouse	In2Books book. A nice Native American tale. For unknown reason reasons, I haven't found much Native American content that I like, but this one was a lovely story.
Mildred Walter	Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World	In2Books book. Not the greatest, but teaches about gender roles and black cowboys.