

## Books Read

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Author	Book	Notes	Date
Eoin Colfer	<a href="#">Artemis Fowl and the Opal Deception</a>	Had me from the opening. This series ain't slowing down or getting old!	
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">The Mark of Athena</a>	My favorite of The Heroes of Olympus series. Strong action, intriguing story line and good pace.	09/13
Eoin Colfer	<a href="#">Artemis Fowl and the Eternity Code</a>	Good Artemis read with an unexpected event.	08/13
Erik Larson	<a href="#">The Devil and the White City</a>	Incredibly told story that keeps you hanging as Larson would throw a line hinting something ahead. Some of the architecture stuff got a little mind numbing but other than that, a fascinating story. Being born and bred in Ft. Worth, it was eerie to read about the Ft. Worth connection. It's impressive have this event touched so many lives and places outside of Chicago. I couldn't get into "Isaac's Storm," so if you didn't like it -- give this one a try.	08/13
Eoin Colfer	<a href="#">Artemis Fowl and the Arctic Incident</a>	Another good Artemis read. It's nice to see characters evolve. I hope it won't get too formulaic.	07/13
Orson Scott Card	<a href="#">Ender's Game</a>	Engaging story about finding the right person to be a commander. Rich characters. Nice interweaving of family, politics, bullying, battles, enemies, education and leadership.	07/13
James T. Webb	<a href="#">A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children</a>	Valuable resource that covers every aspect.	07/13
Janet Evanovich	<a href="#">One for the Money</a>	A great summer read that's easy, fast and funny. My first Stephanie Plum novel, a gal who stumbles into the bounty hunting business. Enjoyable combination of mystery and humor.	07/13

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Eoin Colfer	<a href="#">Artemis Fowl</a>	A 12-year-old boy is the criminal mastermind looking for revenge and restoring his family fortune. Is he good? Is he bad? Yes.	07/13
Rob Buyea	<a href="#">Because of Mr. Terupt</a>	Wonderful story about a 5 <sup>th</sup> grade class and their teacher. Story deals with bullying, popularity and kids who are different (physically and family-wise).	07/13
Susan Ee	<a href="#">Angelfall</a> (Penryn and the End of Days, Book 1)	Advertised as fantasy yet last bit read like horror and turned me off.	06/13
Rachel Joyce	<a href="#">The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</a>	Had some interesting moments. Enjoyed the interaction with the different people and their stories.	05/13
Daniel Gilbert	<a href="#">Stumbling on Happiness</a>	Another good read on the topic of how our brains affect how we perceive things and make decisions. It has some witty moments but it also has some moments when it made me cross-eyed with a convoluted explanation of something. I liked Robert Cialdini's "Psychology of Influence" better.	04/13
Amor Towles	<a href="#">Rules of Civility</a>	It was OK. Can't really describe what made me feel this way about it.	04/13
Katherine Applegate	<a href="#">The One and Only Ivan</a>	Sweet story from a gorilla's point of view.	04/13
E.L. James	<a href="#">Fifty Shades Freed</a>	Although it had a lot of corny dialogue and thoughts, but it was the most readable of the three because we learn more about Christian.	03/13
R.J. Palacio	<a href="#">Wonder</a>	I'd love for this book to become a regular read in schools because you can't help but have compassion and understanding what it's like to be different. Anyone who is different can relate including me as a person who is deaf. It teaches a bit about bullying, cliques and doing what everyone wants to do.	03/13

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Maureen Sherry	<a href="#">Walls Within Walls</a>	My son and I read it because it's one of the Texas Bluebonnet Award nominees. It has a great mix of history, architecture, adventure and puzzles -- some fact and some fiction. I also liked the use of poems and how the book explained that you should read a poem three times. For a poem to get under your skin and heart, it can take three reads. The first try and give no opinion, and get the author's frame of mind; the second and third read with more concentration. (page 104, 110)	03/13
Garth Stein	<a href="#">The Art of Racing in the Rain</a>	As a dog person who isn't a fan of car racing, I enjoyed this book. Even if racing bores you -- it won't deter you from enjoying the book. Also had me thinking about dogs in a different way.	02/13
Rachel Simon	<a href="#">The Story of Beautiful Girl</a>	Book started slow and picked up speed about halfway through. Focused on a topic that so little has been written about. Always grateful for being born later instead of at a time when deaf children would be institutionalized.	02/13
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">The Son of Neptune</a>	Liked Percy's return and the connection with the previous book.	01/13
E.L. James	<a href="#">Fifty Shades Darker</a>	Yes, I read this trash. Reading less than stellar writing helps me improve mine.	12/12
Daniel Silva	<a href="#">Fallen Angel</a>	Great read. Enjoyed the interaction between Gabriel and the Vatican.	11/12
Daniel Silva	<a href="#">The Kill Artist</a>	Finally got to read the first Gabriel Allon book. Absorbing.	11/12
Daniel Silva	<a href="#">Portrait of a Spy</a>	Great Gabriel Allon read.	10/12
Jean Kwok	<a href="#">Girl in Translation</a>	Good coming of age book of a girl who comes to US from China. Short, easy read.	09/12
Daniel Silva	<a href="#">The Rembrandt Affair</a>	Another good Gabriel Allon read.	09/12

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Cheryl Strayed	<a href="#">Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail</a>	I'm a city girl who isn't big on camping and doing Mother Nature kind of things except skiing, rafting, etc. This was a captivating story just like I couldn't imagine I'd like "Castaway" the movie because it had one character for most of it.	08/12
Michael Ondaatje	<a href="#">The Cat's Table</a>	Coming of age story with some interesting parts, but dragged.	08/12
Gillian Flynn	<a href="#">Gone Girl</a>	A wife goes missing. Kidnapped? Took off? It's an intriguing read with lots of twists and turns without feeling like the author goes overboard. An adventurous read. Can't say much. Too easy to spoil.	08/12
Evan Mandery	<a href="#">First Contact-Or, It's Later Than You Think</a>	Breaks all kinds of writing rules, yet a fun read. A relaxing summer read. Even with the silliness -- it does make you think about life. After all, it's later than you think.	07/12
E.L. James	<a href="#">Fifty Shades of Grey</a>	Cheesy writing style and author loves "clamber" as it showed up too many times.	07/12
Ernest Cline	<a href="#">Ready Player One</a>	This book rang more with me than the average reader because I'm a child of the '80s who played with the TRS-80, Apple ][+, Apple //e and loved playing video games. This is "Hunger Games" with video games in that it takes place in the future when times are bleak and involves a big game.	07/12
Mary Roach	<a href="#">Packing for Mars</a>	Painstakingly detailed -- a bit TMI. Definitely answers every possible question about the space program including those few will ask. Glad I read it -- but still slow at times because of the details or things I really didn't want or need to know.	07/12
Erin Morgenstern	<a href="#">The Night Circus</a>	Magical read. (Turns out many people say the same thing. It's true.) Different kind of story in the fantasy genre with great prose.	07/12

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Abraham Verghese	<a href="#">Cutting for Stone</a>	It was a different kind of story with a medical focus that takes place in Ethiopia. Even if you're not a medical buff -- it's an intriguing read because of the relationships. I enjoy the the first and last third of the story. It's a 670-paged book that would've gotten 4 stars if it had about 200 fewer pages. The middle dragged on. While I could see parts tied to the story as a whole, it would work better condensed.	06/12
Julien Smith	<a href="#">The Flinch</a>	Quick, powerful read. Not a new concept, but a good representation of the concept. Though a very short read, could've been shorter as it felt repetitive.	06/12
Dr. Lynn F. Hellerstein	<a href="#">See It. Say It. Do It!</a>	It had some good ideas and activities, but it became a victim of its purpose. I got overwhelmed with so many suggestions that I didn't know where to begin. Besides, I felt it needed to give more advice for parents of teens as they are often more vocal and protest trying such things than younger children and adults. I would've liked to see more activities for vision therapy.	06/12
Larry Brooks	<a href="#">Bait and Switch</a>	The Kindle version had a lot of formatting problems. New paragraphs in the middle of sentences, dashes in words that were not split, typos, and the car switched from one model to a different one. It was a good, light summer read with some clever prose. The action moves along at a good pace to keep me reading. The voice switched from first person to third, but not as seamlessly as it could have.	06/12
Markus Zusak	<a href="#">The Book Thief</a>	Beautiful prose. Not a fast read, but one that's about the journey not the destination. Like that author didn't dwell on what we already knew -- such as the plight of the Jewish people during WWII.	05/12

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Garth Nix	<a href="#">Mister Monday (The Keys to the Kingdom #1)</a>	I really wanted to like it to the point that I read over half of it before giving up. (I usually stop around 50 - 100 pages, yet I gave this one 200.) The plot moved too slowly as the writing was heavily focused on describing everything. Even with the detailed descriptions, it wasn't clear what was going on as the story introduces us to a different world.	05/12
Steven Pressfield	<a href="#">Do the Work</a>	Quick and powerful read on being more productive from a creativity POV. It's not a new concept, but a well written version of it.	05/12
George Dawson and Richard Glaubman	<a href="#">Life Is So Good</a>	Uplifting story. Love Dawson's attitude and how he handles what life threw at him. He's an example of you're never too old to learn. I enjoyed the exchange with his co-author. Some didn't, but I did.	05/12
Gretchen Rubin	<a href="#">The Happiness Project</a>	I have a lot in common with the author down to the fact we're not music lovers. I do many of the things she covers and picked up a few new ones. I didn't put a project together, but use the ideas as something to work on.	05/12
Jon Spoelstra	<a href="#">Red Chaser</a>	My dad grew up in Brooklyn and loved the Dodgers. I enjoyed the '50s noir detective story where the PI is a big Brooklyn Dodgers fan and the tie in with Joe McCarthy's chasing communists.	04/12
Jody Feldman	<a href="#">The Gollywhopper Games</a>	Charlie and the <i>Chocolate Factory</i> meets G-Rated <i>Hunger Games</i> where you WANT to be in it.	04/12
Robert B. Cialdini	<a href="#">The Psychology of Influence</a>	Wish I read this sooner and didn't take so long to read. It's a captivating read for nonfiction and one that marketers should read. Most people should read it if they don't want to give in to influence tricks that make our brains go click, whirrr.	04/12

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Daniel Silva	<a href="#">The Defector</a>	I liked this better than <a href="#">Moscow Rules</a> -- but part of it could be knowing the characters better. Unlike the other, this one didn't feel like it dragged on at some points.	03/12
David Sedaris	<a href="#">Me Talk Pretty One Day</a>	Some funny stories. Some not.	03/12
Lisa See	<a href="#">Dreams of Joy</a>	Sequel to <a href="#">Shanghai Girls</a> . The book started slow despite having read "The Shaghai Girls." It finally picks up the pace around the middle or second half. It could probably be about 75 pages shorter and have a stronger impact.	03/12
Daniel Silva	<a href="#">Moscow Rules</a>	First Gabriel Allons story I've read, so I came into the middle of it. For a first book -- you don't feel out of the loop. Action picks up a little too far in book.	03/12
Simon Mawer	<a href="#">The Glass Room</a>	Good story. A little slow at times, but different take on World War II with architecture thrown in. Follows stories of people in the house with the glass room ... but followed one family outside -- a little inconsistent. Family most interesting -- others not so much.	02/12
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">The Lost Hero</a>	Riordan returns to the Percy Jackson crew minus Percy. Lots of great action with old and new characters.	12/11
Brian Selznick	<a href="#">Wonderstruck</a>	When I finished the book, I applauded. Just couldn't help myself. But it probably meant more to me than most because I was born deaf.	09/11
Laura Hillenbrand	<a href="#">Unbroken</a>	Never been a fan of detailed war stories, but Hillenbrand turned Louis Zamperini's into one that captivated me.	09/11
Brian Selznick	<a href="#">The Invention of Hugo Cabret</a>	Quick and unique read. It's not a movie on paper, picture book, graphic novel. A neat story that intertwines fiction with nonfiction.	09/11
Chris Van Allsburg	<a href="#">The Chronicles of Harris Burdick: Fourteen Amazing Authors Tell the Tales</a>	<i>Twilight Zone</i> : kids version. A couple good stories. A couple weird. A couple uninteresting.	09/11

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Mark Haddon	<a href="#">The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</a>	Love the telling of the story from the point of view of an autistic teen. Plus, I have a fondness for UK things, words and places.	09/11
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">The Red Pyramid, Kane Chronicles #1</a>	This is the Egyptian version of Percy Jackson. However, it had too much going on and went on for too long. It just didn't captivate me like Percy did.	08/11
Suzanne Collins	<a href="#">Mockingjay</a>	I was nervous about reading this one as it had the most mixed reviews in the series. Perhaps, it was because there were no Hunger Games as in the first two books -- it goes in a different -- and rightly so -- direction. I think the book ended on the right notes. Not predictable, some unpopular moves and some good moves.	08/11
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian</a>	Nice closure to the series. Enjoyed the interweaving of Greek mythology with modern times. A lot of similarities with Harry Potter, but not quite as captivating.	08/11
Lauren Ruotolo	<a href="#">Unstoppable in Stilettoes</a>	If she focused more on her stories and less on advice, it would've been a better book. I felt like over half of the book was stuff I had heard before except her stories.	07/11
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth</a>	And this is better than #3. Onward to the final book.	07/11
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">Percy Jackson and the Titan's Curse</a>	Son is right -- each one gets better and better.	07/11
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters</a>	Son reports that this wasn't even in his top three. Looking forward to the next one. Perfect summer and poolside read.	07/11
Rick Riordan	<a href="#">Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</a>	I saw the movie first, which ruined the book for me. Yes, I know they're not identical, but the movie did a good job capturing the big points from the book and it felt like I was watching the movie for a second time. I loved the interweaving the Greek gods with modern times and how Percy's ADHD turned into a boon.	06/11

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Suzanne Collins	<a href="#">Catching Fire</a>	Surprises and lots of action. This one probably can't stand alone, but I don't think The Hunger Games series is meant to do that.	06/11
Suzanne Collins	<a href="#">The Hunger Games</a>	I knew the games in this book resembled the " <a href="#">The Running Man</a> ," but couldn't imagine why it was a huge hit. Now I see why and I'm glad I read it though I'm not a big fan of those types of games. I accidentally found out the result when I was reading the summary of <a href="#">Catching Fire</a> (book 2). Even knowing the result, the book gripped me all the way to the end.	06/11
Stieg Larsson	<a href="#">The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest</a>	Great wrap up to the series. Can see why it had lower ratings than the other two -- there were some parts that dragged on and confused rather than helped the story.	05/11
Daniel Amen	<a href="#">Change Your Brain, Change Your Life</a>	Interesting look at the brain and how it can affect our behavior, moods and more.	05/11
Rebecca Skloot	<a href="#">The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</a>	I've never been big on reading science stories, but I know why -- they're dull and sound like a graduate thesis. Not this one. Skloot tells Henrietta Lack's story in a seamless and captivating way. It's a great example of creative nonfiction writing.	04/11
Anita Diamant	<a href="#">Day After Night: A Novel</a>	I wasn't familiar with the "in between" internment camps after the Holocaust. These camps held survivors and people escaping from elsewhere. The British stood at the borders and put the illegal immigrants in these detention camps. Diamant weaves the story of four fictional women into one of these nonfictional camps to tell the story of life in a detention camp.	04/11

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Tim Ferriss	<a href="#">The 4-Hour Workweek, Expanded and Updated</a>	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	<a href="#">Enchantment: The Art of Changing Hearts, Minds and Actions</a>	It's awesome. My story appears in it, so you may not trust my review :)	03/11
Seth Godin	<a href="#">Poke the Box</a>	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	<a href="#">One Amazing Thing</a>	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	<a href="#">The Girl Who Played with Fire</a>	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
Stieg Larsson	<a href="#">The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo</a>	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	<a href="#">What I Know Now: Letters to My Younger Self</a>	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

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Mary Blye Howe	<a href="#">A Baptist Among the Jews</a>	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	<a href="#">Outliers: The Story of Success</a>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	12/10
Steve Martin	<a href="#">Shopgirl: A Novella</a>	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	<a href="#">The Help</a>	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	<a href="#">Shanghai Girls</a>	Book club read: Not as good as <a href="#">Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</a> . Enjoyed the historical fiction story -- just not as gripping.	09/10
Sadia Shepard	<a href="#">The Girl from Foreign</a>	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	<a href="#">The Freedom Writers Diary</a>	Inspiring. If I wanted to be a teacher, I'd dig deep into her teaching style and apply it.	07/10
Anita Diamant	<a href="#">The Last Days of Dogtown</a>	Mixed feelings. Dragged, but rich writing style. Intriguing characters, but confusing points at times.	06/10
Sue Monk Kidd	<a href="#">The Secret Life of Bees</a>	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	<a href="#">Close Kids</a>	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	<a href="#">The Kid Turned out Fine</a>	Stories of parents when they screwed up. Some funny. Not the best parenting essays book I've read.	05/10
Tom Wolfe	<a href="#">I Am Charlotte Simmons</a>	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	<a href="#">Dive In: Springboard into the Profitability, Productivity and Potential of the Special Needs Workforce</a>	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	<a href="#">Become Your Own Boss in 12 Months</a>	Well-rounded book that covers all the things you need to know to get a business up and running.	04/10
Audrey Niffenegger	<a href="#">The Time Traveler's Wife</a>	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	<a href="#">From Fear to Love</a>	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	<a href="#">Get Found: How Inbound Marketing Can Drive Customers to Your Business</a>	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	<a href="#">Wish You Were Here</a>	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	<a href="#">The Great Behavior Breakdown</a>	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	<a href="#">Bird by Bird</a>	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	<a href="#">The Little Prince</a>		02/10
Anthony E. Wolf	<a href="#">Get Out of My Life, but First Could You Drive Me &amp; Cheryl to the Mall: A Parent's Guide to the New Teenager, Revised and Updated</a>	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	<a href="#">The Blind Side</a>	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	<a href="#">The Backchannel</a>	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	<a href="#">Crush It!</a>	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	<a href="#">The Given Day: A Novel</a>	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	<a href="#">Getting in Without Freaking Out: The Official College Admissions Guide for Overwhelmed Parents</a>	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	<a href="#">Undress for Success</a>	<a href="#">Reviewed on Web Worker Daily.</a>	12/09
Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows	<a href="#">The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</a>	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	<a href="#">Don't Just Talk, Be Heard!</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	11/09
Therese Walsh	<a href="#">The Last Will of Moira Leahy</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/09
Kristin Bair O'Keeffe	<a href="#">Thirsty</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/09
Sara Morgan	<a href="#">No Limits: How I Escaped the Clutches of Corporate America to Live the Self-Employed Life of My Dreams</a>	Book Blog Tour. Quick read. Touches every aspect of the business.	10/09

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Jen Yates	<a href="#">Cake Wrecks: When Professional Cakes Go Hilariously Wrong</a>	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	<a href="#">Twitter Power</a>	For <a href="#">GetAbstract</a> . Well written book that helps you use Twitter for business from sign up to measurement.	09/09
Celia Rivenbark	<a href="#">You Can't Drink All Day If You Don't Start in the Morning</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	09/09
Christina Katz	<a href="#">Get Known before the Book Deal</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	
Tim Ash	<a href="#">Landing Page Optimization: The Definitive Guide to Testing and Tuning for Conversions</a>	For <a href="#">GetAbstract</a> . 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	<a href="#">The Richest Man in Babylon</a>	Good way to tell a story about managing money, but the biblical writing style can be hard to read and interpret.	05/09
John E. Sarno	<a href="#">Healing Back Pain: The Mind-Body Connection</a>	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	<a href="#">The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/09
Craig Stull, Phil Myers, David Meerman Scott	<a href="#">Tuned In: Uncover the Extraordinary Opportunities That Lead to Business Breakthroughs</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/09
Judith Guest	<a href="#">Ordinary People</a>	Like <i>Girl, Interrupted</i> , explores emotions and motivations behind each family member's personality.	03/09
Susanna Kaysen	<a href="#">Girl, Interrupted</a>	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	<a href="#">One Small Step Can Change Your Life: The Kaizen Way</a>	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	<a href="#">Jonathan Livingston Seagull</a>	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	<a href="#">The Power Presenter</a>	How to focus on everything else besides the content.	02/09
Carrie Fisher	<a href="#">Wishful Drinking</a>	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	<a href="#">Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café</a>	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	<a href="#">slide:ology: The Art and Science of Creating Great Presentations</a>	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
Eric Butow and Kathleen Taylor	<a href="#">How to Succeed in Business Using LinkedIn: Making Connections and Capturing Opportunities on the World's #1 Business Networking Site</a>	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

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Ginny Redish	<a href="#">Letting Go of the Words: Writing Web Content That Works</a>	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	<a href="#">Presentation Zen</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/08
Dan Roam	<a href="#">Back of the Napkin</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/08
Calvin Clemons	The Perfect Board	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	07/08
Margaret Heffernan	<a href="#">How She Does It: How Women Entrepreneurs Are Changing the Rules of Business Success</a>	For <a href="#">GetAbstract</a> . Insightful stories on how women work and run successful businesses.	06/08
Stephanie Losee and Helaine Olen	<a href="#">Office Mate: Your Employee Handbook for Romance on the Job</a>	For <a href="#">GetAbstract</a> . Work is a great place to meeting people. Worried about sexual harassment? This one helps you avoid the trap.	04/08
David Shields	<a href="#">The Thing About Life Is That One Day You'll Be Dead</a>	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/08
Brent Sampson	Sell Your Book on Amazon	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	02/08
Joe Plummer, et al.	<a href="#">The Online Advertising Playbook</a>	For <a href="#">GetAbstract</a> . Great book with lots of examples explaining each tactic / strategy.	01/08
John Eckberg	The Success Effect	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	01/08
Linda Gordon Howard	<a href="#">Sexual Harassment Handbook</a>	For <a href="#">GetAbstract</a> . Clearly explains a complicated subject and its gray areas.	12/07
Linda Criddle	<a href="#">Look Both Ways: Help Protect Your Family on the Internet</a>	For <a href="#">GetAbstract</a> . Good book on how to stay safe online.	11/07
Joel Haber, Ph.D. with Jenna Glatzer	Bullyproof Your Child for Life	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/07
Dov Seidman	How	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/07
Christine Comaford-Lynch	Rules for Renegades	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/07
Mike Song, Vicki Halsey & Tim Burress	The Hamster Revolution	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	09/07
Cliff Atkinson	Beyond Bullet Points	<a href="#">Blogged.</a>	08/07
Jack R. Hart	The Writer's Coach	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	07/07

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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. <a href="#">Discussion.</a>	07/07
Arianna Huffington	On Becoming Fearless	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/07
Michael Flocker	Death By Powerpoint	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/07
William Ury	The Power of a Positive No: How to Say No and Still Get to Yes	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/07
Steven Levy	The Perfect Thing: How the iPod Shuffles Commerce, Culture and Coolness	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	04/07
Steve Weber	Plug Your Book! Online Book Marketing for Authors	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/07
Stephan Schiffman	<a href="#">E-mail Selling Techniques: That Really Work</a>	For <a href="#">getabstract.com.</a>	03/07
Robert Brinkerhoff	<a href="#">Telling Training's Story: Evaluation Made Simple, Credible, and Effective</a>	For <a href="#">getabstract.com.</a>	02/07
Steve Wozniak and Gina Smith	<a href="#">iWoz: From Computer Geek to Cult Icon: How I Invented the Personal Computer, Co-Founded Apple, and Had Fun Doing It</a>	For <a href="#">getabstract.com.</a>	01/07
Sam Horn	Pop! Stand out in Any Crowd	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	01/07
David Kidder and Noah Oppenheim	The Intellectual Devotional: Revive Your Mind, Complete Your Education, and Roam Confidently with the Cultured Class	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	12/06
Donald A. Norman	Emotional Design: Why We Love (or Hate) Everyday Things	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	12/06
Janet Hirshenson and Jane Jenkins	A Star Is Found	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	11/06
Michael Stelzner	Writing White Papers	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	11/06
Barbara Davilman and Ellis Weiner	<a href="#">Yiddish with George and Laura</a>	For <a href="#">Blogcritics.</a>	10/06
Shadan Malik	<a href="#">Enterprise Dashboards</a>	For <a href="#">getabstract.com.</a>	10/06
Timothy L. Keiningham, et. al.	Loyalty Myths	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	09/06
Stephanie Lehmann	You Could Do Better	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/06

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Debbie Weil	The Corporate Blogging Book	Contributed to book as a researcher. <a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/06
Michael Port	Book Yourself Solid	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/06
Susan Newman, Ph.D.	The Book of No	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	07/06
Lisa See	Snow Flower and the Secret Fan	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	07/06
Rene J. Cappon	<a href="#">The Associated Press Guide to News Writing</a>	For writing class. Picked up valuable tips.	07/06
Jeremy Wright	<a href="#">Blog Marketing</a>	For <a href="#">getabstract.com</a> .	07/06
Jenna Glatzer and Daniel Steven	The Street-Smart Writer	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/06
Andrea N. Richesin, ed.	The May Queen	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/06
Jeffrey Eisenberg, Bryan Eisenberg, and Lisa T. Davis	Waiting for Your Cat to Bark?	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/06
Andrew Goodman	<a href="#">Winning Results with Google AdWords</a>	For <a href="#">getabstract.com</a> .	05/06
Thomas M. Koulopoulos and Tom Roloff	Smartsourcing	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	04/06
Elizabeth Noble	<a href="#">The Reading Group</a>	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	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	04/06
Shel Holtz and Ted Demopoulos	Blogging for Business	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/06
Judith E. Glaser	Creating We	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/06
Dan Poynter	Writing Nonfiction	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/06
Ian I. Mitroff	Why Some Companies Emerge Stronger and Better from a Crisis	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	02/06
Anne Miller	Metaphorically Selling	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	02/06
James Faure Walker	Painting the Digital River	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	01/06
Scott MacHaffie	Palm and Treo Hacks	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	01/06
David Meerman Scott	Cashing in with Content	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	01/06
John G. Miller	Flipping the Switch	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	12/05
Shel Israel, Robert Scoble	Naked Conversations	<a href="#">Book Reviewed.</a>	12/05
Roger Bennett, Jules Shell, and Nick Kroll	Bar Mitzvah Disco: The Music May Have Stopped, but the Party's Never Over	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	12/05

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Eric Maisel	A Writer's Paris: A Guided Journey for the Creative Soul	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	11/05
Steve Krug	Don't Make Me Think! 2nd ed.	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	11/05
C.J. Hayden	Get Clients Now!	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	11/05
Brian Fugere, Chelsea Hardaway, Jon Warshawsky	Why Business People Speak Like Idiots	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/05
Alan Alda	Never Have Your Dog Stuffed: and Other Things I've Learned	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/05
Hal Edward Runkel	Scream-free Parenting	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	09/05
Cheah Chu Yeow	Firefox Secrets	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	09/05
Multiple authors	The Big Moo	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	09/05
Multiple authors	Best Software Writing I	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	09/05
Multiple authors	Professional CSS	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/05
Tom Hodgkinson	How to Be Idle	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/05
Mark Hughes	Buzzmarketing: Get people talking about your stuff	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/05
Kate Moses and Camille Peri	Because I Said So	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	08/05
Harriet Lerner	Dance of Fear	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	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	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	07/05
Roy H. Williams	Free the Beagle: Journey to Destinae	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/05
Susan Trott	The Holy Man	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/05
Stephanie Lehmann	Art of Undressing	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Stop laughing. Yes, I know how to get undressed. Blogcritics review.	06/05
Dawn Josephson and Lauren Hidden	Write It Right	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/05
Joe Moglia	Coaching Yourself to Success	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	06/05
Seth Godin	All Marketers Are Liars	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Liked it better than <a href="#">Free Prize Inside.</a> Thought-provoking.	06/05

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Steve Leveen	The Little Book to Your Well-Read Life	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . Awesome. Had impact on me. Recommendation from Michael Masterson in his <a href="#">Early to Rise</a> 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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . Practical advice on creating Web sites with customers in mind.	05/05
Steve Bass	PC Annoyances, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . Easy and friendly tips for dealing with the Microsoft Office, email, and hardware. Great reference.	05/05
Joseph Rubin	<a href="#">Financial Statements.xls: A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating Financial Statements Using Microsoft Excel</a>	Not recommended.	04/05
Jesse Torres and Peter Sideris	Surviving PC Disasters, Mishaps, and Blunders	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	03/05
Rachel Andrew	CSS Anthology	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	03/05
Kevin Yank	Build Your Own Database Driven Web Site Using PHP and MySQL	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	02/05
Linda and Charles George	<a href="#">Luis Muñoz Marín: Father of Modern Puerto Rico</a>	<a href="#">In2Books</a> book. I wasn't familiar with Marin and learned his working to improve conditions in Puerto Rico.	
Andrew Savikas	Word Hacks	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	01/05
Jeff Duntemann	Degunking Your Email, Spam and Viruses	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . 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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	12/04
John G. Miller	QBQ	BzzAgent book. It immediately impacted me as I attempt to avoid blaming others and take responsibility. <a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	11/04
Christopher Schmitt	CSS Cookbook	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	11/04
C. Hope Clarke	The Shy Writer	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	11/04

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Ann Rossi	<a href="#">Kids Communicate</a>	<a href="#">In2Books</a> 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
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. <a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	10/04
Tara Calishain	Web Search Garage	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Good reference.	09/04
Wil Wheaton	Just a Geek	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> 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 <sup>nd</sup> edition	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Fan of the first. Used it frequently.	08/04
Jonathan Land	The Spam Letters	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> 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	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Book was reward from BzzAgent.	08/04
Jeff Crilley	Free Publicity	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Easy and fast reading. Great tips. Author is a Dallas news reporter.	07/04
Rael Dornfest	Google: The Missing Manual	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Plenty of tips I hadn't tried.	07/04
Lynne Truss	Eats, Shoots & Leaves	BzzAgent book. <a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Overhyped book, some parts an enjoyable read while others dragged.	06/04
John Reid	Write Ways to Win Writing Contests	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	
Derrick Story	Digital Photography Hacks	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> I'd like to try the tips, but never get around to it.	06/04
Derrick Story	Digital Photography Pocket Guide	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> 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. <a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/04
Dawn Josephson	Putting It on Paper	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/04
Raina Hawley and David Hawley	Excel Hacks	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Another good Hackin' book from O'Reilly.	05/04

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Wil Wheaton	Dancing Barefoot	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . Majority of the book focuses on life in Star Trek. Funny and sweet.	04/04
David Sawyer McFarland	Dreamweaver MX 2004: The Missing Manual	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	04/04
Seth Godin	Free Prize Inside	BzzAgent book. <a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . Tried to apply concepts learned.	04/04
Gail Carson Levine	<a href="#">Ella Enchanted</a>	Better than the <a href="#">movie</a> (duh). Quick and fun read.	04/04
Steve Bass	PC Annoyances	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	02/04
Carrie Bickener	Web Design on a Shoestring	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	10/03
Various	2004 Writer's Market	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> for AbsoluteWrite.com.	10/03
Jenna Glatzer	Outwitting Writers' Block and Other Problems of the Pen	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	10/03
Penny C. Sansevieri	Get Published Today!	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	10/03
Stephen C. Lundin, Harry Paul, John Christensen	<a href="#">Fish! A Remarkable Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results</a>	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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	09/03
Andy King	Speed up Your Site	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . No book on this important topic exists.	09/03
Doug Isenberg	GigaLaw Guide to Internet Law	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	07/03
JK Rowling	<a href="#">Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix</a>	It's Harry Potter. Always an absorbing read.	07/03
Ilise Benun	Designing Websites for Every Audience	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . 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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	03/03
Bryan Eisenberg, Jeff Eisenberg, Lisa Davis	Persuasive Online Copywriting: How to Take Your Words to the Bank	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	02/03
Kristi Patrice Carter, J.D.	Fire Your Boss and Hire Yourself: Freelance Your Way to Happiness and Prosperity	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . 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	<a href="#">Good in Bed</a>	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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . 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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	12/02
Joshua Feinberg	What Your Computer Consultant Doesn't Want You to Know	Quick and easy read. But has good tips. <a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	11/02
David Morrell	Lessons From a Lifetime of Writing	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . 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	<a href="#">Lovely Bones</a>	Best seller. Surprised how well the book covered a morbid topic.	10/02
Alex Singer	<a href="#">Alex: Building a Life</a>	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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	09/02
Dekker Malone	Kentucky Roses	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . 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	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> .	07/02
Gil Troy	<a href="#">Why I Am a Zionist</a>	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!	<a href="#">Book reviewed</a> . Tried to apply the concepts learned.	04/02
Samuel G. Freedman	<a href="#">Jew Vs. Jew</a>	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	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	02/02
Myla Goldberg	Bee Season	Reviewed for organization's book clubs reading guide. Wrote guide. <a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	11/01
Dekker Malone	Nashville Gold	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Enjoyable light fiction.	10/01
William Zinsser	<a href="#">On Writing Well</a>	Someone emailed me this book recommendation and it's one of the best books I've ever read. <a href="#">Commentary.</a>	07/01
J.T. Rowling	<a href="#">Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</a>	Fan of series.	06/01
J.T. Rowling	<a href="#">Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</a>	Fan of series.	06/01
Jennifer Niederst	Learning Web Design	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/01
J.T. Rowling	<a href="#">Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</a>	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	<a href="#">Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</a>	Fan of series.	05/01
Dianna Booher	E-Writing: 21st Century Tools for Effective Communication	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/01
Vincent Flanders and Michael Willis	Web Pages That Suck	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/01
Jeffrey Zeldman	Taking Your Talent to the Web	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	05/01
Constance Hale and Jessie Scanlon	Wired Style	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a> Outdated, but can provide a good starting place for creating style guides.	
Steve Splaine & Stefan Jaskiel	Web Testing Handbook	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	04/01
Crawford Kilian	Writing for the Web: Geeks' Edition	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/01
Lynda Weinman	Designing Web Graphics.3	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	03/01
Tom Negrino & Dori Smith	Quickstart Javascript 4	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	12/01
Molly E. Holzschlag	Special Edition Using XHTML	<a href="#">Book reviewed.</a>	01/01
Nora Roberts	<a href="#">Public Secrets</a>	Good read.	05/99
Vicki Iovine	<a href="#">The Girlfriend's Guide to Pregnancy</a>	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	<a href="#">Reviving Ophelia</a>	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	<a href="#">How to Be a Star at Work</a>	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	<a href="#">You Belong to Me</a>	Like author's works.	09/98
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Pretend You Don't See Her</a>	Like author's works.	07/98
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">Best Laid Plans</a>	Like author's works.	07/98
John Grisham	<a href="#">The Street Lawyer</a>	Like author's works.	03/98
Patricia Cornwell	<a href="#">Cause of Death</a>	Like author's works.	01/98
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">My Gal Sunday</a>	Like author's works. Not one of her better books.	01/98
Jeffrey Archer	<a href="#">Fourth Estate</a>	Like author's works.	08/97
Wally Lamb	<a href="#">She's Come Undone</a>	Best Seller. Oprah Book Club. Good book, not great.	05/97
Richard Lederer	<a href="#">Fractured English</a>	Like author's works.	04/97
Roger Fisher & William Ury	<a href="#">Getting to Yes</a>	Negotiation and compromise are tough subjects and this is one of the best books on the topic.	03/97
Scott Adams	<a href="#">Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook</a>	Like author's works.	03/97
Jeffrey Archer	<a href="#">Matter of Honor</a>	Like author's works.	02/97
Nelson Demille	<a href="#">General's Daughter</a>	Like author's works. Later made into a <a href="#">movie</a> .	01/97
Jeffrey Archer	<a href="#">Prodigal Daughter</a>	Like author's works. Lost book when I had a few pages left. Figures.	12/96
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">Rage of Angels</a>	Like author's works.	12/96
Joel Lurie Grishaver	<a href="#">40 Things You Can Do to Save the Jewish People</a>	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	<a href="#">Hide and Seek</a>	Like author's works.	12/96
James Patterson	<a href="#">Jack and Jill</a>	Like author's works.	11/96
David Baldacci	<a href="#">Absolute Power</a>	Best seller. Good read. <a href="#">Movie</a> based on book.	11/96
Jeffrey Archer	<a href="#">Honor Among Thieves</a>	Like author's works.	11/96
Jeffrey Archer	<a href="#">Kane and Abel</a>	Mom recommended. First-rate fiction story about two men who came from different backgrounds.	11/96

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Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Moonlight Becomes You</a>	Like author's works.	10/96
Scott Adams	<a href="#">The Dilbert Principle</a>	Like author's works.	09/96
Kate White	<a href="#">Why Good Girls Don't Get Ahead But Gutsy Girls Do</a>	Awesome book for women trying to make it in a world where higher level managers and execs are often men.	09/96
John Grisham	<a href="#">The Rainmaker</a>	Like author's works.	06/96
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Let Me Call You Sweetheart</a>	Like author's works.	06/96
Marvin Brown	<a href="#">Working Ethics</a>	Graduate school ethics class. Great course.	04/96
Lonnie Kliever	<a href="#">Dax's Case</a>	Graduate school ethics class.	03/96
William K. Frankena	<a href="#">Ethics</a>	Graduate school ethics class.	
James Clavell	<a href="#">The Children's Story</a>	Graduate school ethics class. Short and chilling tale.	
Margaret Truman	<a href="#">Murder on the Potomac</a>	Like author's works. Also liked the settings in the DC area having lived there.	01/96
Jerry Seinfeld	<a href="#">Seinlanguage</a>	Don't recall except it was funny, of course.	12/95
Dale Carnegie	<a href="#">How to Enjoy Your Life and Your Job</a>	Liked <i>Worrying</i> book. Good one, too.	12/95
Jill Spiegel	<a href="#">Flirting for Success</a>	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	<a href="#">Morning, Noon and Night</a>	Like author's works.	12/95
Nancy Taylor Rosenberg	<a href="#">First Offense</a>	Liked previous works.	12/95
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">McNally's Trial</a>	Like author's works.	12/95
Jack Canfield/Marc Victor Hansen	<a href="#">The Aladdin Factor</a>	Still remember concepts and use them from time to time.	11/95
Patricia Cornwell	<a href="#">Postmortem</a>	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	<a href="#">The Lottery Winner</a>	Like author's works.	11/95
Michael C. Thomsett	The Little Black Book of Business Etiquette	Another management book.	11/95
James Patterson	<a href="#">Kiss the Girls</a>	Like author's works. Alex Cross story.	11/95
James Patterson	<a href="#">Season of the Machete</a>	Fan of author, but hated this one. It was not an Alex Cross story.	10/95

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Patricia Cornwell	<a href="#">All That Remains</a>	Like author's works.	10/95
Patricia Cornwell	<a href="#">From Potter's Field</a>	Like author's works.	10/95
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Silent Night</a>	Like author's works. Different type of story from usual stories.	10/95
Olivia Goldsmith	<a href="#">Fashionably Late</a>	Like author's works.	09/95
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Remember Me</a>	Like author's works.	09/95
Tom Peters	<a href="#">Pursuit of WOW!</a>	Fun read with observations, snippets, aphorisms, conceits, and quotes. Book applies today as we are in topsy turvy times again.	08/95
Richard Eyre	<a href="#">Don't Just Do Something, Sit There</a>	Like author's works. Ha, I feel guilty if I am not always doing something.	08/95
Richard Eyre and Linda Eyre	<a href="#">Teaching Your Children Values</a>	I attempted to do this with my daughter when she was a toddler. Great material. Then the book got wet and ruined.	Unknow n
Steven Covey	7 Habits of Highly Effective People		
Michael Hammer/James Champy	<a href="#">Reengineering the Corporation</a>	Best seller follow up.	06/95
Marc Victor Hansen	<a href="#">A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup</a>	Heart warming stories.	06/95
Marc Victor Hansen	<a href="#">Chicken Soup for the Soul</a>	Best seller. Heart warming stories. Geez, do they have enough books out on the topic now?	06/95
Michael Hammer/Steven Stanton	<a href="#">Reengineering the Revolution</a>	Best seller. Read for work.	06/95
Ann McGee Cooper	<a href="#">You Don't Have to Go Home Exhausted</a>	Another self-help management book.	04/95
Judith Krantz	<a href="#">Lovers</a>	Like Krantz, but don't remember this.	04/95
Nancy Taylor Rosenberg	<a href="#">Interest of Justice</a>	Read because of <i>Mitigating Circumstances</i> , but very good.	04/95
Jeanne Martinette	<a href="#">The Art of Mingling</a>	More networking help.	03/95
Richard Lederer	<a href="#">Adventures of a Verbivore</a>	Like author's works. Met him at a dinner where he spoke. Funny guy.	02/95
Connie Brown-Glaser & Barbara Smalley	<a href="#">More Power to You!</a>	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	<a href="#">How to Win Friends and Influence People</a>	Another winner from Carnegie.	01/95

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Dale Carnegie	<a href="#">How to Stop Worrying &amp; Start Living</a>	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	<a href="#">Secrets of Savvy Networking</a>	Liked previous book, so I read this one. Other one is better.	12/94
Susan RoAne	<a href="#">How to Work a Room</a>	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	<a href="#">Nothing Lasts Forever</a>	Like author's works.	12/94
Bert Decker	<a href="#">You've Got to Be Believed to Be Heard</a>	About public speaking. Recommendation. Good book.	11/94
Richard Lederer	<a href="#">More Anguished English</a>	Like author's works.	11/94
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">A Stranger Is Watching</a>	Like author's works.	09/94
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Cry in the Night</a>	Like author's works.	09/94
Burton L. White	<a href="#">Raising a Happy, Unspoiled Child</a>	Implemented the holding timeout with all three kids. Worked well except on Lane.	09/94
Carol Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Snagged</a>	Mom loaned book. Light reading. So so.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">The Cradle Will Fall</a>	Like author's works.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Loves Music, Loves to Dance</a>	Like author's works.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Stillwatch</a>	Like author's works.	08/94
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">While My Pretty One Sleeps</a>	Like author's works.	07/94
Olivia Goldsmith	<a href="#">Flavor of the Month</a>	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	<a href="#">I'll Be Seeing You</a>	Like author's works.	06/94
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Where Are the Children?</a>	Like author's works.	06/94

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Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">Weep No More, My Lady</a>	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	<a href="#">Degree of Guilt</a>	Forgot.	05/94
Jay Belsky	<a href="#">Transition to Parenthood</a>	Ditto.	05/94
Grif Stockley	<a href="#">Probable Cause</a>	Ditto.	01/94
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">Private Pleasures</a>	Ditto.	01/94
Phillip Friedman	<a href="#">Inadmissible Evidence</a>	Ditto.	12/93
James Patterson	<a href="#">Along Came A Spider</a>	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	<a href="#">Mitigating Circumstances</a>	Strong female character. Great and easy reading.	10/93
William J. Coughlin	<a href="#">Death Penalty</a>	Don't recall.	10/93
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">McNally's Luck</a>	Like series.	09/93
William Bernhardt	<a href="#">Deadly Justice</a>	Yet another one I don't remember. Hey, it was over 10 years ago!	09/93
Howard Fast	<a href="#">The Trial of Abigail Goodman</a>	Fan of author's works.	09/93
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">The Passion of Molly T</a>	Like author's works.	09/93
Judith Krantz	<a href="#">Scruples Two</a>	Liked <i>Scruples</i> .	08/93
Robert Mager/Peter Pipe	<a href="#">Analyzing Performance Problems</a>	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
Dr. Kevin Leman	<a href="#">The Birth Order Book</a>	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	<a href="#">How to Speak Like a Pro</a>	Tips for being a good speaker with checklists at the end of every chapter.	07/93

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Rabbi Morris Kertzer	<a href="#">What Is a Jew?</a>	A good introduction to Judaism with clear answers.	07/93
Marian Wright Edelman	<a href="#">Measure of Our Success</a>	Wonderful read with Edelman sharing values of living a good life.	07/93
H. Jackson Brown	<a href="#">Life's Little Instruction Book II</a>	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	<a href="#">The Client</a>	Like author's works.	06/93
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">The Anderson Tapes</a>	Like author's works.	06/93
Margaret Truman	<a href="#">Murder at the Pentagon</a>	Like author's works.	06/93
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">McNally's Secret</a>	Like McNally series.	05/93
Olivia Goldsmith	<a href="#">First Wives Club</a>	Great and lots of fun to read. Funny. Movie did a decent job.	05/93
Michael Crichton	<a href="#">Jurassic Park</a>	Gripping. Great read.	04/93
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">The Timothy Files</a>	Like author's works.	04/93
John Roger/Phillip McWilliams	<a href="#">Life 101</a>	Think it was average.	03/93
Jay Brandon	<a href="#">Tripwire</a>	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	<a href="#">The Eighth Commandment</a>	Like author's works.	03/93
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">Capital Crimes</a>	Like author's works.	03/93
Lawrence Sanders	<a href="#">Caper</a>	Like author's works.	03/93
William Bernhardt	<a href="#">Primary Justice</a>	I guess I like the author's works even though I can't remember the stories.	02/93
Joseph Wambaugh	<a href="#">Fugitive Nights</a>	Blankity blank.	02/93
William J. Coughlin	<a href="#">Shadow of a Doubt</a>	Blank.	02/93
Mary Higgins Clark	<a href="#">All Around the Town</a>	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	<a href="#">The Other Side of Midnight</a>	Like author's works.	02/93
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">Bloodline</a>	Like author's works.	02/93
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">Memories of Midnight</a>	Like author's works.	02/93
William Bernhardt	<a href="#">Code of Buddyhood</a>	I don't remember an inkling.	02/93
Shirley Conran	<a href="#">Crimson</a>	I think it was a mama loaner.	01/93

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Phillip Friedman	<a href="#">Reasonable Doubt</a>	Don't remember story. Lots of books called <i>Reasonable Doubt</i> , so it may not be the one you remember.	01/93
William Byham	<a href="#">Zapp! In Education</a>	Liked original, so read follow up.	01/93
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">The Naked Face</a>	Like author's works.	01/93
Kenneth Blanchard/Spencer Johnson	<a href="#">The One Minute Manager</a>	Fast and inspirational reading to learn management techniques.	01/93
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">The Sands of Time</a>	Like author's works.	12/92
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">Windmills of the Gods</a>	Like author's works.	12/92
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">The Doomsday Conspiracy</a>	Like author's works. Weird one - science fiction.	12/92
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">Master of the Game</a>	Like author's works.	12/92
John Grisham	<a href="#">The Pelican Brief</a>	Not his best, but an enjoyable page-turner.	11/92
William Byham	<a href="#">Zapp! The Lightning of Empowerment</a>	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	<a href="#">Expert Testimony</a>	Don't remember the story. Obviously I like lawyer-themed stories.	11/92
William Bernhardt	<a href="#">Blind Justice</a>	Don't remember the story.	11/92
Danielle Steele	<a href="#">Family Album</a>	Like author's works.	10/92
Dennis Prager/Joseph Telushkin	<a href="#">Nine Questions Jews Ask About Judaism</a>	Complete answers to the most often asked questions about Judaism.	10/92
Herman Wouk	<a href="#">This Is My God</a>	If you want to learn about Judaism with an easy-to-read book, this is it.	10/92
Michael Doyle	<a href="#">How to Make Meetings Work</a>	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	<a href="#">If Tomorrow Comes</a>	Like author's works.	10/92
John Grisham	<a href="#">A Time to Kill</a>	Best seller. Liked <i>The Firm</i> . Morbid topic. Probably least favorite.	08/92
J.F. Freedman	<a href="#">Against the Wind</a>	I just read the summary, but I don't remember the story.	08/92

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Ken Mandelbaum	<a href="#">Not Since Carrie</a>	Enjoyable insight into musicals that flopped.	06/92
Danielle Steele	<a href="#">Heartbeat</a>	Mom recommended. Girlie reading.	06/92
Sidney Sheldon	<a href="#">Stranger in the Mirror</a>	First Sidney Sheldon suspense book read and loved it. Started reading all of his works.	06/92
John Grisham	<a href="#">The Firm</a>	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	<a href="#">Scruples</a>	Best seller. Great book. Very <i>Dynasty</i> .	04/92
Jude Devereaux	<a href="#">Knight in Shining Armor</a>	Mom recommended. Light and enjoyable fantasy.	04/92
Deborah Tannen	<a href="#">You Just Don't Understand</a>	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	<a href="#">The Bourne Identity</a>	Long and slow reading. Read it on the subway.	03/92
H. Jackson Brown	<a href="#">Life's Little Instruction Book</a>	Funny, wise and sweet tips.	02/92
Roger Von Oech	<a href="#">A Whack on the Side of the Head</a>	See <i>A Kick in the Seat of the Pants</i> .	01/91
Roger Von Oech	<a href="#">A Kick in the Seat of the Pants</a>	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
Vicktor Frankl	<a href="#">Man's Search for Meaning</a>	College reading for an excellent health class. Didn't appreciate it as much as I would now.	01/91
M. Scott Peck	<a href="#">A Road Less Traveled</a>	College reading for an excellent health class. Didn't appreciate it as much as I would now.	01/91
Henry Kisor	<a href="#">What's That Pig Outdoors? A Memoir of Deafness</a>	I can relate to Kisor's experiences as a deaf person and writer.	'91
Joan Borysenko	<a href="#">Minding the Body, Mending the Mind</a>	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

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Elizabeth Kubler-Ross	<a href="#">Death and Dying</a>	I believe I would appreciate it more now than when I read it.	'91
Eli M. Bower, editor	<a href="#">The Handicapped in Literature</a>		'90
William Kephart	<a href="#">Extraordinary Groups: An Examination of Unconventional Groups</a>		'90
Chinua Achebe	<a href="#">Things Fall Apart</a>	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	<a href="#">One Hundred Years of Solitude</a>	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
Carlos Fuentes	<a href="#">The Death of Artemio Cruz</a>	Vaguely remembered it.	11/89
	<a href="#">Gilgamesh</a>	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	<a href="#">The Odyssey</a>	Adventurous. Surprised how much I enjoyed it.	08/89
Dante	<a href="#">Divine Comedy: The Inferno</a>	Thought it was going to be dark and depressing, but I liked adventure stories and Greek myths while growing up.	09/89

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Shakespeare	<a href="#">The Tempest</a>	Somewhat interesting and challenging.	10/89
Voltaire	<a href="#">Candide</a>	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	<a href="#">Billy Budd</a>	Immensely disliked this story.	10/89
Joseph Conrad	<a href="#">Heart of Darkness</a>	So-so. <i>Billy Budd</i> was the worst.	11/89
Charlotte Perkins Gilman	<a href="#">The Yellow Wall Paper</a>	Short story where the wall paper gives insight into the main character.	11/89
Franz Kafka	<a href="#">The Metamorphosis</a>	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 sp...rs. I know he didn't become that, but still... eww.	11/89
William Faulkner	<a href="#">As I Lay Dying</a>	Sad, interesting adventure. Different style.	11/89
Zora Neale Hurston	<a href="#">Their Eyes Were Watching God</a>	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	<a href="#">Surfacing</a>	The only modern book in the course.	12/89
Michael Osborn and Suzanne Osborn	<a href="#">Public Speaking</a>	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

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Author / Illustrator	Book	Notes
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Emily Jenkins and Paul Zelinsky	<a href="#">Toys Go Out</a>	Cute story that follows three toys and their adventures. Each chapter brings a self-contained adventure.
Chris Van Allsburg	<a href="#">The Mysteries of Harris Burdick</a>	First read in college when I took the awesome Children's Lit class. Read again because of the <i>Chronicles of Harris Burdick</i> (wanted to be sure it was the same).
Nick Bruel	<a href="#">Bad Kitty Meets the Baby</a>	Love the series. Hilarious. Kitty encounters another being. Is it a cat? A dog? And I love the surprise at the end.
Lane Smith	<a href="#">It's a Book</a>	Got this from my sister. How perfect with the Kindles and Nooks taking over the world of books.
Lemony Snicket	<a href="#">The Latke Who Couldn't Stop Screaming: A Christmas Story</a>	Not your usual holiday book that incorporates Hanukkah and Christmas in an innovative way. The book says it's for age 4 to 8. The print is too small.
Robin Pulver	<a href="#">Punctuation Takes a Vacation</a>	Love the creative story (this is one of those I wish I had thought of first), but the illustrations weren't very good. The punctuation illustrations were cute, but human not so great.
Nick Bruel	<a href="#">Bob and Otto</a>	I love Nick Bruel's Bad Kitty.
Dan Gutman	<a href="#">Nightmare at the Bookfair</a>	
Tedd Arnold	<a href="#">Parts</a>	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	<a href="#">Jumanji</a>	I read this one in Children's Lit in college. Just loved the story, illustrations, and originality.
Chris Van Allsburg	<a href="#">The Z Was Zapped: A Play in 26 Acts</a>	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.

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Graeme Base	<a href="#">The Eleventh Hour</a>	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.
Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen	<a href="#">The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip</a>	<a href="#">In2Books</a> 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	<a href="#">The Water Hole</a> Discovered 05/2005	Beautifully illustrated story that has lots of discoveries: ecology, geography, and math. Recommendation came from children's book discussion on <a href="#">Edward Tufte's ASK E.T. section</a> .
Graeme Base	<a href="#">Animalia</a> 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	<a href="#">Goodnight Moon</a>	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.	<a href="#">Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</a>	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.

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Eric Carle	<a href="#">The Very Hungry Caterpillar</a>	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	<a href="#">Catch the Ball</a>	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	<a href="#">Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</a>	Too funny for words. I could read it a hundred times and still laugh.
Nina Laden	<a href="#">The Night I Followed the Dog</a>	Funny story about a dog with two lives.
A. Wolf aka Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	<a href="#">The True Story of Three Little Pigs</a>	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	<a href="#">The Math Curse</a>	Shh... it's a fun book that covers math. Don't tell the kids.
Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	<a href="#">The Stinky Cheeseman and Other Fairly Stupid Tales</a>	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	<a href="#">Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables</a>	See <i>Stinky Cheeseman</i> .
Art Spiegelman	<a href="#">Open Me...I'm a Dog</a>	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.

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Mike Thaler and Jared Lee	<a href="#">Black Lagoon Series</a>	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	<a href="#">Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!</a>	Hilarious. It interacts with the reader and it's a fun read for both children and adults.
John Steptoe	<a href="#">The Story of Jumping Mouse</a>	<a href="#">In2Books</a> 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	<a href="#">Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World</a>	<a href="#">In2Books</a> book. Not the greatest, but teaches about gender roles and black cowboys.

#### Daniel Silva books

1. The Kill Artist (2000)
2. The English Assassin (2002)
3. The Confessor (2003)
4. A Death in Vienna (2004)
5. Prince of Fire (2005)
6. The Messenger (2006)
7. The Secret Servant (2007)
8. Moscow Rules (2008)