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### STAFF PICKS

Staff members of the Benson Public Library share some of their favorite books...

*Recommended by Peggy:*

**Silken Prey**  
by John Sandford

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**The extraordinary new Lucas Davenport thriller from the #1 *New York Times*–bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize winner.**

“If you haven’t read Sandford yet, you have been missing one of the great summer-read novelists of all time.” Stephen King, *Entertainment Weekly*

**Murder, scandal, political espionage, and an extremely dangerous woman. Lucas Davenport’s going to be lucky to get out of this one alive.**

Very early one morning, a Minnesota political fixer answers his doorbell. The next thing he knows, he’s waking up on the floor of a moving car, lying on a plastic sheet, his body wet with blood. When the car stops, a voice says, “Hey, I think he’s breathing,” and another voice says, “Yeah? Give me the bat.” And that’s the last thing he knows. Davenport is investigating another case when the trail leads to the man’s disappearance, then—very troublingly—to the Minneapolis police department, then—most troublingly of all—to a woman who could give Machiavelli lessons. She has very definite ideas about the way the world should work, and the money, ruthlessness, and sheer will to make it happen.

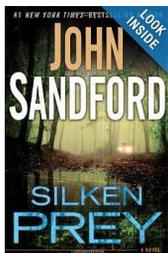
No matter who gets in the way.

Filled with John Sandford’s trademark razor-sharp plotting and some of the best characters in suspense fiction, *Silken Prey* is further evidence for why the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* called the Davenport novels “a perfect series,” and *Suspense Magazine* wrote, “If you haven’t read any of the Prey series, you need to jump on board right this second.”

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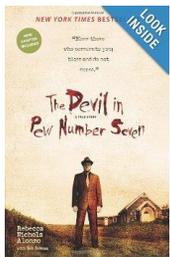
## **The Devil in Pew Number Seven** by Rebecca Nichols Alonzo

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### **2011 Retailers Choice Award winner!**

Rebecca never felt safe as a child. In 1969, her father, Robert Nichols, moved to Sellerstown, North Carolina, to serve as a pastor. There he found a small community eager to welcome him—with one exception. Glaring at him from pew number seven was a man obsessed with controlling the church. Determined to get rid of anyone who stood in his way, he unleashed a plan of terror that was more devastating and violent than the Nichols family could have ever imagined. Refusing to be driven away by acts of intimidation, Rebecca's father stood his ground until one night when an armed man walked into the family's kitchen . . . And Rebecca's life was shattered. If anyone had a reason to harbor hatred and seek personal revenge, it would be Rebecca. Yet *The Devil in Pew Number Seven* tells a different story. It is the amazing true saga of relentless persecution, one family's faith and courage in the face of it, and a daughter whose parents taught her the power of forgiveness.

[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)



*Recommended by Andrew:*

## **Mugged: Racial Demagoguery from the Seventies to Obama, by Ann Coulter**

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“This isn’t a story about black people—it’s a story about the Left’s agenda to patronize blacks and lie to everyone else.”

For decades, the Left has been putting on a play with themselves as heroes in an ongoing civil rights movement—which they were mostly absent from at the time. Long after pervasive racial discrimination ended, they kept pretending America was being run by the Klan and that liberals were black America’s only protectors. It took the O. J. Simpson verdict—the race-based acquittal of a spectacularly guilty black celebrity as blacks across America erupted in cheers—to shut down the white guilt bank.

But now, fewer than two decades later, our “postracial” president has returned us to the pre-OJ era of nonstop racial posturing. A half-black, half-white Democrat, not descended from American slaves, has brought racial unrest back with a whoop.

The Obama candidacy allowed liberals to engage in self-righteousness about race and get a hard-core Leftie in the White House at the same time. In 2008, we were told the only way for the nation to move past race was to elect him as president. And 53 percent of voters fell for it.

Now, Ann Coulter fearlessly explains the real history of race relations in this country, including how white liberals twist that history to spring the guilty, accuse the innocent, and engender racial hatreds, all in order to win politically. You’ll learn, for instance, how

A U.S. congressman and a New York mayor conspired to protect cop killers who ambushed four police officers in the Rev. Louis Farrakhan’s mosque.

The entire Democratic elite, up to the Carter White House, coddled a black cult in San Francisco as hundreds of the cult members marched to their deaths in Guyana.

New York City became a maelstrom of racial hatred, with black neighborhoods abandoned to criminals who were ferociously defended by a press that assessed guilt on the basis of race.

Preposterous hoax hate crimes were always believed, never questioned. And when they turned out to be frauds the stories would simply disappear from the news.

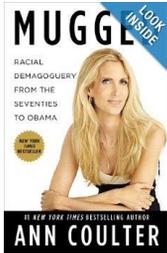
Liberals quickly switched the focus of civil rights laws from the heirs of slavery and Jim Crow to white feminists, illegal immigrants, and gays.

Subway vigilante Bernhard Goetz was surprisingly popular in black neighborhoods, despite hysterical denunciations of him by the New York Times.

Liberals slander Republicans by endlessly repeating a bizarro-world history in which Democrats defended black America and Republicans appealed to segregationists. The truth has always been exactly the opposite.

Going where few authors would dare, Coulter explores the racial demagoguery that has mugged America since the early seventies. She shines the light of truth on cases ranging from Tawana Brawley, Lemrick Nelson, and Howard Beach, NY, to the LA riots and the Duke lacrosse scandal. And she shows how the 2012 Obama campaign is going to inspire the greatest racial guilt mongering of all time.

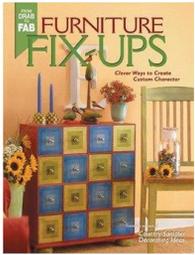
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*Recommended by Vicky:*

**Furniture Fix-Ups: Clever Ways to Create Custom Character (From Drab to Fab)**  
**by Country Sampler Decorating Ideas**

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*Furniture Fix-Ups* shows readers how to save money and have fun revitalizing old furniture and flea-market finds. Readers are introduced to techniques ranging from decoupage to stains and dyes, painted patterns to transferred images. They'll learn to create a crackled paint look, use punched tin to give a cabinet new life, and use stenciling to add interest to an old armoire, plus lots of other inspiring

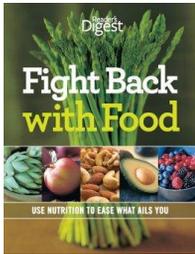
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*Recommended by Megan:*

## **Fight Back With Food: Use Nutrition to Heal What Ails You**

**by Editors of Reader's Digest**

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By now everyone knows: Good nutrition is the key to good health. What's new and exciting, however, are findings that the right diet can actually act as preventive medicine. Experts have discovered how vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals, and other substances in foods work in the body to treat and even prevent serious ailments-including arthritis, diabetes, and heart disease. Divided into 3 sections, this A-Z comprehensive guide lays out all the nutrients and other compounds currently known to researchers that help fight disease. Part 1 reveals the 50 foods with the most potential to treat and prevent disease and how to cook and store these healing foods to maximize their many benefits. Part 2 provides the reader with a powerful food arsenal to help fight 50 common ailments including a list of recipes that incorporate disease-fighting foods. In Part 3, get 100 healthy and tasty recipes for treating and fighting off disease? "meals that heal" are an everyday prescription to better health.

FIGHT BACK WITH FOOD will give the reader practical tips and information to turn three square meals a day into something that can help you live longer and healthier.

- A guide to the most powerful disease-zapping nutrients
- 50 superstar disease-fighting foods, from apples to poultry to winter squash
- What to eat to manage and prevent 50 common ailments, from asthma to osteoporosis
- 100 delicious disease-combating recipes

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