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### **STAFF PICKS**

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

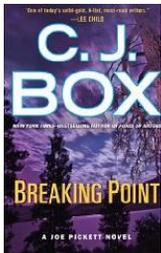
*Recommended by Peggy:*

**Breaking Point, a Joe Pickett Novel**

**by C. J. Box**

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Breaking Point, takes Joe Pickett into uncharted territory. The question is: What will he do when he gets there? It was always good to see Butch Roberson, Joe thought a hardworking, upright local business owner whose daughter was friends with his own. Little did he know that when he talked to Butch that day in the forest, the man was about to disappear. He was heading into the mountains to scout elk, he said, but instead he was running. Two EPA employees had just been murdered, and all signs pointed to him as the killer. As the manhunt organized itself, Joe heard more of the story about the tract of land Butch and his wife had bought to build their retirement home on, until the EPA declared it a wetland. About the penalties they charged him when he balked, new ones piling up every day, until the family was torn apart . . . and finally, it seems, the man just cracked. It was an awful story. But was it the whole story? The more Joe looks into it, the more he begins to wonder and the more he finds himself in the middle of a war he never expected and never wanted. Powerful forces want Roberson not just caught but dead and the same goes for anyone who stands in their way. Every man reaches his breaking point. Joe Pickett may just have reached his.



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*Recommended by Kelli:*

## **Underwater Dogs**

**by Seth Casteel**

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The exuberant, exhilarating photographs of dogs underwater that have become a sensation from the water's surface, it's a simple exercise: a dog's leap, a splash, and then a wet head surfacing with a ball, triumphant. But beneath the water is a chaotic ballet of bared teeth and bubbles, paddling paws, fur and ears billowing in the currents. From leaping Lab to diving Dachshund, the water is where a dog's distinct personality shines through; some lounge in the current, paddling slowly, but others arch their bodies to cut through the water with the focus and determination of a shark. In more than eighty portraits, award-winning pet photographer and animal rights activist Seth Casteel captures new sides of our old friends with vibrant underwater photography that makes it impossible to look away. Each image bubbles with exuberance and life, a striking reminder that even in the most loveable and domesticated dog, there are more primal forces at work. In *Underwater Dogs*, Seth Casteel gives playful and energetic testament to the rough and tumble joy that our dogs bring into our lives.

*Recommended by Andrew:*

## **Give and Take, by Adam Grant**

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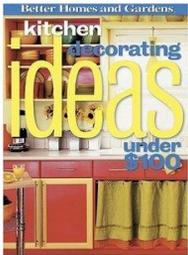
For generations, we have focused on the individual drivers of success: passion, hard work, talent, and luck. But today, success is increasingly dependent on how we interact with others. It turns out that at work, most people operate as either takers, matchers, or givers. Whereas takers strive to get as much as possible from others and matchers aim to trade evenly, givers are the rare breed of people who contribute to others without expecting anything in return. Using his own pioneering research as Wharton's youngest tenured professor, Grant shows that these styles have a surprising impact on success. Although some givers get exploited and burn out, the rest achieve extraordinary results across a wide range of industries. Combining cutting edge evidence with captivating stories, this landmark book shows how one of America's best networkers developed his connections, why the creative genius behind one of the most popular shows in television history toiled for years in anonymity, how a basketball executive responsible for multiple draft busts transformed his franchise into a winner, and how we could have anticipated Enron's demise four years before the company collapsed without ever looking at a single number. Praised by bestselling authors such as Dan Pink, Tony Hsieh, Dan Ariely, Susan Cain, Dan Gilbert, Gretchen Rubin, Bob Sutton, David Allen, Robert Cialdini, and Seth Godin, as well as senior leaders from Google, McKinsey, Merck, Estée Lauder, Nike, and NASA, Give and Take highlights what effective networking, collaboration, influence, negotiation, and leadership skills have in common. This landmark book opens up an approach to success that has the power to transform not just individuals and groups, but entire organizations and communities.

*Recommended by Vicky:*

## **Kitchen decorating Ideas under \$100**

**By: Rebecca Jerdee**

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The kitchen is the heart of the home and the most used room in the house. Make it comfortable and uniquely yours with easy, budget minded decorating ideas that reflect your personal style. Give your kitchen a whole new look without the expense and headache of remodeling.

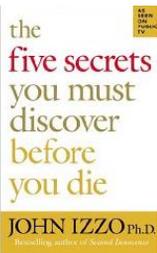
- Each project shown costs under \$100 to make
- Kitchen remodeling projects top the charts of home improvement projects. They can also top the budget. Now you can get big kitchen looks on a small kitchen budget.
- The quick-read text focuses on no-cost or low-cost steps to improve the function and look of any kitchen without remodeling.
- Easy fixes include ideas for gaining space, updating cabinetry, dressing windows, organizing storage, and decorating walls and eating areas.
- More than 30 projects with step-by-step instructions and 110 tips and ideas are included along with a glossary and a guide to must-have tools.

*Recommended by Megan:*

## **The Five Secrets you must discover before you die**

**By John Izzo Ph.D.**

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The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die, shares what John Izzo and 2 others asked thousands of people to identify the wisest person they knew. From over 200 people aged 60-106 whom others said had found the meaning in life. From town barbers to Holocaust survivors, from aboriginal chiefs to CEO's, these people had over 18,000 years of life experience. With warmth and wit, this book shares the "Five Secrets" to a happy and purpose-filled life which Izzo distilled from listening to these stories. Dr. Izzo also shows the reader how to put these secrets into practice in our lives. This book will make you laugh, bring you to tears, and inspire you to discover what matters long before you die. This book takes the reader on a heart warming and profound journey to find lasting happiness.