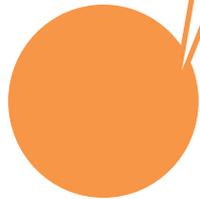




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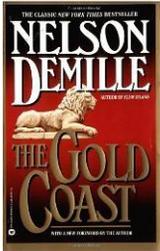
STAFF PICKS

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Recommended by Peggy:

***The Gold Coast* by Nelson deMille**

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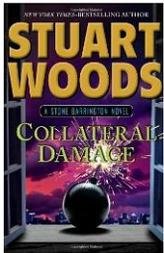
Welcome to the fabled Gold Coast, that stretch on the North Shore of Long Island that once held the greatest concentration of wealth and power in America. Here two men are destined for an explosive collision: John Sutter, Wall Street lawyer, holding fast to a fading aristocratic legacy; and Frank Bellarosa, the Mafia don who seizes his piece of the staid and unprepared Gold Coast like a latter-day barbarian chief and draws Sutter and his regally beautiful wife, Susan, into his violent world. Told from Sutter's sardonic and often hilarious point of view, and laced with sexual passion and suspense, THE GOLD COAST is Nelson DeMille's captivating story of friendship and seduction, love and betrayal.

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Recommended by Kelli:

***Collateral Damage* By Stuart Woods**

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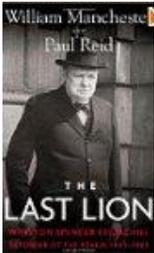
Stone Barrington is back in Manhattan and pleased to receive an unexpected visit from his friend and sometime lover Holly Barker, now an assistant director at the CIA. For her part, Holly is glad to leave the staid, official environs of the capital for the dining and atmosphere of New York, but her sojourn isn't only for pleasure. An explosive incident requires her immediate attention—and Stone's investigative expertise.

But what initially appears to be a clear-cut case soon becomes increasingly complex—and dangerous. For in the secretive world of government intelligence, national interests all too often conflict with power grabs and turf wars, and extreme wealth allows even the most pursued rivals to slip through the cracks. As Stone and Holly follow the trail from London's posh embassy district to Manhattan's Upper East Side, they learn just how well the most cunning plans can be disguised . . . and how far some people will go to wreak vengeance.

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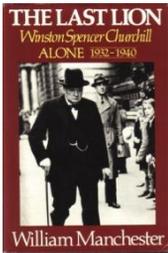
***The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill: Defender of the Realm, 1940-1965* by William Manchester and Paul Reid**



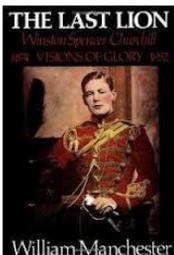
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Spanning the years of 1940-1965, THE LAST LION picks up shortly after Winston Churchill became Prime Minister-when his tiny island nation stood alone against the overwhelming might of Nazi Germany. The Churchill conjured up by William Manchester and Paul Reid is a man of indomitable courage, lightning fast intellect, and an irresistible will to action. THE LAST LION brilliantly recounts how Churchill organized his nation's military response and defense; compelled FDR into supporting America's beleaguered cousins, and personified the "never surrender" ethos that helped the Allies win the war, while at the same time adapting himself and his country to the inevitable shift of world power from the British Empire to the United States.



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More than twenty years in the making, THE LAST LION presents a revelatory and unparalleled portrait of this brilliant, flawed, and dynamic leader. This is popular history at its most stirring.

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Recommended by Vicky:

DISH-813-colorful, wonderful dinner plates

A globe-trotting, century-hopping celebration of dishes

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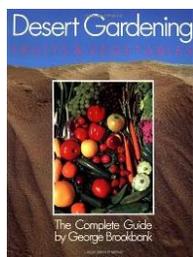
As every great hostess knows, the right dinner plates bring design, color, and drama to the table and elevate an ordinary meal into something special. *Dish* is a visual celebration of these everyday pieces of art that have been the objects of desire of kings, queens, brides, chefs, and hostesses for centuries. From the first wooden trenchers of the Middle Ages to the seventeenth-century China trade, from twentieth-century designer wares to the colorful melamine plates so widely available today, more than 800 plates are on display here. With insightful descriptions and an expert's knowledge, author Shax Riegler makes the case that the dinner plate is so much more than just a vessel to deliver food; it's a piece of art to be admired. These are plates created by storied masters such as Spode and Wedgwood, modernists like Russel Wright and Homer Laughlin, and even today's contemporary designers like Vera Wang and Diane von Furstenberg. *Dish* shows them in full color with large photographs, detail shots, and even back-of-the-plate photos, delivering a feast for the eyes for obsessive fans and casual admirers alike. With a timeline of plate highlights in history, sidebars showcasing the most popular designers, and a list of the top 100 patterns of all time, *Dish* will leave readers looking at the common dinner plate in a whole new way.

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Recommended by Megan:

***Desert Gardening* by: George Brookbank**

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If you thought that only cacti grew in the desert, then this book will show you how to overcome that myth. Desert Gardening, goes over the fruits and vegetables that can be grown in the desert. It will teach you how to use the four seasons to make the most of your garden. The book goes into great detail of the makeup of the desert soil and how to improve it for your use. It explains how to make a compost pile, how to use the compost, and detailed information on the types of fertilizer to aid you in your quest of fresh fruits and vegetables. The author gives advice on when to plant crops so you can grow vegetables and herbs year round. He explains why and how to take care of your fruit and citrus trees. I am really excited to plant my garden this season!

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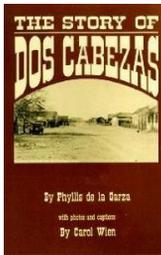
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Recommended by Charline White

***The Story of Dos Cabezas* by Phyllis de la Garza**



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The twin peaks known as Dos Cabezas can be seen for seventy-five miles in almost any direction. Grey at dawn and purple at sundown, they are distinctive landmarks of Cochise County, Arizona. Nestled at the foot of these peaks is the equally fascinating mining community of Dos Cabezas. This town sprang into existence as a watering spot on the Overland Trail. In the late 1850s and early 1860s Ewell Springs was a regular stop on John Butterfield's Overland Mail route. When prospectors found gold ore at the base of the peaks two decades later, Ewell Springs became a milling center. Hundreds of mining claims were staked. Nearby valleys, rich in grama grass, lured cattlemen. By 1881 the boom town of Dos Cabezas had sprouted, replete with miners cabins, a school house, hotels, bars, stores and a newspapers. It became a hell-raising rustlers' rendezvous, hideout for men on the lam. Unlike so many Western mining towns, Dos Cabezas did not boom and die when its gold deposits were exhausted. In the early 1900s major mining companies were organized to retrieve copper locked in the formations of the twin peaks. One such enterprise, the Mascot Copper Company, was put together by T. N. McCauley. Stock in the mining company was sold from San Francisco to New York. Heavy mining equipment was moved in, and Dos Cabezas was linked to the outside world by a railroad. The village swelled to more than 4,000 inhabitants. For a while it looked as if Cochise County would have another Bisbee. That was not to be, however. While there was plenty of copper mineralization, little ore was mined; the Mascot was a giant scam, a stock swindle. And when the bubble broke, Dos Cabezas rapidly faded. A ghost town now rests at the foot of DosCabezas peaks. That town has not been forgotten, however. Phyllis de la Garza, a resident of Cochise County and a contributing writer for the Willcox Range News, has resurrected the life and times of Dos Cabezas from old letters, diaries, newspapers, county records, and personal interviews. It is a story told with ease and clarity; one that brings out the little-known secrets of townfolk, mining officials, and lawmen. Names like Major Downing, T. N. McCauley, Jess Moore, Miles Standish, and Big Nose Kate are captured in time.

About the Authors

Phyllis de la Garza was born in Illinois, and now makes her home in southeastern Arizona where she models and collects original turn of the century clothing. She is a member of Western Writers of America, and is a contributing writer to the Arizona Range News. Carol Wien is a lifelong resident of Dos Cabezas, belonging to a pioneer ranching family whose roots in southeastern Arizona date back to the 1880's. Carol divides her time between her photography and assisting in the management of the family-owned ranch still operating under the M 4 brand. She is a member of the American Society of Media Photographers.