



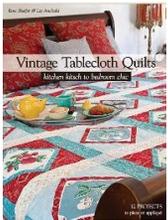
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### **STAFF PICKS**

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

*Recommended by Peggy:*

***Vintage Tablecloth Quilts: Kitchen Kitsch to Bedroom Chic 12 Projects to Piece or Appliqué***  
**By Rose Sheifer and Liz Aneloski**

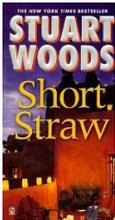


Transform your favorite vintage tablecloths into beautiful quilts! Learn how to convert the best parts of each cloth into quilt blocks and appliqué elements that can be combined with commercial fabrics for extra vibrancy. Customize your design to get the most out of any tablecloth—parcel out a single cloth for multiple projects, or combine pieces of different cloths into one quilt. Dig into grandma's attic, visit a flea market, buy new reproduction panels...even old tablecloths with holes or stains can become part of a lovely quilt. Use this unique approach to preserve personal memories or create new family heirlooms.

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*Recommended by Kelli:*

### **Short Straw By Stuart Woods**

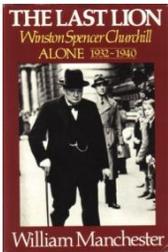


Santa Fe defense lawyer Ed Eagle is the epitome of worldly success. He presides over a highly successful practice, which is moving into showcase quarters overlooking Santa Fe's Governor's Palace. He loves his work. He loves his wife. But, when he wakes up on the morning of his fiftieth birthday, he discovers his wife has left him and taken him for a cool million. The second shock Eagle receives is news that a local lawyer has blown his brains out in the courthouse, after murdering his wife and children. The plot races off in two directions: with two edgy characters, an ex-LAPD detective and an Apache Indian tracker, whom Eagle hires to find his wife in Mexico; and with Eagle's efforts to clear a man wrongly charged, he believes, with a triple homicide. Woods keeps the wattage high as the two plots intersect, and Eagle finds himself more and more entangled in a deadly criminal scheme. The homicidal desperation of Eagle's wife and the dodgiest of the men he sends after her keep the surprises coming. Woods first introduced Eagle in 1992, in *Santa Fe Rules*. He was then, and still is, a fascinatingly flawed character.

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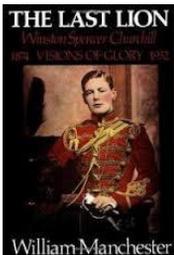
*Recommended by Andrew:*

***The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill: Alone 1932-1940* by William Manchester**



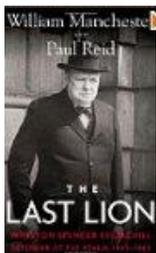
**V2**

Alone is the second volume of William Manchester's brilliant three-volume biography of Winston Churchill. In this volume, we witness the war within, before the colossal war to come. During this period, Churchill was tested as few men are: relentlessly pursued by creditors, disowned by his own party, vociferously dismissed by the press as a warmonger, and twice nearly lost his seat in Parliament. Yet despite his personal and political troubles, Churchill managed to assemble a vast, underground intelligence network—both within the British government and on the continent—which provided him with more complete and accurate information on Germany than the British government. Recognizing the horrifying truth, Churchill stood almost alone against Nazi aggression and the sordid British and French policy of appeasement.



**V1**

Manchester's luminous portrait never loses sight of Churchill the man—a man with limitations, especially his callousness toward others (including his supporters) and his recklessness, which could border on the foolhardy; but also a man whose vision was global and whose courage was boundless. Here is Churchill as a light in the approaching darkness, readying himself for the terrible stand to come.



**V3**

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*Recommended by Vicky:*

***Fabric Remix* by Sandy Stone**



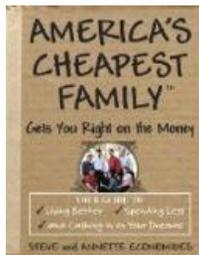
Why pay the upscale prices at eco-chic boutiques when you can creatively up cycle? A unique outlook on sewing and decorating: repurpose, reconstruct, and renew. Learn all the techniques and how to find vintage fabrics and furnishings “scavenger style” at thrift stores, then get to work at transforming these treasures with delightfully unexpected projects. Old ties become a sturdy chair back, vintage scarves become luxurious pillows, and a trampoline becomes a chic window treatment. Turn someone else’s trash into treasure and make your own up cycled creations.

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*Recommended by Megan:*

***America's Cheapest Family: Gets you Right on the Money***

**Author: Steve and Annette Economides**



Are you living paycheck to paycheck? Are you spending a fortune on your grocery bills? Is your credit card screaming for relief? Are you ready to be financially free? Meet Steve and Annette Economides. They've been called cheapskates, thriftaholics, and tightwads, but in these tough economic times, Steve and Annette have managed to feed their family of SEVEN on just \$350 per month, pay off their first house in nine years and purchase a second, larger home, buy cars with cash, take wonderful vacations, and put money in savings. Without degrees in finance or six-figure salaries, Steve and Annette have created a comfortable, debt-free life for themselves and their children. In ***America's Cheapest Family Gets You Right on the Money***, they show you how they did it- and how you can do it too. Steve and Annette share many down-to-earth principles and the simple spending plan that they have used since 1982. They have taught this economizing lifestyle to thousands of people worldwide through seminars and their newsletter, and they include lots of real-life stories to make you feel as if you're having your own private coaching session. Not only will you find solutions to your financial dilemmas, you'll also discover a whole new way of life. You don't need to be a CPA or a math wizard to learn their revolutionary system, which will teach you:

- Hundreds of ways to save money on everyday household expenses, including groceries, clothing, and health care.
- How to save in advance for major purchases such as homes, cars, and vacations.
- How to start living with the income you make now.
- How to eliminate debt . . . forever!

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**Members of the Benson Friends of the Library  
share some of their favorite books...  
Recommended by Kathleen Bushman**



***Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't  
Stop Talking***

**By Susan Cain**



An enlightened Wall Street survivor exhorts wallflowers everywhere to embrace their solitude-seeking souls and fully appreciate the power of the lone wolf. Could up to one-half of a nation obsessed with Jersey Shore narcissism and American Idol fame really be inhabited by reserved, sensitive types? According to Cain, yes—and we better start valuing their insight. Extroverts have their place, but things can quickly go haywire when we start confusing assertiveness with competence—the economic meltdown on Wall Street was the most stunning recent example. Had there been a few more conscientious, contemplative introverts in the boardroom (and had they made themselves heard), Cain writes, the country's fortunes would now be decidedly different. But today's prevailing susceptibility to “reward sensitivity,” as embodied by alpha-dog Wall Street types, wasn't always the norm. Cain provides fascinating insight into how the United States shifted from an introvert-leaning “cult of character” to an extrovert-leaning “cult of personality” ruled by the larger-than-life Tony Robbins's of the world. Readers will learn that the tendency for some to be reserved is actually hard-wired, and as every evolutionary biologist will tell you, innate characteristics are there for a reason—to help humans survive and thrive. The author also boldly tackles introverts themselves, as well as the ambivalence many often feel about being relegated to the corner. “Stick to your guns,” writes fellow introvert Cain. The author's insights are so rich that she could pen two separate books: one about parenting an introverted child and another about how to make an introvert/extrovert relationship work. An intriguing and potentially life-altering examination of the human psyche that is sure to benefit both introverts and extroverts alike.