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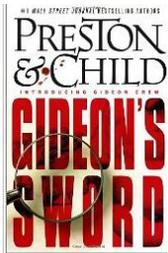
STAFF PICKS

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

Recommended by Peggy:

GIDEON'S SWORD by: **Preston & Child**

FIC PRESTON



Introducing Gideon Crew: trickster, prodigy, master thief. At twelve, Gideon Crew witnessed his father, a world-class mathematician, accused of treason and gunned down. At twenty-four, summoned to his dying mother's bedside, Gideon learned the truth: his father was framed and deliberately slaughtered. With her last breath, she begged her son to avenge him. Now, with a new purpose in his life, Gideon crafts a one-time mission of vengeance, aimed at the perpetrator of his father's destruction. His plan is meticulous, spectacular, and successful. But from the shadows, someone is watching. A very powerful someone, who is impressed by Gideon's special skills. Someone who has need of just such a renegade. For Gideon, this operation may be only the beginning . . .

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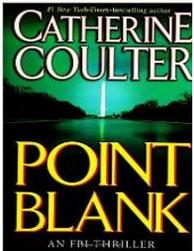
Douglas Preston, who worked for several years in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, is the author of the acclaimed nonfiction works *Dinosaurs in the Attic* and *Cities of Gold*, and the novel, *Jennie*. He lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Recommended by Kelli:

POINT BLANK by: Catharine Coulter

FIC COULTER



FBI agents Lacey Sherlock and Dillon Savich face the most dangerous case of their careers in Catharine Coulter's explosive new thriller. *Point Blank's* propulsive story takes off when FBI agents Dillon Savich and Dane Carver are nearly killed while trying to rescue popular entertainer Pinky Womack from kidnappers. Lured to a motel in Pumis City, Virginia, by a known snitch, the only thing the agents discover is a glowing red timer. The place is demolished in a catastrophic explosion, but everyone survives. The same snitch leads them to Arlington National Cemetery, promising the agents Pinky's safe return. The search is interrupted when Savich takes a fateful call on his cell. The mysterious caller taunts Savich with other threats-against him, and against his wife, fellow agent Lacey Sherlock. Up against an untraceable foe-not even MAX can locate him-Savich and Sherlock find themselves fighting an unstable villain with a very long memory. At the same time, Agent Ruth Warnecki's passion for treasure hunting leads her to Winkle's Cave and a cave chamber that really shouldn't exist-as well as a dead student from Stanislaus Music School, left there for eternity. Some students have wandered quite far from the beaten path, with terrible consequences. An edge-of-your-seat thriller as exhilarating and frightening as anything she's ever written, *Point Blank* is Catharine Coulter's finest achievement.

Recommended by Andrew:

MICROSOFT PROJECT 2010 for DUMMIES

by: Nancy C. Muir

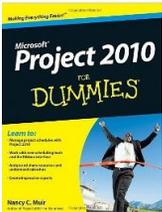
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A friendly reference guide to Microsoft Project, the leading enterprise project management software

As project management software, Microsoft Project allows you to oversee your business activities effectively. You can manage resources, share project info, perform modeling and scenario analysis, and standardize reporting processes. This easy-to-understand guide is completely updated to cover the latest changes and newest enhancements to Project 2010 and shows you how to get Project 2010 to work for you. After an introduction to basic project management concepts, you'll discover the mechanics of using Project software to create and manage projects. Other topics covered include working with calendars, using and sharing resources, budgeting, formatting taskbars, gathering and tracking data, working with reports, and creating templates. Microsoft Project allows you to manage resources, share project information, perform scenario analysis, and standardize reporting processes

- Offers completely updated coverage of the new Project 2010, which is expected to implement the Office Ribbon
- Reviews formatting taskbars, gathering and tracking data, and working with reports
- Addresses using and sharing resources, creating templates, and managing projects

Let the friendly *For Dummies* writing style guide you through maximizing the new features of Project 2010.

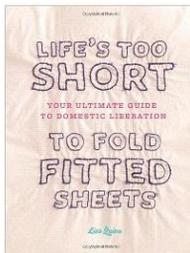


Recommended by Vicky:

LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO FOLD FITTED SHEETS

By: Lisa Quinn

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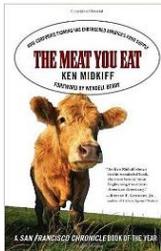


In the tradition of Erma Bombeck and Peg Bracken, author Lisa Quinn Emmy Award-winning television host and recovering Mathaholic gets real on the follies of housekeeping. *Life's Too Short to Fold Fitted Sheets* is a crash course in Slacker Chic 101 that will have over-extended women everywhere laughing out loud and throwing in the towel the dishtowel, that is. Full of shortcuts and tricks for cleaning, decor, and entertaining, such as: the top 10 things you have to clean if you have company coming in 30 minutes; interior finishes that hide the most dirt; 17 meals made from a deli chicken; and much more, this wickedly funny guide helps women create the life they want without all the hard labor and without compromising style.

Recommended by Megan:

The Meat You Eat: How Corporate Farming Has Endangered America's Food Supply
By: Ken Midkiff

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We may be gambling with our lives whenever we purchase meat, milk, or eggs in a supermarket and every time we order a burger at a fast-food restaurant. Agribusinesses (Large Corporation's) have allowed unsafe and unhealthy products to be sold and consumed.

The Meat You Eat explains what you should know about how the quality of our food has been greatly compromised in the name of productivity and profit. With large corporations controlling the food supply not only has our health been put at risk but the practices these companies undertake to mass-produce foods has led to inhumane treatment of animals, lack of diversity in the food supply, as well as put a strain on the environment. Ken Midkiff suggests that there are actions consumers can take. We can use and support local farmers and sustainable farming, and demand that our supermarkets and restaurants sell organically grown, free-range, and local products.

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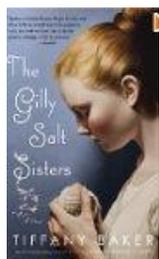
Recommended by Kay Whitehead

The Gilly Salt Sisters (Mar 2012)

Author: Baker, Tiffany



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As caretakers of the local salt marsh, the Gilly sisters, as well as the uniquely savory salt they produce, are common fixtures in the tiny village of Prospect. Inseparable as children but as different as night and day as adults, Jo and Claire Gilly struggle to navigate the small-town politics that still rule Prospect. When an old love resurfaces, Jo and Claire find that long-buried conflicts have yet to be fully resolved, and an entirely new set of battle lines threatens to divide the people of Prospect. The book is a heartfelt tale of family relationships, small-town drama, and new opportunities. Jo and Claire are well-drawn, finely crafted characters, and Baker adeptly describes the fractious and multilayered relationship the sisters have with one another. The imagery of Cape Cod is gorgeously rendered, leaving the reader with a fully immersive picture of the insular village. Loyal readers of Anita Shreve, Maeve Binchy, and Alice Hoffman should enjoy this poignant, lush, and well-written tale of family secrets, revenge, forgiveness, and connections not easily severed. Baker also wrote *The Little Giant of Aberdeen County*.