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Staff members share some of their favorite books.....



Recommended by Peggy.....



I'd Know You Anywhere

MY LOVE

By Nancy Tillman

*There are things about you quite unlike any other.
Things always known by your father or mother.
So if you decide to be different one day,
no worries... I'd know you anyway.*

Every child is special and unique, but every child also loves to dream of being something different. In *I'd Know You Anywhere, My Love*, bestselling author and artist Nancy Tillman has created another heartfelt masterpiece celebrating the joys of imagination, and the comfort of always knowing that "you are loved."

Recommended by Kelli.....



Cake Mix Cookies

By Camilla V. Saulsbury

The Ultimate Cake Mix Cookie Book: More Than 375 Delectable Cookie Recipes That Begin with a Box of Cake Mix

More than 200 of the recipes are brand new!!!

Imagine a kitchen warm with the smells of sweet vanilla, fragrant cinnamon, and fresh butter. On the kitchen counter is a cooling rack piled high with fresh-from-the-oven delights filled with chocolate chips and crunchy pecans. Ah, the age-old comfort of cookies.

Next imagine that each of the yummy treats began with a convenient box of cake mix. That's right, a standard 18.25-ounce box of cake mix is the secret to some of the tastiest, simplest, and most irresistible cookies imaginable. With a few extra ingredients, turns of a spoon, and whirrs of a mixer, cake mix can make anyone a prize cookie baker.

Like *Cookie Dough Delights* and *Brownie Mix Bliss* *Cake Mix Cookies* is the first Cookbook of its kind. *Cake Mix Cookies* is filled with an array of more than 175 drop, shaped, filled, and bar cookie options for every occasion. Numerous all-American favorites are used as starting points:

- *Chocolate chip
- *Oatmeal raisin
- *Jam thumbprints
- *Dark chocolate brownies

Cake Mix Cookies contains the broadest range of new recipes for cookies and bars that is unavailable elsewhere. And while it capitalizes on the popularity of baking with cake mixes, it has its own unique niche on the home cook's shelf.

Recommended by Andrew.....



Debt – Proof Your Christmas

By Mary Hunt

Celebrating the Holidays without Breaking the Bank

Christmas may be the most wonderful time of the year, but it's also one of the most stressful--and most expensive. Expectations run high and it's tempting to whip out the credit cards to create the perfect Christmas for your family, with lavish meals, new decorations, and the latest, greatest gadgets and fashions for everyone on your Christmas gift list. But you don't have to overspend or go into debt to have a fabulous holiday.

Financial expert Mary Hunt shows readers how. She helps readers assess their financial situation, commit to no new debt, and think creatively about their gift list. With Mary's guidance, readers will identify what has caused them to overspend in the past and approach this Christmas with a plan and a new attitude toward holiday spending. This just might be the best gift you can give yourself and your family. This book is an updated edition of *Debt-Proof the Holidays*.

Recommended by Vicky.....



Bountiful Baskets

By Sara Toliver

Creating Perfect Gifts for Any Occasion

To make a beautiful gift basket, go to the expert. Sara Toliver owns The White Fig, a popular gift basket company, and she's passing on all her tricks of the trade. Not only does this collection include 80 amazing ideas for any holiday, celebration, or theme, but there are also extensive pointers on techniques and numerous budget-friendly tips. Absolutely every aspect of putting together the basket is covered, from "Basket Basics" (choosing a container, selecting the filler, arranging the items inside) to final touches, such as shrink-wrapping and ribbon-tying. Those who want to take the craft further will appreciate the final section on starting a gift basket business. *A Selection of the Homestyle Book Club.*

Recommended by Megan.....



KNIVES 2012

By Joe Kertzman

In its 32nd Edition, *Knives 2012* progresses with the knives, showcasing the increasing talent of the world's best knife makers who forge and grind curvaceous blades, fashion handles from the finest materials and practice embellishment techniques saved for only the most skilled artisans.

Featured articles:

- Carving titanium handles
- Making knife blades from Lake Superior beach sand
- Hollywood movie knives and swords
- Anglo-Saxon and Viking swords
- AND...the finer points of Bob Loveless knives

Also Includes:

- World's most complete Directory of Custom Knife makers includes websites, emails and phone numbers
- Hot Trends in handmade knives
- State Of The Art embellishments and knife making techniques
- Historical overview of knives and their makers

Savor the hand-selected, splendid color photography of some of the most beautiful and original custom knives in the world, chosen from over 2,000 submissions. The ever-evolving, magical world of custom knives, knife making techniques and embellishments is captured in full, glorious color between the covers of the most coveted book on edged masterpieces-- *Knives 2012*.