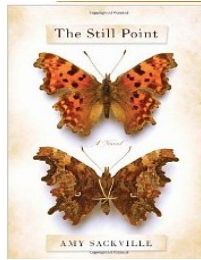


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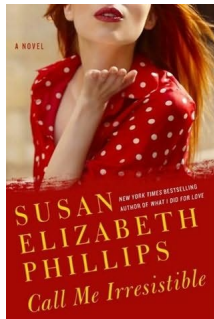
*Amy Sackville - **The Still Point***

An intriguing book moving back and forth from the Arctic to an old family home and the present day. There are buried secrets in the story of the explorer Edward Mackley and his wife Emily who is waiting back home for his return. Julia, the great grand-niece moves back into the old family home and as she explores the attic and finds remnants of life and of marriage, she explores her own marriage to Simon which too is filled with hidden meaning. The parallels between the two stories add a challenging dimension. It is a well written book with beautiful prose and remarkable insights. A tightly focused novel!



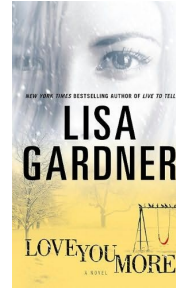
*Susan Elizabeth Phillips—**Call Me Irresistible***

A real chick lit read! However, it is a poignant story about Meg, the daughter of famous parents who is blamed for breaking up her best friend's wedding. Left alone and stranded financially by her parents to teach her responsibility, Meg makes it through some tough times and lands the town's favourite son... lots of fun, despair and obstacles in the way but she is indomitable in her determination to make it on her own.



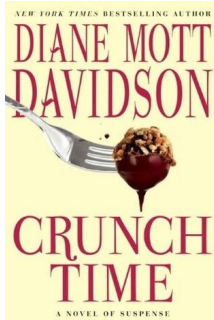
*Lisa Gardner -**Love You More***

A brutal and yet thrilling story that is hard to put down. A man is killed, his wife state trooper Tessa Leoni is suspected of the murder and their six-year old daughter is missing. The story is at times incredible as Tessa pits her wits against detective D.D. Warren. Her improbable escape from prison and the strategies she uses to solve the murder and find her daughter leads everyone on a harrowing journey. It is a brutal story with a surprising ending and truly amazing how she vindicates herself, rescues her daughter and embarks on a new life with her



*Diane Mott Davidson—**Crunch Time***

Goldy the caterer does it again. Once more she steps right into a mystery and finally solves it much to the chagrin of her husband Tom and his police colleagues. Goldy invites two friends deeply involved in the murder to live in her house after their home is burned down. This adds to the suspense as one is never quite certain which side they are on and who are the real criminals. Fun and food makes this another wacky and light hearted story in this series. Just as the recipes are irresistible so is the story— a quick light and frothy read.



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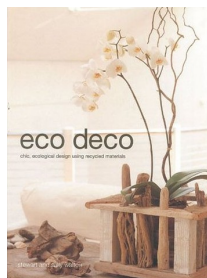
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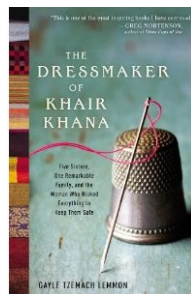
*Stewart and Sally
Walton —
eco deco*

A neat book that has some amazing and chic articles and décor made from recycled materials. Not the homemade earthy pieces that one often sees in the found or cottage arts, the authors have introduced creative and professional answers in their décor. For each item that is created, there are step by step explanations and then they are used in clever and substantive ways. The chapters are divided into sections of common categories for found materials which make collecting and assembling much easier. A great find and a pleasure for browsing and awakening the creative spirit.

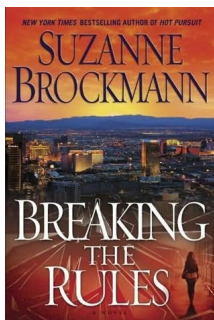


*Gayle Tzemach Lemmon—
The Dressmaker of
Khair Khana*

A heartwarming story of five sisters and their families who used their talents in dressmaking and sewing to create a new life for many women in Kabul. The strength they exhibited as they started making and selling clothes in the markets and even secretly to the Taliban, is a triumphant story. It goes on to show an entrepreneurial spirit that stands up to even the business world in the U.S.



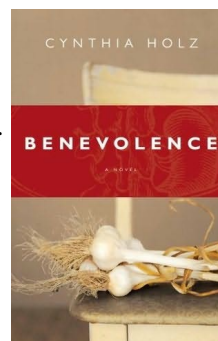
Suzanne Brockman—Breaking the Rules



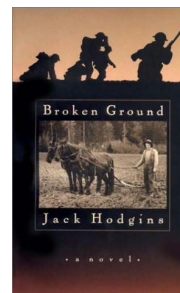
An interesting and suspenseful plot full of intrigue and romance. Again in Brockman's tradition there is brutality and yet she manages to bring the main characters together in a long and involved love story. Eden re-enters her estranged husband's life as she turns once again to him when she needs to rescue her younger brother from an abusive family relationship. Despite the violence at times, the underlying story of what they do to rescue the young boy and bring him into their own family redeems this book.

Cynthia Holz—Benevolence

A novel that is rich in characterization and a complex depiction of family life when ideologies clash. Ben Wasserman is an organ transplant psychiatrist who becomes emotionally involved in his patients' lives. His wife Renata Moon is also struggling with professional and emotional conflicts. Their individual involvements with their patients end up raising the tension already present in their marriage. Add the further complexity of Ben's mother who takes in a boarder who was a lover in her past and you have a rich and humane story of relationships. There are solutions with some unexpected and surprising connections .



Jack Hodgins—Broken Ground



A great "companion" read to Three Day Road. Also themed around the Canadian Soldiers' experiences in the First World War, it portrays their struggles in the war and their struggles in carving out a life in the wilderness in British Columbia. This novel is very realistic in its depiction of the settlers who have built a life for themselves and then are confronted with the horrors of their past experiences as a forest fire threatens their settlement. The characters are remarkable as they tell their story, a young boy who has lost his father and a former teacher who remembers the horrors of the war.

Laura Fitzgerald—Veil of Roses



This is chick lit Iranian style. Hard to believe but then again only in America does the boy get the girl in the end. Tamila Soroush comes to visit her sister and brother-in-law in the U.S. but has to get married in order to stay here. She has limited time to accomplish this and the farcical relationships into which she enters are really humorous although sometimes one feels sorry for the obsessive-compulsive Haroun as she evades him just before the wedding. Her next leap into marriage with a gay Iranian proves no better as she throws him out on their wedding day when he hands her a pre-nup which assigns away her rights to any children. Figure out the "surprise" ending!