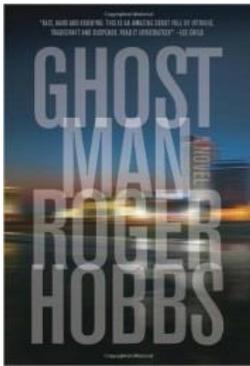


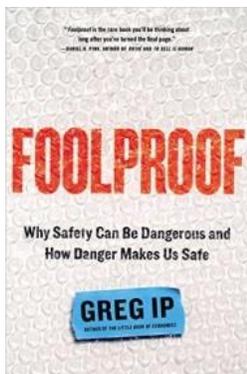
The Crossing

Why I enjoyed reading this book: This is Michael Connolly's 28th fiction book and I've read all 28 of them. Most of these books follow LAPD Detective Harry Bosch in his quest to solve crimes in and around Los Angeles. The action, conversations and story lines are fast paced yet realistic which makes these books hard for me to put down. Amazon TV recently picked up a series called "Bosch" based on this character.



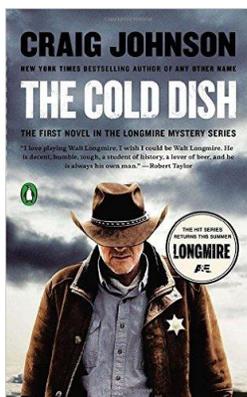
Ghost man

Why I enjoyed reading this book: The story starts off typical enough; a former con-man is called back into the business to help his friends with one final job. You soon realize that the characters, pace, and twists are anything but typical. This is the author's first novel and I'm looking for to his next book.



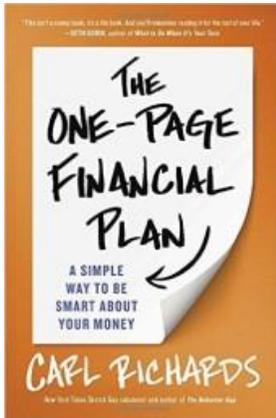
Foolproof: Why Safety Can Be Dangerous and How Danger Makes Us Safe

Why I enjoyed reading this book: The author uses a wide range of examples from anti-lock brakes, to football helmets, to flood controls to show how people act different and sometimes even reckless when they feel safe. Greg Ip is the Chief Economics Commentator for the Wall Street Journal.



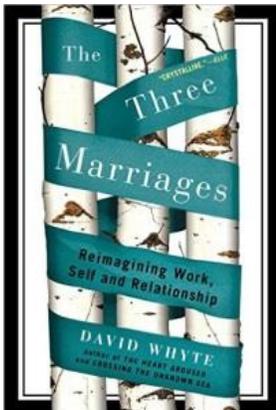
The Cold Dish

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Even though I just read it, this book actually came out in 2005 and is the first book in a series that follows sheriff Walt Longmire from Absaroka County, Wyoming. I enjoyed reading this book because the author did a great job of portraying real people with actual emotions, dreams and weaknesses, and not just one-sided characters. I have since read four more Longmire books. A&E created a TV series called Longmire based on the characters from these books. Seasons 1-4 are on Netflix.



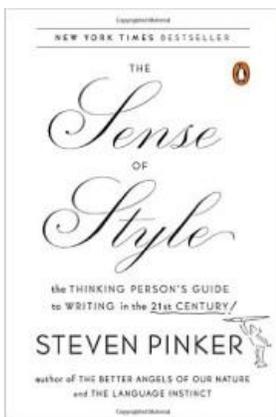
The One-Page Financial Plan: A Simple Way to Be Smart About Your Money

Why I enjoyed reading this book: This book's author suggests your most important financial goals should be few and concise enough to be written down on one index card. I agree with his point. I also agree with his view that most couples don't communicate enough with each other about their financial priorities and essentially end up working towards different goals thus making it almost impossible to achieve any goal.



The Three Marriages: Reimagining Work, Self and Relationship

Why I enjoyed reading this book: One of my favorite quotes from the book is "We should stop thinking in terms of work-life balance. Work-life balance is a concept that has us simply lashing ourselves too hard in each of the three commitments. In the ensuing exhaustion we ultimately give up on one or more of them to gain an easier life." You cannot simply take extra time from one area and move it to an area with less time and magically have everybody, including yourself, be happy. Happiness in any of the marriages (work, self and relationships) is only a result of dedication, communication and constant adjustments.



The Sense of Style: The Thinking Person's Guide to Writing in the 21st Century

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Writing is hard for me. Actually, let me clarify. Writing in a way that engages the reader while delivering a clear and concise message is hard for me. This book was a great reminder to stop using industry jargon and to write from the heart and not from the thesaurus.