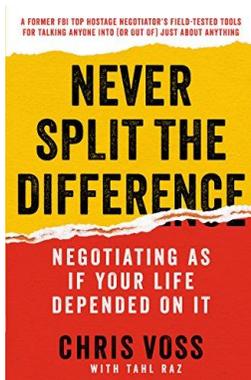


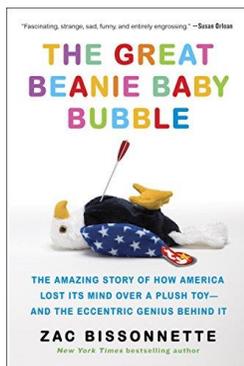
Falling

Why I enjoyed reading this book: This has everything I want in a summer book: action, characters I can relate to, suspense, and great storytelling. This is the author's first book, and I can't wait for her second. Also, this book was just released, yet it has already been optioned for a movie. Fantastic book!



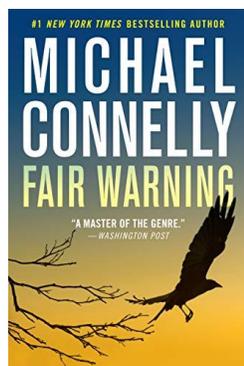
Never Split the Difference: Negotiating as if Your Life Depended on it

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Written by a former FBI hostage negotiator, I felt it struck a nice balance between stories from the field, data-based research, and real-world applications. Buy a car, dealing with contractors, asking for a job or a raise...life is a series of negotiations, so why not be prepared.



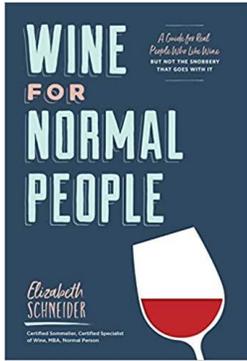
The Great Beanie Baby Bubble: Mass Delusion and the Dark Side of Cute

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Even though this book was published in 2015 and focuses on one craze, it is amazing how relatable it was to me reading it today and looking back at all the crazy bubbles I have seen over time. Time, people, and the objects of interest may change, but the group mentality and manias remain the same.



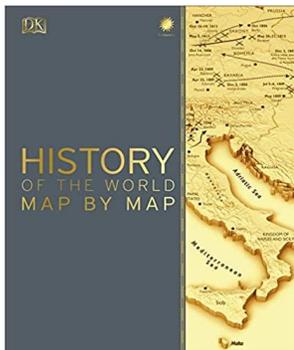
Fair Warning

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Michael Connelly is one of my favorite authors, so it shouldn't be a surprise that one of his books made my summer reading list. The action was great from start to finish, and it showed the dark side to all those mail-in DNA/Ancestry tests that have been so popular lately.



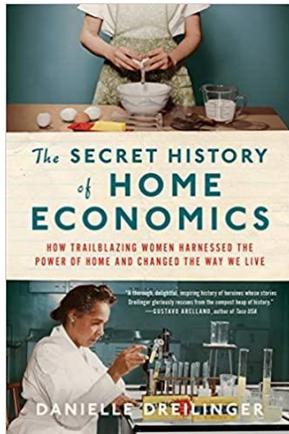
**Wine for Normal People:
A Guide for People Who Like Wine, but not the Snobbery**

Why I enjoyed reading this book: This book is from the creator of the podcast series Wine for Normal People which I have listened to over the years. I like her style of tearing aware the snobbery of wine while still providing actual helpful lessons and easy-to-follow guides.



History of the World Map by Map

Why I enjoyed reading this book: I always enjoyed taking history classes. You tend to learn a lot of about one topic such as early U.S. history, European Renaissance, etc. This book does a great job of helping explain how two seemingly different events happening thousands of miles apart are actually related. For example, I never realized how the halting of cotton exports from the south due to the U.S. Civil War forever changed the future of Egypt.



**The Secret History of Home Economics:
How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live**

Why I enjoyed reading this book: It is hard to imagine how much impact a piece of equipment we take for granted, such as a washing machine, had on family dynamics, women entering the workforce, and career expectations. You will never look at household appliances or easy meals in a box the same way again.