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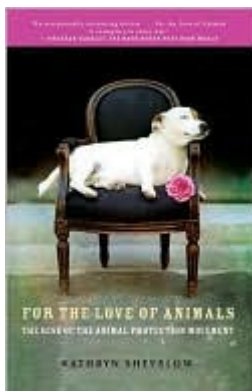
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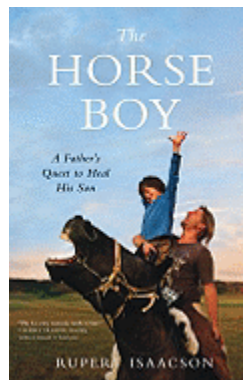
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**FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS:  
The Rise of the Animal  
Protection Movement**  
Kathryn Shevelow

President Obama may have silenced a buzzing fly during a taped interview but he instigated some far louder buzzing from the PETA group that claimed it was less than compassionate. Humans have certainly come a long way from the bloody joys of bullbaiting and cockfighting that characterized eighteenth century England. This book is both about that historical journey and an exploration of how our feelings toward animals reveal ideas about mercy, God, nature, and our very existence.

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**THE HORSE BOY: A Father's  
Quest to Heal His Son**  
Rupert Isaacson

This is ostensibly a book about an autistic boy, his parents, and the fiercely optimistic journey they undertake through the wilds of Outer Mongolia in search of healing. However, in addition to the main story is a stirring sub-text of universal courage and the spirit that pushes humans to never give up in the face of overwhelming odds. Best of all, the true-life story reads like a gripping adventure without once slipping into sappy morality.

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**I'M PERFECT, YOU'RE  
DOOMED: Tales from a  
Jehovah's Witness Upbringing**  
Kyria Abrahams

For those of us who have responded to a ringing door bell only to be faced with the implacable determination of a Pioneer of the Lord, this book will be a rollicking eye-opener. Abrahams, an articulate and incisive standup comedian provides an entertaining, touching, affectionate, and absorbing account of her coming-of-age as a Jehovah's Witness. Interesting from a cultural point of view and appealing from a human angle, this book is ideal for a pleasant read.

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**BATTLE AT SEA: 3,000 Years of Naval Warfare**  
R.G. Grant

From the oared galley ships of the Minoans and Greek triremes, to the sleek and deadly power of nuclear submarines, this book provides an ocean of information about naval warfare raged over the centuries. Glossy photographs, 3D battle plans, maps, and eyewitness accounts flesh out the text so that even the uninterested observer is caught in the innate drama of human power pitted against each other with the use of increasingly sophisticated sea vessels.

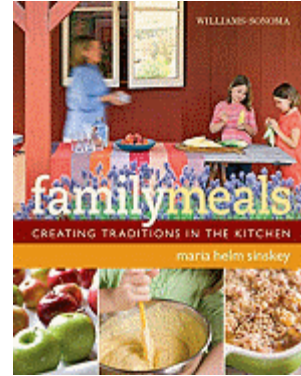
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**SOUL OF THE AGE: A Biography of the Mind of William Shakespeare**  
Jonathan Bate

Does the world really need yet another biography of Shakespeare? In this case, most definitely, yes! As a long-time Shakespearean scholar, Professor Bate adroitly brings to life the "seven ages" of the Bard's eventful life as reconstructed through a cultural context of the age and literary analyses of his plays and sonnets. Persuasive scholarship tethered to bold speculation makes this a biography of both elegance and depth.

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**FAMILY MEALS: Creating Traditions in the Kitchen**  
Maria Helm Sinskey

Well, summer is finally here. The kids are out of school. That sudden rise in family time needs to be put to optimal use. Gathering in the kitchen is a wonderful way to turn cooking chores into a time for bonding. Grab this colorful and easy cookbook that is specifically geared to creating food memories together. More than just a collection of recipes, the author also inserts culinary projects such as smoking salmon and curing bacon.

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