



## ART FOR NEAT FREAKS

Ever wish your alphabet soup was actually legible? Your fruit salad arranged into rows? Maybe not, but there's something undeniably pleasing about *The Art of Clean Up*, a photo book by Swiss comedian and visual artist Ursus Wehrli. Wehrli spent two years putting everyday objects—flowers, cars in a parking lot, needles from a pine bough—into meticulous order and then photographing them. “The more topsy-turvy our world becomes, the more we long for simplicity and order,” he explains. “Tidying up is very satisfying.” —JANINE RAYFORD



He knows neat—but no, he doesn't have OCD. Says Wehrli: “My place is a chaotic mess!”



## Touch & Go

by Lisa Gardner | ★★★★★

REVIEWED BY ELLEN SHAPIRO

THRILLER

Returning home after a date night meant to repair their marriage, Justin and Libby Denbe are abducted along with their teenage daughter from their glamorous Boston townhouse, leaving cops with no motive or ransom demand. The suspense crackles as the Denbes grapple with their captors' bewildering brutality. But what gives the story heart is Libby's dawning realization that her family may have been broken long before their kidnappers appeared.



## The Aviator's Wife

by Melanie Benjamin | ★★★★★

REVIEWED BY MEREDITH MARAN

NOVEL

In this well-researched novel, Benjamin imagines Anne Morrow Lindbergh's evolution from wife of Charles and mother of their famously kidnapped son to an aviator in her own right, an author, and lover of a married man. “After a lifetime... with a man who did not want to hear me speak unless I was mimicking his own views,” Benjamin's Anne says, “I was ready.” What Mrs. Lindbergh was ready for will fascinate history buffs and surprise those who know of her only as “the aviator's wife.”

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edited by Meredith Maran  
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