

# for the book lover

By Liz Logan

**MAKE IT BETTER READER: JACKIE PILOSSOPH, AUTHOR, GLENVIEW**

Jackie made her debut as a published fiction author this year with "Hook, Line and Sink Him" (Blackhawk Publishing), a romantic comedy set in Chicago. The single mother of two has been writing novels and screenplays for 10 years. She describes herself as "a romantic, a Girl Scout leader, a reader, and a Bulls fan," among other things.



**1. "MIKE AND MIKE'S RULES FOR SPORTS AND LIFE" by Mike Greenberg and Mike Golic with Andrew Chaikivsky (Hardcover, ESPN, 2010), \$26**

Every morning more than 3 million listeners tune in to Mike and Mike in the Morning on ESPN Radio to hear their hilarious back-and-forth on everything from how baseball managers should dress to fighting fair with your wife. The book captures the spirit of the show, with practical advice that will make guys laugh.

Jackie's take: "Every guy I asked knew who they were."

**2. "OPERATION BEAUTIFUL: TRANSFORMING THE WAY YOU SEE YOURSELF ONE POST-IT NOTE AT A TIME" by Caitlin Boyle (Paperback, Gotham, 2010), \$17**

Women don't often tell each other that they're beautiful. Wanting to change that, blogger Caitlin Boyle started a guerrilla movement, leaving Post-it-note affirmations in public places. The book tells the stories behind the notes, of women finding self-love and fighting "fat talk."

Jackie's take: "Every woman feels like, 'I'm not good, or perfect, enough,' or 'I need Botox.' This book says, 'No, you don't.'"

**3. "THE FAMILY BOOK" by Todd Parr (Paperback, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010), \$7**

This children's book is about all different kinds of families—families who have gone through divorce, families with adopted children, families with two mommies or two daddies. It teaches kids to be understanding of the other kids they meet and that it's okay to be different.

Jackie's take: "My kids were glued right away."

**4. "THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU" by Jonathan Tropper, Jackie's favorite novelist (Paperback, Plume, 2010), \$15**

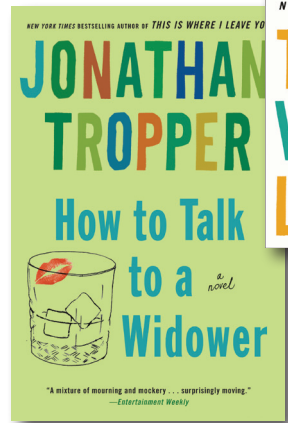
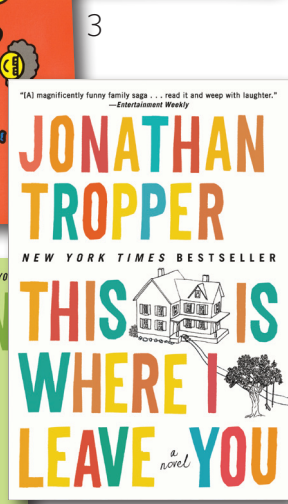
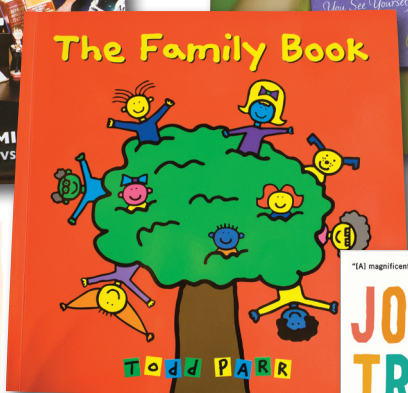
This book is a hilarious family drama and belated-coming-of-age story, involving a dysfunctional family, the Foxmans, that sits shivah together for seven days after the father's death.

Jackie's take: "The family is so colorful, you really care about what happens."

**5. "HOW TO TALK TO A WIDOWER: A NOVEL" (Paperback, Bantam, 2008), \$15**

A portrait of the modern man in crisis, this book tells the story of 29-year-old widower, Doug, who is still grieving heavily a year after his wife's death. His turmoil results in some inappropriate and entertaining escapades.

Jackie's take: "Another one of my favorite novels."



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