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Unto Us a Son is Given

by Donna Leon

A rich man marries for practical reasons and adopts a son, who will inherit. but nobody thought about the wife! A Commissario Brunetti novel set in Venice. Was looking forward to it but felt it was a little random- not one of her best, but not bad. Italian words and phrases are slipped in.

The Cobra

by Frederick Forsyth

To eliminate coke imports that are handled by gangs, the President assigns a former CIA agent to figure it out. Tons of coke is being imported in ships. Computer techs figure things out... Good atmosphere.

Department of Sensitive Crimes

by Alexander McCall Smith

First Detective Varg (Ulf Varg) novel. So not like Law and Order. Case 1- a man stabbed in the back of the knee. Case 2- a woman's imaginary boyfriend goes missing. The crimes aren't big, but there's an odd twist to them. So how to figure out what to do without hurting someone's feelings.

The Rainbow Comes and Goes

by Gloria Vanderbilt and Anderson Cooper

It's interesting to hear her talk about the custody battle and her marriages, and Anderson Cooper's brother's suicide. They both share the belief that you should keep moving forward. Sort of a fun book, though you can feel her pain and how he says he's fueled by rage of losing his father so young and his brother.

Fascism: A Warning

by Madeline Albright

She speaks from personal experience- she was a toddler when the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia. They hid for 16 days and escaped. She speaks about a Mussolini quote, "If you pluck a chicken one feather at a time, no one will notice."

The Mozart Effect: Tapping the Power of Music to Heal the Body, Strengthen the Mind, and unlock the Creative Spirit

by Don Campbell

"Anyone who has ever seen a two-year-old start bouncing to a beat knows that music speaks to us on a very deep level. But it took celebrated teacher and music visionary Don Campbell to show us just how deep, with his landmark book *The Mozart Effect*. Stimulating, authoritative, and often lyrical, *The Mozart Effect* has a simple but life-changing message: music is medicine for the body, the mind, and the soul. Campbell shows how modern science has begun to confirm this ancient wisdom, finding evidence that listening to certain types of music can improve the

quality of life in almost every respect. Here are dramatic accounts of how music is used to deal with everything from anxiety to cancer, high blood pressure, chronic pain, dyslexia, and even mental illness."

A Delicate Touch

by Stuart Woods

A stone Barrington novel. A gigantic safe in Barrington's office complex; raising money to elect a President who will do what you want. There are millions of dollars in their safe- who gets it?