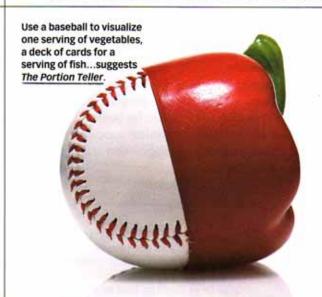
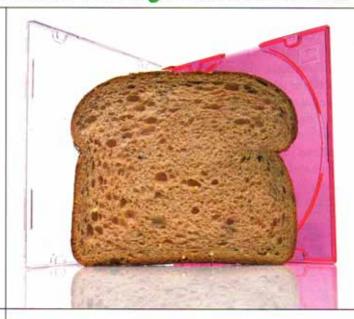




THE HEALTHY BOOKSHELF... "EXERCISE VITAMINS"... MEDICINE-CHEST CONFIDENTIAL









The Portion
Teller: Smartsize
Your Way to Permanent
Weight Loss, by Lisa R.

Young, PhD, RD.

A respected nutritionist and adjunct professor at New York University, Young is now sharing her knowledge with the rest of the dieting world. She has the chops to present her case and does it with such aplomb that the solutions she proffers seem easy. She provides ways to

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figure out portion size,
"smartsize" techniques for
enjoying foods you just can't
live without, and formulas
for different eating
personalities—volume
eaters, mindless munchers,
and everything in between.

2 You: The Owner's Manual, by Michael F. Roizen, MD, and Mehmet C. Oz, MD, with Lisa Oz and Ted Spiker. Roizen and Mehmet Oz call the book "a manual for prevention," an apt description of their lively primer on how the human body works and how best to care for it. The illustrations appear to be influenced as much by MAD magazine as by Gray's

Anatomy, and the authors' compelling descriptions of human physiology hit all the major topics—including heart disease, brain health, sex, and diet—while liberally sprinkling in such factoids as: Spinach is even better for your eyes than carrots, and Q-tips should never be used in your ears (they end up pushing wax further in—the authors suggest a drop of mineral oil instead).

3 Five Good Minutes: 100
Morning Practices to Help
You Stay Calm & Focused All
Day Long, by Jeffrey Brantley,
MD, and Wendy Millstine.
Take five minutes every
morning to be fully present,
the authors say, and you give
yourself "the power to initiate
change" in almost every area
of your life. They lay out 100
ways to use that time, with
techniques like mindfulness,
imagery, and meditation. An

example: Write up a list of compliments for a loved one. Whether or not you hand the list over, the simple act of kindness helps fight malaise.

Our Bodies, Ourselves: A
New Edition for a New Era,
by the Boston Women's
Health Book Collective. The
first edition was published
35 years ago, but this updated
compendium is fresh,
authoritative, and packed
with information and insight.

It's sprinkled with stories from women of all ages, sizes, and walks of life, and full of solid advice—from the latest birth control and pregnancy guidance to chapters on menopause and aging.

5 Against Depression, by
Peter D. Kramer, MD. In
his latest book, the author
of Listening to Prozac asks us
to imagine a world in which
depression no longer exists.
Kramer presents a wide-

spectrum view of current science, predicts the direction of future research, then proposes systematically eliminating the disorder—especially since long-term depression has been linked to permanent damage to the body. By turns poetic and academic, and always deeply felt, his book is a polemic against a society that accepts depression as a fact of life.

-LAUREN GRAVITZ