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1. "Cell." Stephen King. Scribner, \$26.95
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3. "The Da Vinci Code." Dan Brown. Doubleday, \$24.95
4. "The Last Templar." Raymond Khoury. Dutton, \$24.95
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6. "Every Breath You Take." Judith McNaught. Ballantine, \$25.95
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8. "The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell." Lillian Jackson Braum. Putnam, \$23.95
9. "The Hunt Club." John Lescroart. Dutton, \$26.95
10. "Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince." By J.K. Rowling. Scholastic/Levine, \$29.99

Nonfiction Hardcover

1. "Marley & Me." John Grogan. Morrow, \$21.95.
2. "The World Is Flat." Thomas L. Friedman. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50
3. "My Friend Leonard." James Frey. Riverhead, \$24.95
4. "For Laci: A Mother's Story." Sharon Rocha. Crown, \$25.95.
5. "Freakonomics." Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. Morrow, \$25.95
6. "Natural Cures 'They' Don't Want You to Know About." Kevin Trudeau. Alliance Publishing, \$29.95
7. "Love Smart." Dr. Phil McGraw. Free Press, \$26
8. "Jim Cramer's Real Money." James J. Cramer. Simon & Schuster, \$26
9. "Bad Childhood, Good Life." Laura Schlessinger. HarperCollins, \$24.95
10. "The Year of Magical Thinking." Joan Didion. Knopf, \$23.95

Mass Market Paperback

1. "Memoirs of a Geisha." Arthur Golden. Vintage International, \$7.99
2. "The Broker." John Grisham. Dell, \$7.99
3. "Angels & Demons." Dan Brown. Pocket, \$7.99
4. "Night." Elie Wiesel. Bantam, \$5.99
5. "Red Lily." Nora Roberts. Jove, \$7.99
6. "By Order of the President." W.E.B. Griffin. Jove, \$7.99
7. "The Motive." John Lescroart. Signet, \$7.99
8. "Double Tap." Steve Martini. Jove, \$7.99
9. "State of Fear." Michael Crichton. Avon, \$7.99
10. "Entombed." Linda Fairstein. Pocket Star, \$9.99

• Paradise

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came out on top, stood on a narrow, scary ledge and stared into the pit of the volcano.

The view was magnificent and peaceful. No misery whatsoever. This had to be close to heaven.

But two days later we'd be even closer with Lynnell Liburd.

Lyn's quite famous for taking folks around Nevis and especially 3,180 feet up Mount Nevis. He's been the subject of stories in magazines and has met lots of famous people.

We tracked Lyn down, and he agreed to lead us up Mount Nevis. Bring a change of clothes, he said, because you will be a filthy mess when it's over.

I wondered if I wasn't way in over my head. This hike was labeled rough, strenuous and challenging. You can do it, Lyn reassured.

Early in the morning, we took the ferry to Charlestown, the capital of Nevis, and found Lyn. We picked up Adam, a delightful inventor from Britain, and headed for the base of Mount Nevis on the narrowest roads I have ever seen.

Lyn knows this mountain jungle by instinct. He could climb up and through all the dense vegetation blindfolded. He has led rescue mission for folks lost on the mountain. After hurricanes, he has nurtured the mountain back to life.

Piece of cake, I thought, as we strutted in the flat pasture at the bottom of the peak.

But when I encountered my first rope and looked straight up, I nearly lost my cookies. I saw a dark hole created by a lush canopy of vegetation, slippery rocks, jutting roots, deep ravines, prickly limbs and eventually mud ankle deep. I was out of my comfort zone by a gazillion miles.

Ropes were tied to mountain nearly all the way up. I swung like a monkey, crawled like a

Masters of messiness, meticulousness

Clutter: You either love it or hate it

STORIES BY SHERRI EASTBURN

Organization 101

Everything in Josh Edwards' orderly life has a dust-free, clutter-less place.

Tidiness is a way of life, from his extremely organized side of the bedroom closet shared with his not-so-organized wife, Betsy, to his ship-shape first-grade class at Indian Creek Elementary School.

In their Nineveh home, Edwards and his wife of seven months agree to disagree about neatness.

While she tosses a slightly wrinkled shirt in the dryer to get rid of creases, he grabs the iron.

"Betsy just shakes her head at me," Edwards said with a grin.

After folding laundry, Edwards rushes to put away his clothes. His wife takes a different approach.

"Betsy's little stack will just sit there," Edwards said. "She'll pull off the stack until it's gone."

Edwards wipes down baseboards, cleans out his car every week and color codes his part of the closet.

"Even if I'm dead tired, I don't go to bed unless all my things are laid out for the next morning," said Edwards, who helps coach varsity wrestling at Indian Creek High School.

He stays organized for better time management and less stress, Edwards said.

"I hate to hunt for things," he said.



Josh Edwards of Nineveh organizes the clothes on his side of the closet by color. His wife, Betsy, is much less insistent about organization, Edwards says. "Betsy just shakes her head at me," he says.

• Jumble

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They were polar opposites when it came to housekeeping, Adams said.

"Nonie couldn't sleep if there was a dirty cup in the sink," Adams said. "And oh my God, if Nonie's looking down right now, she's saying, 'Well Cyn, you just let it all go to hell, didn't you?'"

Adams' middle sister, Nyla Edwards of

Whiteland, is more neat than Adams but not as obsessed as their other sister, Adams said.

Still, being the identified family slob has been difficult. She felt embarrassed about her messiness for many years, Adams said.

She doesn't apologize about her clutter anymore.

There's always something more enticing to do with her time than to spend it cleaning off the kitchen table or the spare chair or even the back seat of her car, Adams said.

"I just happen to like clutter," she said. "I feel comfortable in clutter."

• Neatniks

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And I don't like to thaw meat in the microwave."

Before she and Dave started their family, Wood, 32, worked as print production manager for the marketing department at Conoco Fieldhouse. Her job demanded organization, and she loved it, Wood said.

Though she's always been fairly organized, Wood's need for order increased dramatically when the twins were born a few days before Garrett's second birthday.

"I had to get them all on a schedule," she said. "Otherwise, I would have lost my marbles."

Garrett attends first grade at Needham Elementary School while Sam and Katie attend preschool. Her children have a routine, but it's not too stringent, Wood said.

After preschool, playtime and lunch, the twins nap for an hour. When Garrett gets home from school, he has time alone with Mom to do homework or play a game.

The kids' television time is limited to 30 minutes a week, Wood said.

Dinner is served by 5:30 p.m. Bath time and book reading

happen before the children's 7:45 p.m. bedtime.

Other mothers might assume, at the very least, the Wood family vehicle would be a bit of a mess. Not so.

"If something is left in the car for more than a day, I tell the kids that I assume they don't want it so I will throw it away," Wood said.

So many toys in a limited living space is her biggest organizational challenge, Wood said.

"We don't have that much room," she said. "I know what the kids play with, and I know what I can get rid of and they'll never miss it. So I purge things when they're not here."

TAKE A HINT

• **It's as easy as ABC:** Alphabetize your spice rack to simplify cooking.

• **Open your mind to change:** Put mail either in the recycle bin or a filing system immediately after opening it.

• **Purge:** Throw away or give away what you don't use.

SOURCES: Jane Millett of Greenwood and Pamela Parker Tucker of Franklin

BEST OF THE REST

Here's what else to try on St. Kitts

At sunset: Crackers knows how to have a good time. He was part of the crew who took us snorkeling and on a gorgeous sunset cruise. Rum punch and Carib beer were the drinks of the evening. Pink strokes painted the sky as the sun went down. Stunning.

More snorkeling: A full-day catamaran cruise meant more snorkeling and a trip to Nevis. The island folk cooked and served us barbecue chicken, fruit bread and rice and bean salads right on the beach, and we chugged Ting, a tasty grapefruit drink. We walked the beach and swam in the ocean. A beautiful day.

Brimstone Hill National Park: A mighty fortress built atop a nearly 800-foot hill in the late 1600s by African slaves for the British. A marvel and a spectacular view.

A ride on ATVs: Carlisle was the leader of our all-terrain-vehicle trek through sugar-cane fields and small villages. He told us his mom was born in poverty but gave him a royal name. A proud man.

More monkeys than people: Walking along the Dr. Kennedy Simmonds Highway, a roller coaster of a road with incredible vistas of St. Kitts and beyond, we passed salt ponds and hundreds of monkeys.

baby and thought I was going to fall off the edge of the Earth at least a couple of times.

When I had no idea how to traverse a steep, rocky stretch, Lyn



STAFF PHOTO BY SCARLETT SYSE

Mount Nevis, on the island of Nevis in the Caribbean, is about 3,200 feet. Still unspoiled, Nevis has palm trees and white sand beaches. It's the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, George Washington's treasury secretary.

showed me where to put my feet. When I was sucking in so much air I thought I was going to pass out, Lyn rested too. When the ropes bloodied my hands, Lyn showed me how to use tree roots to climb instead.

About two hours later, we shot out of the jungle and into the light and screamed in awesome wonder. We did it.

The mountain is usually shrouded in clouds, and the wind is so wicked and cold it nearly knocks you over, Lyn told us.

Not on our day. This day was about as clear as it ever gets on Mount Nevis.

We looked down at our mud-died, bloodied selves and knew without saying a word this

the grief in his voice. He talked about how he raised three children who weren't his own (all professionals now) and how he cared for his grandmother, who had also passed away.

You know, he shared, I have her record collection in my home. Conway Twitty. Loretta Lynn. Charley Pride. Tammy Wynette.

My heart skipped a beat. That was my life.

Lyn, I shared, my mom died recently too. Those singers were her favorites, and we have boxes full of those exact same albums. She loved them.

How funny that we — outwardly as different as night and day — were both clinging to the same material possessions of loved ones we have lost. Funny how that our paths crossed.

Then together, trudging down Mount Nevis, we broke out singing Wynette's classic "Stand By Your Man." Now that was really funny, and we laughed loud.

What a small, small world. I would stand by Lyn any day, any time, anywhere.

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