Ultra-Light reading, 1992 Edition

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- How To Quit Smoking by Old Joe Camel
- The Joy of Smoking by C. Everett Koop, M.D.
- Avoid Air Pollution: Don’t Inhale by Gov. Bill Clinton
- “Out Damned Spot!” The Bush Administration’s Plan to Protect The Northern Spotted Owl
- Sensitizing the Police to Ethnic Concerns by Chief Darryl Gates
- Lee Harvey Oswald Acted Alone by Oliver Stone and Jim Garrison
- Some of My Best Friends Are Jewish by Yasser Arafat
- Living With A High I.Q. by Dan Quayle
- How To Speak In Intelligible Complete, Grammatically Correct Sentences by George Bush
- Flat As A Board! by Dolly Parton
- How To Become The Sensitive Male by Mike Tyson
- Lead Is Not Into Temptation by Rev. Jimmie Swaggart
- The Road To Rio: American Leadership in Global Environmental Planning by George Bush
- My Favorite Tasteless Polish Jokes by Pope John Paul II
- My Battle With Anorexia Nervosa by Paul Pudhomme
- Shut Up, Quit Complaining, and Get A Job by Jesse Jackson

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