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Newsletter and Coming Events

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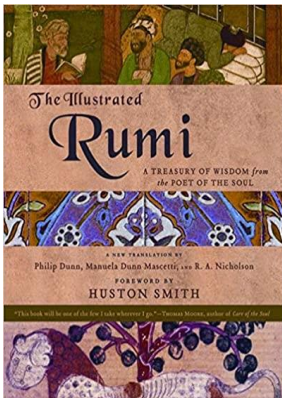
A New Year of Blessings and Challenges

We are grateful for the blessings of the past year and ponder the challenges that 2023 will bring our way. Luckily, we all have the guidance of thousands of authors who have gone before us and given us their best experiences and advice about taking risks, expanding our thoughts, and handling problems. Our goal for this month is to bring you the most valuable and succinct words of wisdom we have.



Books are the engines of change, windows on the world, and lighthouses erected on the sea of time. They are companions, teachers, magicians, bankers of the treasures of the mind. Books are humanity in print. Barbara Tuchman

Treat Yourself to Some of These Classics



Animal Farm, George Orwell. Slowly this time. Not just for the story but for the big thoughts.

The Illustrated Rumi: A Treasury of Wisdom from the Poet of the Soul. This new translation by Philip Dunn and others inspires us to celebrate the sacred in everyday life. Rumi is the best-selling poet in the United States and has been for the past decade! A lovely book with outstanding art.

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott. The particular edition we have (Puffin Books with notes and author biography) is a treasure – as are the many fictional life stories it contains.

The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World, Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu. What do two Nobel Peace Prize winners talk about when they get together? It is conversational and lovelier than you ever imagined! You feel the joy and new ideas and take them with you.

Try Something New

***Longitude*, Dava Sobel**, as much a tale of intrigue as it is of science. It is a history of time pieces, an example of perseverance and how one person can change the world.

***The Art of Shralpinism: Lessons from the Mountains*, Jeremy Jones**. You might think of this book as “the Zen of snowboarding.” Jones skillfully explains the nuances and the big pictures in staying safe on slippery mountain slopes, while experiencing 100% of your encounter. Avid skiers may be won over to shredding on a board by this exceptional alpinist.

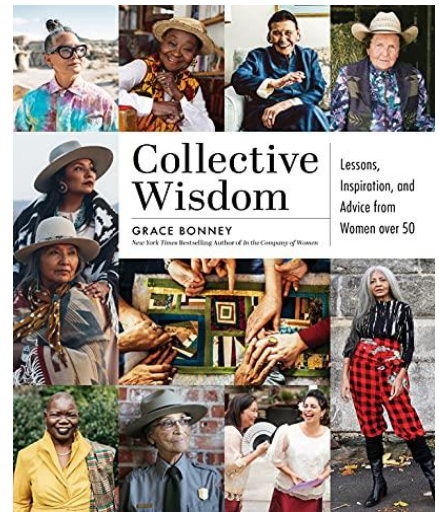
American Sign Language Made Easy for Beginners: A Visual Guide. It seems people who learn this sensible language never forget it. In fact, they use it to converse across a crowded room or talk to their children who haven’t learned to speak yet. It’s amazing, really, how it brings deaf people into participating fully in life.

***Collective Wisdom: Lessons, Inspiration and Advice from Women Over 50*, Grace Bonney**. Over 100 women are interviewed, including Swinomish Tribal Elder, Nancy Wilbur, on page 280. Embrace your age and pursue your passion!

***Chess for Kids: Learn to Play Chess in a Fun and Simple Way*, Sam Lemons**. Grandparents can teach the young people in their lives to learn chess, so they truly enjoy it quickly.

***The Secret Life of Stars: Astrophysics for Everyone*, Lisa Harvey Smith**. It doesn’t matter if you have a background in science or not. All manner of earthly references helps explain things that are out of this world. The author piques your imagination, increases your knowledge, and your reverence for all of creation.

***The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*, Michelle Obama**. Our former first lady shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced. Her book is inspiring and motivating particularly for young women.



Delightful Reading

The Cork O’Connor Series, William Kent Krueger, is set in the wilderness of northern Minnesota. Cork is half Anishinaabe Indian, a retired sheriff, and has a raft of colorful, complicated family and friends. There are now 18 excellent books in this thoughtful, suspense-filled mystery series. It is best to begin with #1 *Iron Lake*.

Gail Nobel-Sanderson who lives in Mount Vernon, known for her *Lavender House in Meuse* series, has launched a cozy mystery series with ***The Book of Rules*** set in a village in Wales, featuring amateur sleuth, Drew Davies.

Coming Soon -- Hot Off the Press

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the US Capital Final Report.

Celadon Books in collaboration with The New Yorker magazine will have this 752 page \$17.99 softcover book available to us. We have it ordered. You are welcome to browse it or buy it.

Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America.

Swinomish author and photographer, **Matika Wilbur**, has been touring the country and gathering material from the 562 Native American sovereign territories since 2012. Her book on the history and culture of these people will be published by Ten Speed Press on April 25, 2023. We have it on order and we will keep a list of those who want to reserve a copy. Just call us at 360-399-1800. We are so proud of Matika!



Coming Events

January weekends, Skagit Valley Bald Eagle Viewing. Visit Concrete, Rockport and Marblemount for bald eagle viewing, nature walks, photography and drift-boat tours, every Saturday and Sunday during January. Visit the Interpretive Center in Rockport (10 AM to 4 PM) or call 360-853-7626 for more information.

Saturday, March 25, All day! First Annual La Conner Mystery Event, “*The Case of the Slain Slough Swindler.*” Pick up a map, find clues all around town. Solve the mystery!! More clues in next month’s newsletter!

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