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**“Public Domain Images — What is allowed and what is not?” (Pixabay)**

**<https://pixabay.com/en/blog/posts/public-domain-images-what-is-allowed-and-what-is-4/>**

## Chapter 1: SHORT-LIVED



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**Very much short-lived  
Disappear all too quickly  
Blossoms and girlhoods**

## Chapter 2: “I REALLY LIKE YOU”



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/love-heart-hearts-romance-4105181/>

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**It's a red balloon  
With an important message:  
“I really like you”**

## Chapter 3: NO EXIT



<https://pixabay.com/vectors/no-exit-forbidden-stop-icon-symbol-37072/>

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A 'No exit' sign's

Best location may well be

A cemetery

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**NOTE: Exceptions for religious people.**

## Chapter 4: YOGA FOR THE ARTHRITIC



<https://pixabay.com/photos/model-yoga-figure-floral-fractal-4115624/>

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**Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow!**

**Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow!**

**Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow!**

## **Chapter 5: LOVE WILL NEVER HURT**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/watermelon-fruit-red-pulp-cores-2486708/>

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**Love will never hurt  
Partners will always be true  
'til we lie in dirt**

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**NOTE:**

**That's the song I sing to me  
As I pick watermelons  
off the watermelon tree.**

## Chapter 6: A CONTRADICTION?



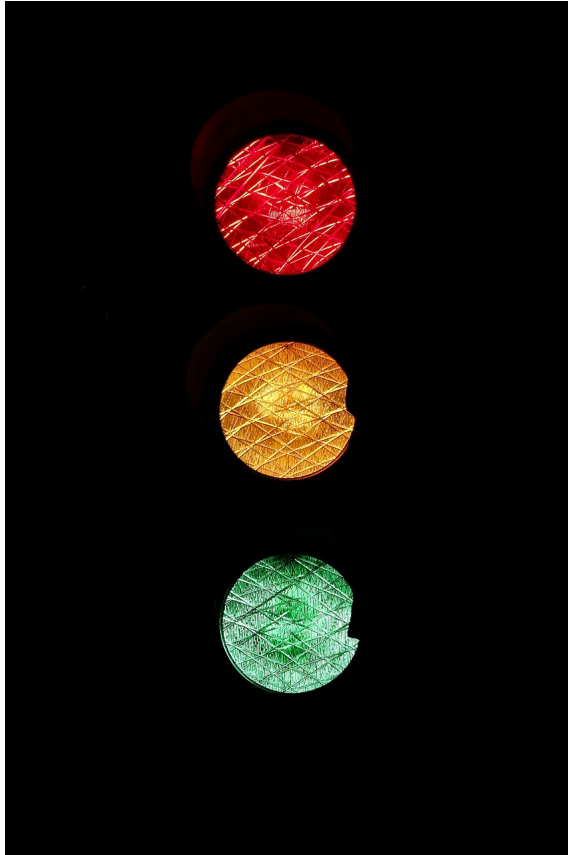
<https://pixabay.com/photos/people-sitting-bench-smartphone-4116160/>

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**Checking your email  
And getting back to nature —  
Doing both at once?**



## Chapter 7: GOOD RULES AND BAD



<https://pixabay.com/photos/traffic-lights-road-sign-red-yellow-514932/>

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**Some rules make good sense  
Those are the ones let's obey  
Ignore some others**

## Chapter 8: 911



<https://pixabay.com/photos/police-mexico-arrest-protection-4122765/>

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911 is the  
emergency number in  
Mexico, US

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**NOTE: The emergency telephone number is often different in different in different countries. The emergency telephone number is something that I really would like to be standardized worldwide.**

## **Chapter 9: NEVER POSTPONE A PLEASURE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sandboarding-sand-board-sand-dune-67663/>

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**This life is too short  
Never postpone a pleasure  
You might get cancer**

## **Chapter 10: IT'S A TIE**



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**Cancer kills patient**

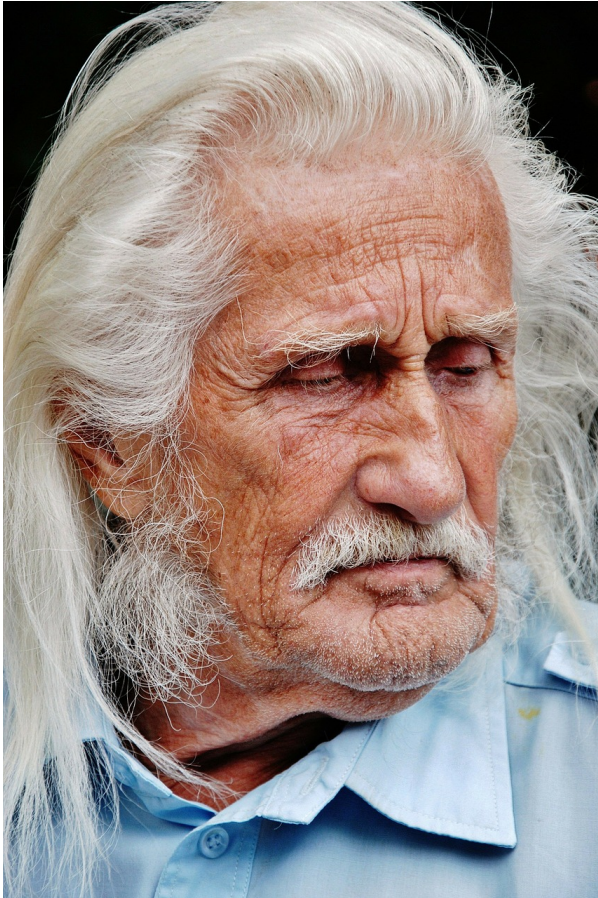
**But then cancer also dies**

**Cancer is stupid**

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**NOTE: People talk about someone losing a battle with cancer, but since the cancer also dies, it's a tie.**

## Chapter 11: THE YOUNGEST



<https://pixabay.com/photos/man-person-face-gentleman-white-103041/>

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**Now is the youngest  
I will certainly be for  
The rest of my life**

## Chapter 12: SPRING



<https://pixabay.com/photos/nile-goose-chicks-geese-boy-4132781/>

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**It's got to be spring  
Babies, babies everywhere  
New-life creation**

## **Chapter 13: JUST SUGGESTIONS**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/traffic-lights-heart-traffic-light-4097537/>

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**To true creatives  
The rules for artistic forms  
Are just suggestions**

## Chapter 14: SOMETHING TO ACCEPT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/kid-soap-bubbles-child-fun-1241817/>

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**Something to accept  
We are all going to die  
Have fun while you can**



## Chapter 15:



<https://pixabay.com/photos/flowers-butterflies-beautiful-19830/>

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**Fight aesthetic death**  
**It's worse than physical death**  
**Love beauty or die**

## Chapter 16: SOMETIMES I'M AMAZED



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-child-play-swing-rock-4142846/>

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**Sometimes I'm amazed**

**We are all going to die**

**I should expect it**

## Chapter 17: SALTY TEARS OF EX-LOVERS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/kitty-cat-kitten-pet-animal-cute-551554/>

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**This is good advice  
Find someone better than me  
Or a cat to love**



## Chapter 19: QUESTIONS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/confused-hands-up-unsure-perplexed-2681507/>

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**Who were and are you?**

**What do you need to do now?**

**Where are you going?**

## Chapter 20: UNEXPECTED MAGIC



<https://pixabay.com/photos/glasses-a-smile-leaf-autumn-2861368/>

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**Some buskers are great  
Some wall graffiti is fine art  
Beauty can surprise**

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**NOTE: Of course, nothing is wrong with popular art.**

## Chapter 21: LOVE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/kiss-lgbt-girls-lesbian-lesbians-2897401/>

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**Make this illegal?**

**This world needs more love, not less**

**This kiss is loving**

## CHAPTER 22: MAKING GOD LAUGH



<https://pixabay.com/photos/a-smile-girl-happy-young-portrait-4145997/>

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**Want to make God laugh?**

**It's really easy to do**

**Just tell her your plans**



## Chapter 23: DANDELIONS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/summer-dandelion-flower-nature-3549853/>

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**They have a meaning  
Dandelions in your yard  
“No herbicides here”**

## Chapter 24: FIRST-WORLD PROBLEMS

**DOWNLOAD  
NOW**

<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/download-software-sign-icon-button-706862/>

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**Some first-world problems**

**Too much good stuff to consume**

**Books, music, movies**

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**NOTE: We will never read every good book, hear every good song, or see every good movie.**

## Chapter 25: SO THIS IS RUSSIA



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-teen-smartphone-russian-1848478/>

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**So this is Russia**

**Coffee shop, smartphone, cute teen**

**Looks like the U.S.**

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**NOTE: The photographer is from Chelyabinsk, Russia.**

## Chapter 26: A WHOLESOME PINUP



<https://pixabay.com/photos/rain-tropics-jungle-vintage-4162971/>

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**This Russian model  
Makes me fall more in love with  
Cool vintage swimwear**

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**NOTE: The model is Victoria Borodinova, who is from  
Moscow, Russia.**

## Chapter 27: UNEXPECTED ART EXAMPLE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/silk-tie-sales-man-2846862/>

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**Unexpected art**  
**Practical and artistic**  
**Storage for men's ties**

## Chapter 28: CELEBRATE LOVE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/kiss-lgbt-girls-lesbian-lesbians-2897401/>

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**Celebrate gay love**  
**Celebrate love-happiness**  
**Celebrate straight love**

## Chapter 29: DEATH SEEKS YOU



<https://pixabay.com/photos/beer-bottle-428392/>

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**Seek life or seek death?**

**Seek life, for it will not last:**

**Death will come for you.**

**Chapter 30: *CARPE DIEM*: SEIZE THE DAY**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-balloons-child-happy-out-1357485/>

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**You need not seek death  
— Death is nearer than you think —  
Because death seeks you**



## Chapter 31: BORN TO STAND OUT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/streets-people-music-musician-1284394/>

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**True for each of us:  
You were born to stand out so  
Don't try to fit in**

## Chapter 32: GRIEF IS LIFE'S GREAT ENEMY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/schnitzel-pork-cutlet-lemon-3279045/>

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Yes, mourn for a while  
— Grief is life's great enemy —  
Then go and live life

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**NOTE: After a funeral, people eat. It's a reminder that life goes on.**

## Chapter 33: LIVE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/library-woman-books-sebum-reading-4158912/>

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**Experience life**

**Enjoy books, music, and friends**

**Nothing is better**

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**Devour books and art**

**Devour experiences**

**Devour the good things**

## Chapter 34: SERIOUS QUESTION



<https://pixabay.com/photos/black-and-white-nude-people-3179649/>

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**Serious question:  
Is the world going to hell  
Or to paradise?**

## Chapter 35: LET ME FEEL IT ALL



<https://pixabay.com/photos/milky-way-universe-person-stars-1023340/>

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**Let me feel it all**  
**Shoot universe-cannonball**  
**Deep into my brain**

## Chapter 36: A HAPPY FAMILY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/family-armchair-dad-mom-sons-2972198/>

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**Mom, dad, and children**  
**Happy parents, happy kids**  
**What could be better?**

## Chapter 37: RADICAL AND REVOLUTIONARY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-sculpture-monument-stone-4176825/>

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**I'm a radical  
And revolutionary —  
Mostly in my head**

## Chapter 38: MAKEUP



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-person-colorfully-color-4183357/>

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**I let my daughter  
put my makeup on for me**

**Is it obvious?**



## Chapter 39: OUTSIDE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/action-activity-athlete-bicycle-71647/>

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**A beautiful spring  
Makes exercise easier  
Fun to go outside**

## Chapter 40: SEEK



<https://pixabay.com/photos/spring-bird-bird-spring-blue-2295431/>

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**Seek and you may find  
Scenes of natural beauty  
That will calm your soul**

## Chapter 41: THIS GODDESS IS MAD



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-women-beauty-costume-apple-2211717/>

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**This goddess is mad  
She lost the beauty contest  
No apple for her**

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**NOTE: In the Judgment of Paris, Paris judges a beauty contest between three goddesses: Venus, Juno, and Minerva. He picks Venus, and so Juno and Minerva are mad at him.**

## Chapter 42: BORED



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bored-female-girl-people-school-16811/>

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**Trillions of our cells  
Working together to say,  
“Gee, I am so bored”**

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**NOTE: Yes, we have trillions of cells all working together to keep us alive — and, in many cases, bored.**

## Chapter 43: SUCCESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-sexy-female-beautiful-1783706/>

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**Better than success**

— **Success can lead to bad pride** —

**Living a good life**

## **Chapter 44: SO MUCH TO EXPERIENCE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/newborn-baby-child-bighead-family-4189640/>

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**How much will be bad?**

**So much to experience**

**How much will be good?**

## Chapter 45: AN ARTIST'S VISION



<https://pixabay.com/photos/wine-glass-glass-light-abstract-4193619/>

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**An artist's vision**  
**Different positioning**  
**Possibilities**

## Chapter 46: WALK-IN CLOSET



<https://pixabay.com/photos/closet-clothing-walk-in-3615613/>

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**The truly wealthy  
Have everything, and also  
Somewhere to put it**



## Chapter 47: PERFECT TIME TO DIE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/pc-computer-screen-desktop-computer-1207683/>

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**Perfect time to die:**

**Soon after you can say this:**

**“My life’s work is done”**

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**NOTE: Lloyd Alexander, author of the Prydain Chronicles and many other books, died like this. So did Peanuts cartoonist Charles Schultz.**

## **Chapter 48: THE HARDEST PART**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/book-vintage-old-texture-retro-544965/>

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**What's the hardest part  
Of writing your first novel?  
Writing the first word**

## Chapter 49: FURIOUS PURSUIT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/model-time-woman-fiction-2614539/>

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**furious pursuit  
of things not worth pursuing:  
it's a hell on earth**

## Chapter 50: DON'T SPILL YOUR BEER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/beer-tipple-drink-glass-mug-1667151/>

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**Terrorist attack**

**Time to quickly run away**

**But don't spill your beer**

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**NOTE: In June 2017, London was hit by a terrorist attack. Among the people running away was a man holding his beer. To many people, he is a hero because he responded so coolly to the attack.**

## Chapter 51: JUST WEAR WHAT YOU WANT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-beauty-clothes-costume-4201820/>

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**Just wear what you want**  
**Make the world interesting**  
**You look good in that**

## Chapter 52: PROBLEMS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-crossroads-choice-way-2573111/>

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**Problems do exist  
We are here and it is now  
So what will we do?**

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**To not be angry  
Is not to be alive now  
So what will we do?**

## Chapter 53: MONEY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/dollar-currency-money-us-dollar-499481/>

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**What are you out for?**

**All you can gain, save, and give?**

**Or all you can gain?**

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**NOTE: John Wesley advised people, “Gain all you can.  
Save all you can. Give all you can.”**

## Chapter 54: ANGER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/upset-woman-person-middle-finger-2681482/>

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**Anger can be good**  
**Don't get afraid, get angry**  
**It's better than fear**

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**NOTE: We should be angry at some things.**



## Chapter 55: NEED



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**What do they need now?**

**What do they really need now?**

**Can you help them now?**

## **Chapter 56: BE EXCELLENT TO OTHERS**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/hands-compassion-help-old-care-699486/>

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**We should learn to be  
genuine human beings —  
Be excellent to others**

## **Chapter 57: MORE THAN JUST A VAGINA**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/plant-rose-flower-petals-nature-66809/>

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**Can't remember she's  
More than just a vagina?  
Soon comes singlehood**

## **Chapter 58: HUG THE UNIVERSE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/human-personal-baby-infant-813194/>

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**Occasionally  
I could hug the universe  
Blossoms and babies**

## **Chapter 59: I GOT OUT OF BED FOR THIS?**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/a-cup-of-coffee-coffee-the-drink-399478/>

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**Alarm clock goes off  
I got out of bed for this?  
Totally worth it**

## Chapter 60: SMILE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-people-tenderness-woman-657753/>

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**A genuine smile  
Is extra prettiness points  
For any female**

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**NOTE: Posed smiles are pretty, too.**

## Chapter 61: COLOR



<https://pixabay.com/photos/leaf-tree-foliage-vein-pattern-4191636/>

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**Color is one of  
Nature's greatest inventions  
Take time to notice**

## Chapter 62: ACNE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/struggle-acne-self-love-skin-face-3805349/>

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**Take care of yourself**  
**— Some things are simply bad luck —**  
**Yet still have acne?**



## Chapter 63: FREE FUN



<https://pixabay.com/photos/swing-playground-swinging-toy-fun-846077/>

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**Poor folks have fun, too  
We're not always unhappy  
Good things can be free**

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**NOTE: Public parks and public libraries are often available.**

## Chapter 64: A SECRET PLACE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/little-girl-wildflowers-meadow-2516578/>

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**Everyone needs a  
Secret place to be alone  
And to be at peace**

## **Chapter 65: SHARE THE GOOD STUFF**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/mandolin-naples-campania-2755441/>

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**Find it and share it  
If it's truly something good  
Don't share the bad stuff**

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**NOTE: Here's something truly good:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=om1yf16MSsI>

**Chapter 66: ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER  
ADVENTURE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/human-person-child-girl-blond-770255/>

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**Eager to get up  
Shouldn't we all feel this way?  
I did as a child**

## Chapter 67: TIME



<https://pixabay.com/photos/boy-sleepy-child-little-childhood-509907/>

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**I need more time. Why?  
I need time to do nothing  
Without feeling guilt**

## Chapter 68: MISTAKES



<https://pixabay.com/photos/mistake-spill-slip-up-accident-876597/>

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**Don't dwell on mistakes**

**— It interferes with the now —**

**In past or future**

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**NOTE: To be honest, it's the mistakes that are done in the now that are often the most annoying.**

## Chapter 69: YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO



<https://pixabay.com/photos/angel-devil-angel-and-devil-2693196/>

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**what you hope to be  
act it and so become it  
act it? — you are it!**

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**NOTE: Want to be a kind person? Do what a kind person does, and you will be kind. Works for other qualities, too. (Including being evil.)**

## Chapter 70: BE THRIFTY, NOT MISERLY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/money-wallet-finance-cash-business-3219298/>

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**This hand is open**  
**— Be thrifty, not miserly —**  
**But this hand is closed**

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**NOTE: A thrifty person will spend money for worthwhile things, but a miser will never spend money. Sometimes, our hand should be open, and sometimes our hand should be closed. If our hand is always open, we are spendthrifts; if our hand is always closed, we are misers.**



**Chapter 71: THE TECHNICAL LIFE AND THE  
VALUING LIFE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/ethics-right-wrong-ethical-moral-2991600/>

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**The technical life**

**Live a life worthwhile to live**

**The valuing life**

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**NOTE: The technical part of life gets you money on which you can live. The valuing part of life makes living a life worthwhile. Both the technical life and the valuing life are necessary for a good life.**

## Chapter 72: EXOTIC VERSUS HOME



<https://pixabay.com/photos/japan-asia-neon-streetm-city-4141581/>

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Looks interesting  
It's another world to me  
But they call it home

## Chapter 73: CAN YOU FORGET ME?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-girl-woman-young-female-4223482/>

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**Can you forget me?**

**One look: You will remember**

**I am Ariel**

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**NOTE: Ariel is a spirit in William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.**

## **Chapter 74: THE PURPOSE OF LIFE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/people-joy-smile-holiday-friends-2295052/>

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**The purpose of life  
For me, you, and everyone  
Is to be happy**

## Chapter 75: CROSSROADS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/view-yellow-sky-nature-women-2162026/>

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**Crossroads in flowers**

**Every choice is a good choice**

**I'm going this way**

## Chapter 76: SHE DOES THAT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-beauty-model-pretty-girls-4234976/>

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**Why be beautiful?  
To cause pleasure in others  
A mere glance does that**

## Chapter 77: BEING ART AND MAKING ART



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-woman-red-dress-camera-retro-4239203/>

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**Fashionably cute**  
**Being art and making art**  
**Taking good photos**

## Chapter 78: QUALITY OF LIFE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-woman-person-bicycle-standing-4247739/>

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**Quality of life  
Is very much better than  
Quantity of life**

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**NOTE: I'm not sure that I want to live to be 100. I've seen photos of people who have lived that long.**



## Chapter 79: HEALTH PROBLEMS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/hands-gloves-catheter-health-care-770461/>

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**Having health problems**

**A catheter is a pain**

**In the uretha**

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**NOTE: The catheter is temporary; it comes out in a week.**

## Chapter 80: I GOT BALLOONS



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/balloons-spring-nature-watercolour-1615032/>

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**Childhood is magic.**

**I got balloons. Life is good.**

**Life can be joyful.**

## Chapter 81: FACE PAINTING

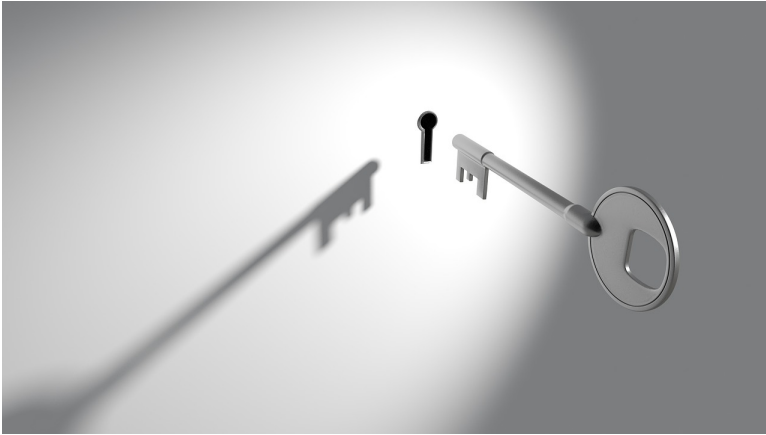


<https://pixabay.com/photos/face-painting-young-girl-artist-833180/>

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painting on the face  
different kind of canvas  
is this life painting?

## Chapter 82: OBSTACLE ILLUSIONS

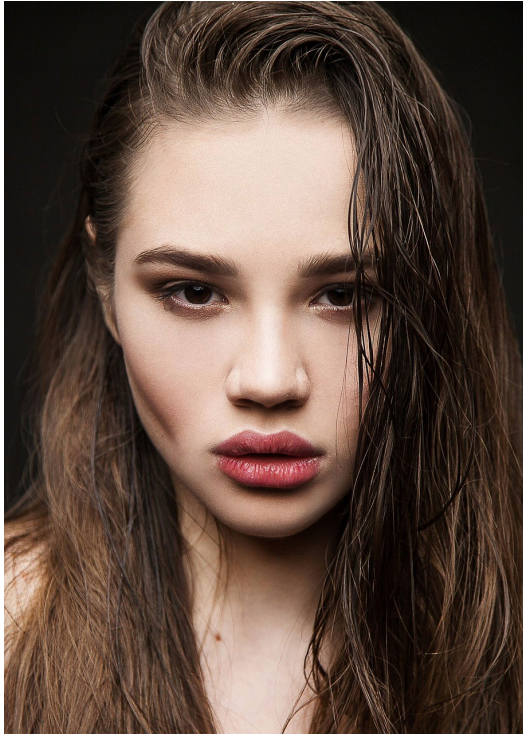


<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/key-keyhole-lock-security-unlock-2114046/>

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**Solvable problems  
Are obstacle illusions  
That you overcome**

## Chapter 83: SULLEN FASHION LOOK



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-beautiful-portrait-fashion-4234961/>

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**Sullen fashion look**

**For instant beauty, just smile**

**Is this look worthwhile?**

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**NOTE: Many models look sullen during fashion shows.  
Why?**

**Chapter 84: HALF FORMED BECOMES FULLY FORMED**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/rose-blossom-bloom-pink-flower-4255482/>

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**Bud becomes a bloom**

**Half formed becomes fully formed**

**See growth and beauty**

## Chapter 85: POTENTIAL ARTWORK



<https://pixabay.com/photos/paper-business-people-art-artist-3246119/>

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**A blank sheet of paper  
Is a potential artwork  
Just make the first mark**

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**NOTE: Getting started is the hardest part.**

## Chapter 86: WORRYING



<https://pixabay.com/photos/upset-mad-crying-woman-sad-3061663/>

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**It's suffering twice  
Borrowing future trouble  
And just not worth it**

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**“I’ve noticed that worrying is like praying for what you don’t want to happen.” — Robert Downey, Jr.**



## Chapter 87: HAPPINESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/smile-laughter-happiness-retro-4239208/>

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**Happiness is good  
Feeling good and looking good  
Goodness all around**

## Chapter 88: “PLEASE PASS THE GRANDMOTHER”



<https://pixabay.com/photos/grandmother-with-granddaughter-2081318/>

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Whenever I say,  
“Hey, please pass the grandmother,”  
I want attention

## Chapter 89: “GO FASTER”



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sad-mother-son-park-emotions-1929544/>

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I'll go much faster,  
I think, if you would just stop  
Saying, “Go faster”

## Chapter 90: AUDIBLE CHOCOLATE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/cake-chocolate-chocolate-cake-1850011/>

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**The best music sounds  
Like audible chocolate:  
Pure genius made sound**

## Chapter 91: SOMETHING WE ALL WANT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/child-reading-thinking-4245652/>

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**Something we all want  
Happiness is storage space  
For the things you use**

## **Chapter 92: AVOID FUTURE REGRET**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/teenager-girl-class-face-portrait-4241654/>

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**You all will regret  
Not dating me in high school:  
Ask for my number**

## **Chapter 93: LIFE WILL FIND A WAY**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/desert-flower-egypt-nature-cactus-4170575/>

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**Life will find a way  
To survive bad conditions  
Species avoid death**

## Chapter 94: CHOOSE YOUR NEXT DELIGHT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-rear-library-look-overview-4218724/>

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**I have some free time  
An important decision  
What will I read next?**



## Chapter 95: VIRTUE OR VICE?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/wine-a-toast-red-celebration-4177639/>

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**Is this good or bad?**

**It's a virtue? Or a vice?**

**Can you handle it?**

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**NOTE: For an alcoholic, one glass of wine is too much.  
For a non-alcoholic, a glass of wine with dinner may  
increase enjoyment of life.**

## Chapter 96: PUBLIC PARKS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/lane-tree-forest-path-woodland-4129148/>

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**Public parks show a  
Government's investment in  
Public happiness**

## Chapter 97: HABITS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/the-prohibition-of-smoking-unhealthy-4212108/>

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**Do start good habits**  
**Two secrets of happiness**  
**Don't start bad habits**

## Chapter 98: WHAT I REALLY WANT



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**What I really want**  
**Music that makes my hair fly**  
**Intense enjoyment**

**Chapter 99: YES, IT IS PRETTY**



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**Yes, it is pretty  
But to keep from gaining weight  
Just throw it away**

## **Chapter 100: WE LIVE LIKE KINGS, QUEENS**



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**Culture's everywhere  
Books, music, movies, and more  
We live like kings, queens**

## APPENDIX A: SOME WEBSITES

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**SOMETIMES FREE EBOOK**

***William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure: A Retelling in Prose*, by David Bruce**

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<https://www.amazon.com/William-Shakespeares-Measure-Retelling-Prose-ebook/dp/B00V7IRT9O>

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***Ben Jonson's The Alchemist: A Retelling in Prose***

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<https://www.amazon.com/Ben-Jonsons-Alchemist-David-Bruce-ebook/dp/B0738VSHPY>



## **APPENDIX B: SOME BOOKS BY DAVID BRUCE**

### **Retellings of a Classic Work of Literature**

*Ben Jonson's The Alchemist: A Retelling*

*Ben Jonson's Bartholomew Fair: A Retelling*

*Ben Jonson's Volpone, or the Fox: A Retelling*

*Christopher Marlowe's Complete Plays: Retellings*

*Christopher Marlowe's Dido, Queen of Carthage: A Retelling*

*Christopher Marlowe's Doctor Faustus: Retellings of the 1604 A-Text and of the 1616 B-Text*

*Christopher Marlowe's Edward II: A Retelling*

*Christopher Marlowe's The Massacre at Paris: A Retelling*

*Christopher Marlowe's The Rich Jew of Malta: A Retelling*

*Christopher Marlowe's Tamburlaine, Parts 1 and 2: Retellings*

*Dante's Divine Comedy: A Retelling in Prose*

*Dante's Inferno: A Retelling in Prose*

*Dante's Purgatory: A Retelling in Prose*

*Dante's Paradise: A Retelling in Prose*

*The Famous Victories of Henry V: A Retelling*

*From the Iliad to the Odyssey: A Retelling in Prose of Quintus of Smyrna's Posthomerica*

*George Peele's The Arraignment of Paris: A Retelling*

*George Peele's The Old Wives' Tale: A Retelling*

*The History of King Leir: A Retelling*

*Homer's Iliad: A Retelling in Prose*

*Homer's Odyssey: A Retelling in Prose*

*Jason and the Argonauts: A Retelling in Prose of Apollonius of Rhodes' Argonautica*

***John Ford's The Broken Heart: A Retelling***

***John Ford's Love's Sacrifice: A Retelling***

***John Ford's Perkin Warbeck: A Retelling***

***John Ford's 'Tis Pity She's a Whore: A Retelling***

***John Ford's The Queen: A Retelling***

***King Edward III: A Retelling***

***Robert Greene's Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay: A Retelling***

***Tarlton's Jests: A Retelling***

***The Trojan War and Its Aftermath: Four Ancient Epic Poems***

***Virgil's Aeneid: A Retelling in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 5 Late Romances: Retellings in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 10 Histories: Retellings in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 11 Tragedies: Retellings in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 12 Comedies: Retellings in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 38 Plays: Retellings in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 1 Henry IV, aka Henry IV, Part 1: A Retelling in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 2 Henry IV, aka Henry IV, Part 2: A Retelling in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 1 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 1: A Retelling in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 2 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 2: A Retelling in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's 3 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 3: A Retelling in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's All's Well that Ends Well: A Retelling in Prose***

***William Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra: A Retelling in Prose***

*William Shakespeare's As You Like It: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Coriolanus: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Cymbeline: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Hamlet: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Henry V: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Henry VIII: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's King John: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's King Lear: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Love's Labor's Lost: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Macbeth: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Othello: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Pericles, Prince of Tyre: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Richard II: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Richard III: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Tempest: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Timon of Athens: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Two Gentlemen of Verona: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Two Noble Kinsmen: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale: A Retelling in Prose*

**Children's Biography**

*Nadia Comaneci: Perfect Ten*

**Personal Finance**

*How to Manage Your Money: A Guide for the Non-Rich*

**Anecdote Collections**

*250 Anecdotes About Opera*

*250 Anecdotes About Religion*

*250 Anecdotes About Religion: Volume 2*

*250 Music Anecdotes*

*Be a Work of Art: 250 Anecdotes and Stories*

*The Coolest People in Art: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Coolest People in the Arts: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Coolest People in Books: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Coolest People in Comedy: 250 Anecdotes*

*Create, Then Take a Break: 250 Anecdotes*

*Don't Fear the Reaper: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Art: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Books: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Books, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Books, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Comedy: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Dance: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Families: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Families, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Families, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Families, Volume 4: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Families, Volume 5: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Families, Volume 6: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Movies: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Music: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Music, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Music, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Neighborhoods: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Relationships: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Sports: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Sports, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Television and Radio: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Theater: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People Who Live Life: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People Who Live Life, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Kindest People Who Do Good Deeds, Volume 1: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Kindest People Who Do Good Deeds, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*Maximum Cool: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People in Movies: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People in Politics and History: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People in Politics and History, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People in Politics and History, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People in Religion: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People in Sports: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People Who Live Life: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Most Interesting People Who Live Life, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes*

*Reality is Fabulous: 250 Anecdotes and Stories*

*Resist Psychic Death: 250 Anecdotes*

*Seize the Day: 250 Anecdotes and Stories*

## APPENDIX C: ABOUT THE AUTHOR

It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a cry rang out, and on a hot summer night in 1954, Josephine, wife of Carl Bruce, gave birth to a boy — me. Unfortunately, this young married couple allowed Reuben Saturday, Josephine’s brother, to name their first-born. Reuben, aka “The Joker,” decided that Bruce was a nice name, so he decided to name me Bruce Bruce. I have gone by my middle name — David — ever since.

Being named Bruce David Bruce hasn’t been all bad. Bank tellers remember me very quickly, so I don’t often have to show an ID. It can be fun in charades, also. When I was a counselor as a teenager at Camp Echoing Hills in Warsaw, Ohio, a fellow counselor gave the signs for “sounds like” and “two words,” then she pointed to a bruise on her leg twice. Bruise Bruise? Oh yeah, Bruce Bruce is the answer!

Uncle Reuben, by the way, gave me a haircut when I was in kindergarten. He cut my hair short and shaved a small bald spot on the back of my head. My mother wouldn’t let me go to school until the bald spot grew out again.

Of all my brothers and sisters (six in all), I am the only transplant to Athens, Ohio. I was born in Newark, Ohio, and have lived all around Southeastern Ohio. However, I moved to Athens to go to Ohio University and have never left.

At Ohio U, I never could make up my mind whether to major in English or Philosophy, so I got a bachelor’s degree with a double major in both areas, then I added a Master of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy. Yes, I have my MAMA degree.

Currently, and for a long time to come (I eat fruits and veggies), I am spending my retirement writing books such as *Nadia Comaneci: Perfect 10*, *The Funniest People in Dance*, *Homer’s Iliad: A Retelling in Prose*, and *William Shakespeare’s Othello: A Retelling in Prose*.