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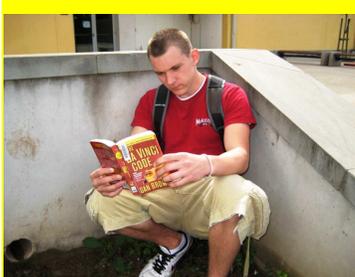
A Book is Good Anywhere

The other day, S. M. called me into her classroom to show me a picture she had taken of a student reading while curled up in one of the circles in the wall at the front of our school.

Then another teacher gave me a picture of a student reading under a sink in her classroom.

These two pictures gave me an idea: Where do students and teachers read? I decided to take some pictures of people reading in strange places, and admittedly, I staged some of them, but I thought they were fun.

As you travel this summer, pay attention to where people read and if you want to take a picture to share with me, I would love to have it.



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*Have a
Great Summer*



Book of the Month

A Thomas Jefferson Education by Oliver Van DeMille.

Book Description from Amazon.com

Is American education preparing the future leaders our nation needs, or merely struggling to teach basic literacy and job skills? Without leadership education, are we settling for an inadequate system that delivers educational, industrial, governmental and societal mediocrity? In *A Thomas Jefferson Education: Teaching a Generation of Leaders for the Twenty-first Century*, Oliver DeMille presents a new educational vision based on proven methods that really work! Teachers, students, parents, educators, legislators, leaders and everyone who cares about America's future must read this compelling book.

About the Author

Oliver Van DeMille is the founder and president of George Wythe College and a popular speaker and business consultant.

I enjoyed reading this book. It made me think about what our educational system is trying to do and where we are succeeding and failing. His basic premise is that teachers can only instruct, inspire and mentor. Students have to educate themselves. He feels that we should be building leaders. He gives lists of classics that should be read and ways to inspire students to want to educate themselves.

SUMMER

**Rest is not idleness,
and to lie sometimes
on the grass on a summer day listening to
the murmur of water,
or watching the clouds
float across the sky, is
hardly a waste of time.**
-- John Lubbock

Good Summer Books

♦ **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks

An Australian book conservationist is chosen to work on the rare illuminated Haggadah created in Spain in the Middle Ages. She is eager to learn and preserve the mysterious history of the codex as she is to restore the manuscript. (School Library Journal, April 2008)

♦ **A Deadly Paradise** by Grace Brophy

A woman's bloody and disfigured body is found in her basement in Paradiso. The investigator must traverse the narrow lanes of Paradiso and the canals of Venice to find the answer. (School Library Journal, April 2008)

♦ **Firefly Rain** by Richard Dansky

Jacob returns to his childhood home after a failed business and several years after the death of his parents. Strange and scary things begin to happen right away, and it is clear that the caretaker is not to be trusted. (School Library Journal, April 2008)

♦ **The Rosetta Key** by William Dietrich

Sequel to **Napoleon's Pyramids**. American adventurer Gage, meets up once more with Napoleon as the French general is beginning his 1798 invasion of the Holy Land. He has adventures in love and war, comes close to solving an ancient mystery, and provides an ingenious explanation for the missing piece of the Rosetta Stone. (School Library Journal, April 2008)

♦ **Reconstruction** by Mick Harron

This contemporary British novel deals with terrorists, hostage taking, and characters who appear to keep changing allegiances. (School Library Journal, April 2008)

♦ **Lady Macbeth: A Novel** by Susan Fraser King

During her childhood, the last female descendant of Scotland's highest royalty, is taught to battle like other Celtic women warriors. She ends up married to Macbeth and must battle to protect their lands. Scholarly research provides the necessary ingredients for a well-crafted story, one that Shakespeare lovers and historical fiction enthusiasts will enjoy. (School Library Journal, April 2008)

♦ **Vita Nouva** by Magdalen Nabb

Some of Marshal Guarnaccia's superiors describe him as slow and dim-witted, but like TV's Columbo, his appearance is deceiving. (School Library Journal, April 2008)

♦ **Tree of Smoke, a Novel** by Denis Johnson

Tree of Smoke is about Vietnam. It is crowded with desperate people, always short of salvation, but despite every temptation of the Vietnam dreamscape it is relentlessly sober in its attention to on-the-ground details and the gradations of psychology. (amazon.com)

♦ **Pope Joan** by Donna Woolfolk Cross

One of the most controversial women of history is brought to brilliant life in Donna

Woolfolk Cross's tale of Pope Joan, a girl whose origins should have kept her in squalid domesticity. Instead, through her intelligence, indomitability and courage, she ascended to the throne of Rome as Pope John Anglicus.

♦ **The Memory Keeper's Daughter** by Kim Edwards

The Memory Keeper's Daughter hinges on the birth of fraternal twins, a healthy boy and a girl with Down syndrome, resulting in the father's disavowal of his newborn daughter. Seeing his daughter's handicap, he instructs the nurse, Caroline Gill, to take her to a home and later tells Norah, who was drugged during labor, that their son Paul's twin died at birth. Instead of institutionalizing Phoebe, Caroline absconds with her to Pittsburgh. (amazon.com)

♦ **The Other Boleyn Girl** by Philippa Gregory

Before Henry VIII ever considered making Anne Boleyn his wife, her older sister, Mary, was his mistress. Historical novelist Gregory uses the perspective of this "other Boleyn girl" to reveal the rivalries and intrigues swirling through England. (amazon.com)

♦ **Cost** by Roxana Robinson

Cost depicts the crisis unleashed by one parent's discovery of her child's self-destructive secret. (Good Housekeeping, June 2008)

♦ **Lamentations of the Father** by Ian Frazier

This Ohio born New Yorker humorist can turn the silliest notion—acorn stomping his way to weight loss, for example—into comic gold. No grump will be immune. (Good Housekeeping, June 2008)

♦ **How Perfect is That** by Sarah Bird

Always a spark, Bird is at her sharpest in this blithe tale about a socially ambitious Texan party planner who slides into disgrace, then makes an all-American comeback. (Good Housekeeping, June 2008)

♦ **The Secret** by Rhonda Byrne

Supporters will hail this New Age self-help book on the law of attraction as a groundbreaking and life-changing work, finding validation in its thesis that one's positive thoughts are powerful magnets that attract wealth, health, happiness... and did we mention wealth? Detractors will be appalled by this as well as when the book argues that fleeting negative thoughts are powerful enough to create terminal illness, poverty and even widespread disasters. (amazon.com)