

# Coach's Instructions for...



# Game overview

Teams are trying to figure out which book, out of 26 total, describes the criminal's next crime. They eliminate books from suspicion by finding clue words. They're looking for 25 words. They are given 1 word at the start. The 4 yellow envelopes result in 6 words each. That leaves a single book as the final answer.

## Envelope 1

- This round uses author names.
- Form 6 book loops that link last names with first names.
- Clue words are spelled out words by reading the first letters of book titles.
- Answers: **WINE, HORN, MOON, PIPE, QUEEN, STORM**

## Envelope 2

- This round still uses author names.
- Teams place bookstore cards ON TOP of existing loops, spanning two covers
- The first letters of the store names spell out 6 more words.
- Answers: **GURU, PONG, BLED, TRACK, DANCE, JAVA**

## Envelope 3

- Each grocer uses cover art via a different mechanism.
- Connect each cover with a different grocery item.
- The item quantities index into the book titles to reveal a letter.
- Answers: **PLANET, MATCH, HAT, ZAP, SMOKE, XCIX**

## Envelope 4

- This round uses titles.
- Each shelf title card clues how the plots match up with titles on that shelf.
- The shelf cards have a collection of symbols at the bottom. Match up like symbols and read the dropcaps from top to bottom to reveal the words.
- Answers: **HEART, HIVE, TRIO, SAFE, EIGHT, SEWN**

## Envelope 5

- Use all 25 clue words to get a final punchline.

## **Your job**

### **Confirm each step**

Each time a team solves a memo, confirm that they have the right 6 words. (See previous page.)  
Then, tell them to open the next envelope in the stack.

### **Give hints**

Stock hints are given in the following pages. You can also confirm when a team asks if something is right.

### **General purpose hints**

These are good hints to use if a team is stuck.

**“Tell me **what you know**.”**

**“**READ EVERYTHING**. Almost every word and design is important.”**

**“**Show it** to a teammate.”**

**“You don’t need to **guess**. The solutions will be obvious.”**

# ENVELOPE 1

## Hints

1. Sort by name and look for a message.
2. (Once they get the message) That last name **SMALL** links to the first name **BIGALOW**.
3. You're looking for opposites. Small with Big. Yes with No. Dry with Wet.
4. Use the first letters of the titles to find a word.
5. Fix any mis-matched pairs.

## In envelope

- Memo 1
- 26 book covers

## How it works



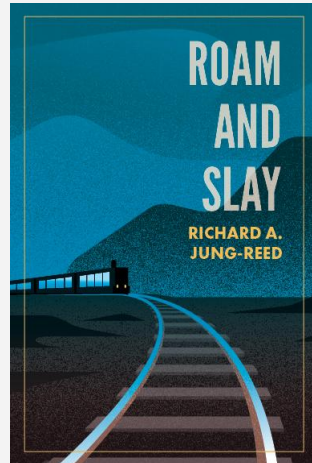
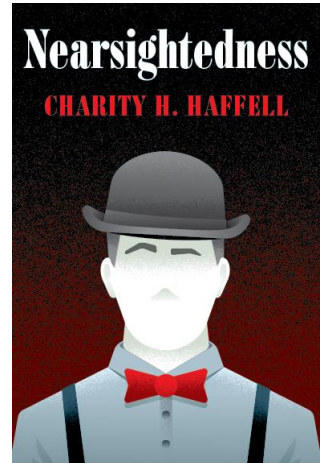
1. Put books in alphabetical order by last name and read the middle initials.
2. Get the message LINK EACH LAST NAME WITH A FIRST.
3. Link last names with first names based on embedded words.
  - a. e.g. XYLAND matches with SKLYER because LAND is the opposite of SKY.
4. Make chains of covers out of linked names. The last name of the last book links with the first name of the first book, thus making a loop.
5. Use first letters to extract the clue word.

## Possible problems

- The chains are arranged backwards.
  - *"Put last names next to the first names that match. Don't stack covers."*
- They make pairs of covers, not chains
  - *"You'll need 6 loops, not 13, so it can't be pairs."*
- The first letters don't spell a word, because the loop is starting in the wrong spot.
  - *"Try starting from a different letter."*

# Envelope 1 Answers

W	I	N	E
			
<u>TOPHER</u> <u>ELSGOOD</u>	<u>EVILYN</u> <u>LAENEAR</u>	<u>FARRAH</u> <u>GROUT</u>	<u>INDIA</u> <u>IRONBOTTOM</u>

H	O	R	N
			
<u>ROSE</u> <u>XYLAND</u>	<u>SKYLER</u> <u>VAPOOR</u>	<u>RICHARD</u> <u>JUNG-REED</u>	<u>CHARITY</u> <u>HAFFELL</u>

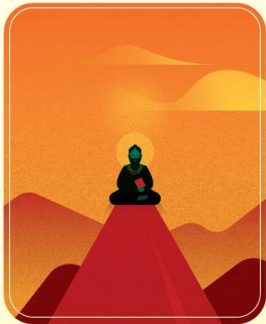


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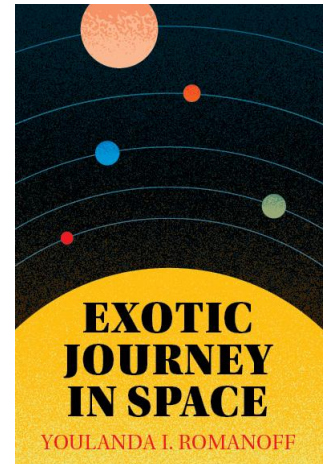
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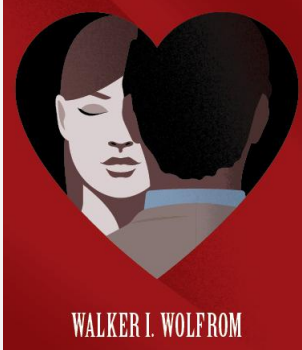
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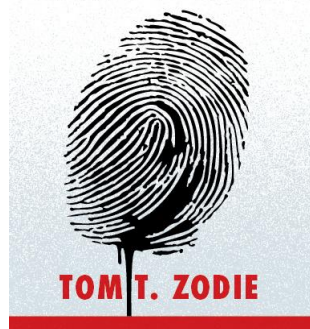
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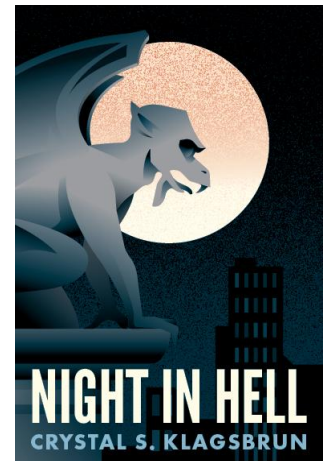
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TOM T. ZODIE

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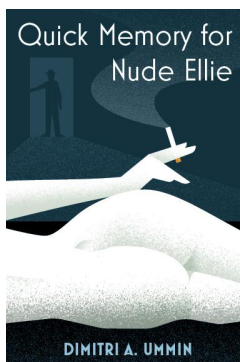
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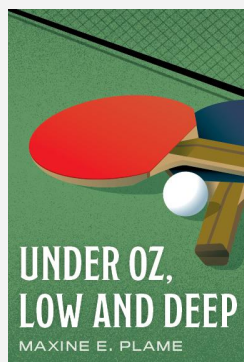
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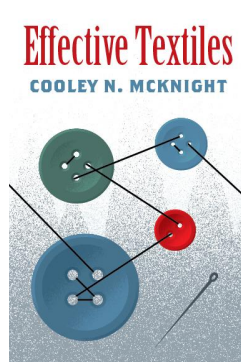
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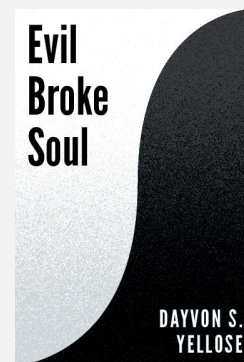
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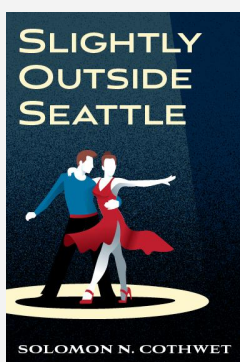
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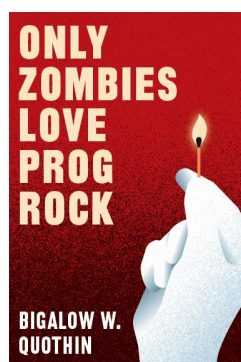
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SOLOMON  
COTHWET



DR. YOLANDA  
SMALL



BIGALOW  
QUOTHIN



FATIMA  
NAYES



NORA  
BUNCH

## Hints

1. Use the connections from part 1.
2. What do you notice about each bookstore name?
3. (Walk them through whatever they've missed.)

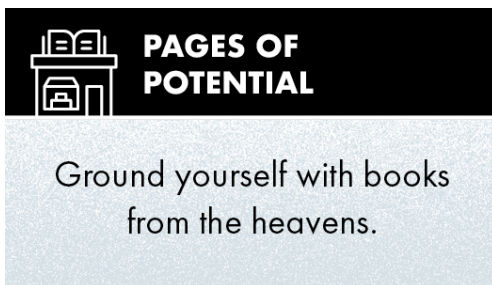
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- Memo 2
- 26 bookstore business cards

## How it works

1. Teams keep books in chains from step 1.
2. Connect slogans from bookstores to a pair of words from step 1.
3. Teams use the first letter of the bookstore name, in order, to extract new words from the chains.

## Example



**Reason:** GROUND & HEAVENS match LAND & SKY

**Match:** ROSE T. XYLAND 🔗 SKYLER R. VAPOOR

**Letter extracted:** P (Pages of Potential)

## Possible problems

- Players immediately disassemble loops.
  - *"Create those loops again."*
- Players have a hard time finding words from extracted first letter.
  - *"Search for letters that stick out."*

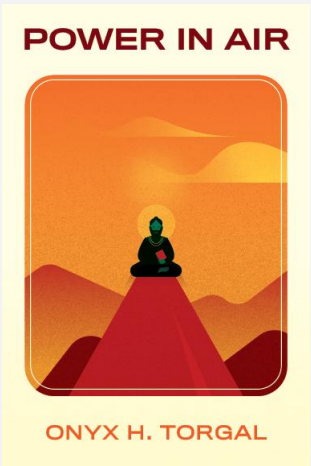
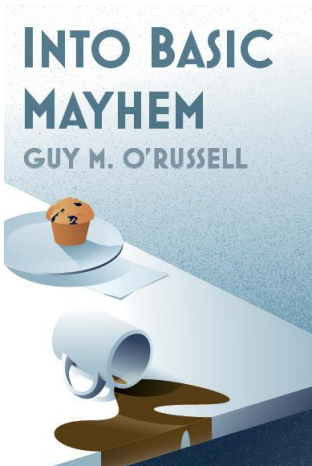

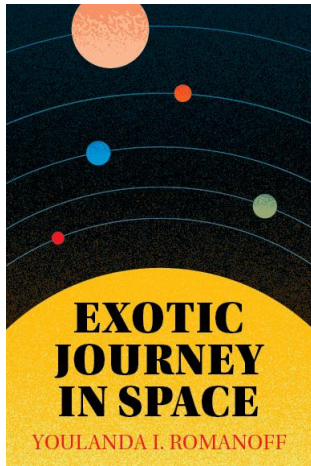
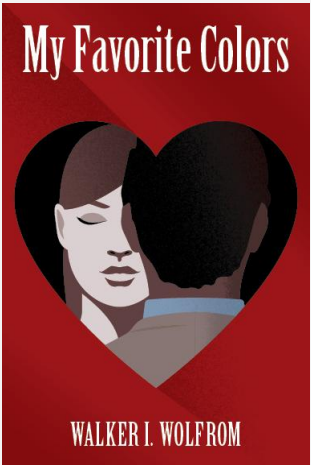
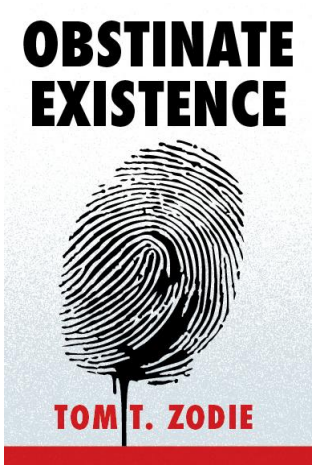
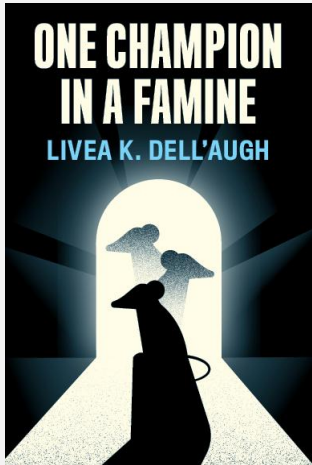
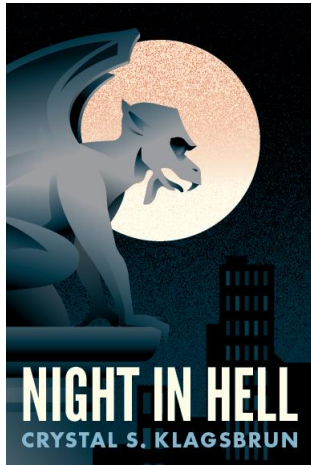


## Envelope 2 Answers

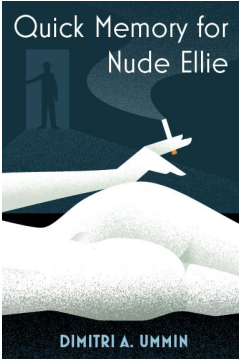
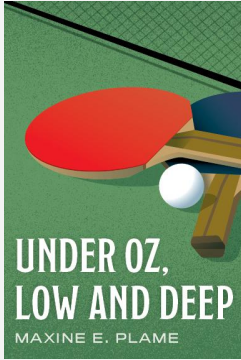
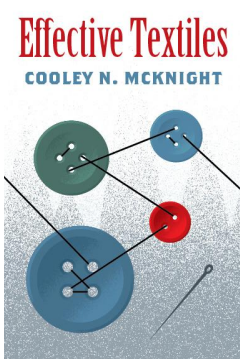

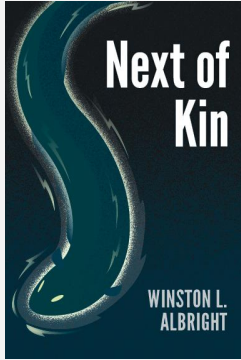
*Note: For this round, each business card is meant to straddle two books. That is hard to represent in a digital table like the one below, so instead: each answer (e.g. a Bookstore name and its tagline) represents the connection between the cover above it and the cover to its right.*

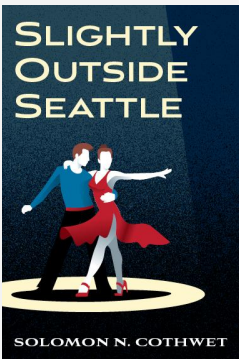

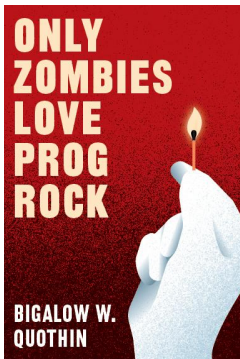

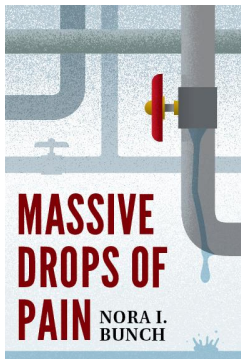
**Example:** Pages of Potential connects Hold 'Em High and Oxygen Meets Gold, i.e. XyLAND with SKYler

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Ground yourself with books from the heavens.	Cheap books for the wealthy.	Books for those who take and for those who give.	Tripping into a story or lifting yourself above it.
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Awesome reads for wicked people.	Books up close or way away.	Books for under a tree or under a roof.	Books to take to the depths or up to the pinnacle.
<u>GOOD - EVIL</u>	<u>NEAR - FAR</u>	<u>OUT - IN</u>	<u>BOTTOM - TOP</u>

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<u>WET - DRY</u>	<u>SMALL - BIG</u>	<u>THIN - FAT</u>	<u>YES - NO</u>	<u>BUNCH - SOLO</u>

## Hints

1. Each grocer's name is a clue about how it works.
  - a. **Double Bagged:** specializes in pairs of letters
  - b. **Grosser:** should be read aloud
  - c. **Headless:** they cut off just the head.
  - d. **Another Way:** items can mean a different thing
  - e. **Some Kind:** items have lots of types
  - f. **Closer:** items that rhyme
2. Use the numbers to count into the titles.

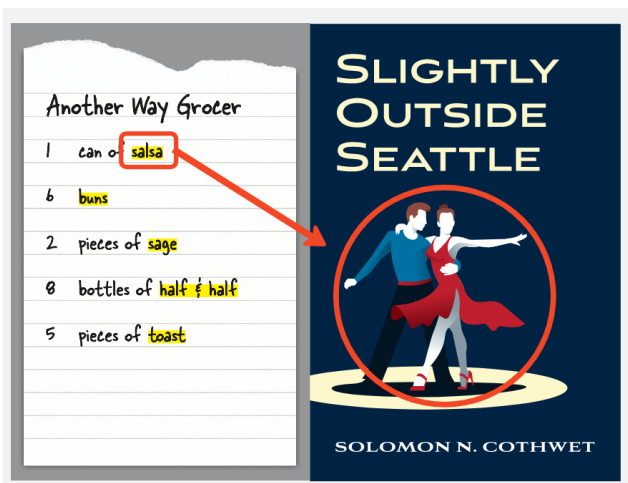
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- Memo 3
- 6 grocery lists

## How it Works

- Each grocer has a mechanism to match ingredients to **COVER ART**.
- Match each cover with a grocery item.
- Extract the Nth letter from the grocery item, where N = number of item.

## Example



For this Grocer,  
**SALSA (the food)**  
connects with  
**SALSA (the dance)**



# Envelope 3 Answers

## The Headless Grocer

Remove the first letter to match ingredients to cover art.

Amt.	Item	Without "head"	Book	Letter
5	Wheat	Heat	Only Zombies Love Prog Rock	<b>Z</b>
4	Clove	Love	My Favorite Colors	<b>A</b>
4	Grain	Rain	Weepy Medicine	<b>P</b>

## The Doubled Bagged Grocer

Double letter in item name = alliterative art on cover.

Amt.	Item	Alliteration	Book	Letter
4	Carrot	Rail road	Roam and Slay	<b>M</b>
11	Apples (or courgettes)	Table Tennis	Under Oz, Low and Deep	<b>A</b>
4	Beets	Electric Eel	Next of Kin	<b>T</b>
5	Molasses	Solar System	Exotic Journey In Space	<b>C</b>
1	Mayonnaise	Ninety Nine	The 99 Club	<b>H</b>

## Another Way Grocer

Words with double meanings.

Amount	Item	Double Meaning	Book	Letter
1	Salsa	Salsa dancer	Slightly Outside Seattle	<b>S</b>
6	Buns	Butt cheeks	Quick Melody For Nude Ellie	<b>M</b>
2	Sage	Sage (wise person)	Power in Air	<b>O</b>
8	Half & Half	Yin-yang	Evil Broke Soul	<b>K</b>
5	Toast	Clinking glasses	Oxygen Meets Gold	<b>E</b>

## The Grosser Grocer

### Homophones

Amt.	Item	Homophones	Book	Letter
7	Pear	Pair of cards	Hold 'Em High	<b>H</b>
2	Leek	Pipe	Massive Drops of Pain	<b>A</b>
4	Thyme	Clock	Post Hoc, Denied	<b>T</b>

## Some Kind of Grocer

### Types of Items

Amt.	Item	Type of Item	Book	Letter
12	Mushrooms	Buttons	Effective Textiles	<b>X</b>
9	Beans	Coffee	Into Basic Mayhem	<b>C</b>
6	Pasta	Bowtie	Nearsightedness	<b>I</b>
2	Orange	Blood drops	Extreme Fruit	<b>X</b>

## The Closer Grocer

### Rhymes

Amt.	Item	Rhyme	Books	Letter
8	Rice	Mice	One Champion in a Famine	<b>P</b>
10	Shark oil	Gargoyle	Never in Hell	<b>L</b>
8	Oat	Goat	Irrevocable Balls	<b>A</b>
1	Peas	Bees	No Honey In Winter	<b>N</b>
2	Salt	Vault	Remember the Strings	<b>E</b>
4	Mint	Fingerprint	Obstinate Existence	<b>T</b>

## Hints

1. Focus on **just the titles**.
  - a. Shelf 1: Look at the last word in each title.
  - b. Shelf 2: What do the titles have in common?
  - c. Shelf 3: Categories of things
  - d. Shelf 4: Read the starts of sentences.
  - e. Shelf 5: Find plots that mention something geographical.
  - f. Shelf 6: Typos
2. Here's a hint for **one plot** on each shelf
  - a. Shelf 1. *Look for: spades, hearts, diamonds*
  - b. Shelf 2. *IRL, BFF, TBH*
  - c. Shelf 3. *red, green, black, silver*
  - d. Shelf 4. *Has... to... Don... Glasses*
  - e. Shelf 5. *Czech*
  - f. Shelf 6. *the word "prieless"*
3. (Give them an answer for a shelf they need help with.)

## In envelope

- Memo 4
- 26 plot cards

## How it works

- Organize the books to match the layout of the shelf poster, as indicated on memo.
- Match each plot with a book **TITLE**.
- Each shelf uses a different matching mechanism, clued by the shelf name.
- Once all plots are matched to a book, use the 6 shapes on the title cards to spell 6 words, from the drop caps on the corresponding books.

## Possible problems

- Players are taking the plots literally
  - *"None of the plots are literal."*
- Players believe typos are actual typos
  - *"There's something more to it."*

## Example:

- **Clue:** "An Unfinished Set"
- **Plot:** *High heels with inlaid diamonds remain missing after all but one in a priceless collection of shoes are destroyed. The owners' hearts are broken, and everyone in their circle has motives in spades. There's only one clue: a mysterious footprint.*
- **Matching Title:** The 99 Club
- **Reason:** The plot mentions **spades, diamonds** and **hearts**. It's missing **clubs**. THE 99 CLUB has "club" in it, thus completing the set of card suits mentioned in the plot.

## Envelope 4 matchups

### 1: An Unfinished Set

Every plot has all but one of a set.

Book	Group	Missing
The Ninety Nine Club	Diamonds, Hearts, Spades	Club
Power in Air	Fire, Earth, Water	Air
One Champion in a Famine	War, Death, Pestilence	Famine
No Honey In Winter	Spring Summer Fall	Winter
Remember the Strings	Winds, Brass, Percussion	Strings

### 2: Letters of the C.I.A.

The first letters of the titles on this shelf spell a well-known acronym. The plots feature words related to that acronym.

Book	Clue Words	Acronym
Into Basic Mayhem	Dell, Apple, Acer, Intel	I. B. M.
Oxygen Meets Gold	IRL, BFF, OMG, DIY, NP, ASAP, TBH	O. M. G.
Suddenly Outside Seattle	"Taps out an urgent call for help on the telegraph."	S. O. S.
Post Hoc, Denied	Philosophy, professor, class, fellowship, tenure, doctorates	P. H. D.



### 3: Many of a Kind

The titles feature a category, and the plots contain items in that category.

Book	Category	Items in category
My Favorite Colors	Color	Red, green, black, silver
Irrevocable Balls	Balls	Tennis, Lucille, crystal, bread, cricket
Weepy Medicine	Medicine	Antacid, painkiller, stimulant, injects, sugar
Extreme Fruit	Fruit	Cherries, date, orange, banana, Kiwi, plum(b)

### 4: The Sentences Begin

The plots for these each have four sentences. The first words of the sentences make a clue for one of the words in the title.

Book	First word of each sentence
Nearsightedness	Has. To. Don. Glasses.
Exotic Journey In Space	All. Aboard. The. Rocket.
Next of Kin	First. Relative. To. Know.
Night in Hell	Every. Sinner. Is. Here.

### 5: City Sounds

These titles each have a homophone of a world capital. The plot features the capital's country.

Book	Country	Capital	Homophone
Only Zombies Love Prog Rock	Check	Prague	Prog
Roam and Slay	Italian	Rome	Roam
Under Oz, Low and Deep	Norwegian	Oslo	Oz, Low
Quick Melody for Nude Ellie	Indian	New Delhi	Nude Ellie
Evil Broke Soul	South Korean	Seoul	Soul

## 6: Improper Spells

Each plot has several missing letters. The missing letters spell a word that is a synonym of one of the words in the title.

Book	Missing letters
Effective Textiles	C L O T H
Obstinate Existence	L I F E
Hold 'Em High	T A L L
Massive Drops of Pain	H U R T

## Envelope 4 answers

Each **shelf card** has 4 or 5 shapes along the bottom, which correspond to the books on that shelf, in order (e.g. the leftmost shape corresponds to the leftmost book on its shelf, etc.)

E.g. for the **Many of a Kind** shelf:

- PENTAGON: "Indigo the donut..."
- SQUARE: "At Passover..."
- TRIANGLE: "It's a risky..."
- CIRCLE: "Generations ago..."

Each shape corresponds to a clue word. For each shape, read the 4 or 5 capital letters that correspond to that shape, reading from top shelf to bottom shelf. Not all shapes are present on all shelves.

### Square shape example = SAFE

- Shelf 1: "Stem cell" → S
- Shelf 2: n/a
- Shelf 3: "At Passover" → A
- Shelf 4: "First Lady" → F
- Shelf 5: n/a
- Shelf 6: "Esteemed" → E

### Clue words for each shape

Shape:	Star	Diamond	Circle	Square	Pentagon	Triangle
Word:	HEART	SEWN	EIGHT	SAFE	TRIO	HIVE

SHELF ONE

# UNFINISHED SETS

This shelf is reserved for books about Kings, Donatello, Jo March, and Eggs.

SHELF TWO

# LETTERS TO THE C.I.A.

This shelf is reserved for books about executives, No extensions, and government agencies.

SHELF THREE

# MANY OF A KIND

THIS SHELF IS CLASSIFIED.

SHELF FOUR

# THE SENTENCES BEGIN

This shelf is reserved for books that say a lot more than they need to.

SHELF FIVE

# CITY SOUNDS

THIS SHELF IS RESERVED FOR BOOKS THAT ARE GOING PLACES.

SHELF SIX

# IMPROPER SPELLS

This shelf is reserved for books about what's missing.

SHELF ONE

High heels with initial diamonds remain standing after all but one in a precious collection of them are destroyed. The women's hearts are broken, and everyone in this circle has noticed in spite. How's only one that a mysterious burglar.

Springer means it's time for the "Thing Your First" open competition, but it's actually a hunt for a crime syndicate. While springing young singers up warm water with lemon slices, the diva and her candlelight hands money through sides of her legs that most Greater Singer on Earth.

When a new book bans, new a reorganized performance against the might of one industry. The evening was between the two can only end with the death of something that needs for some) great. Will anything survive?

Seven cell experimentation and weaponized gene therapy is destined to fall into the hands of a teenage scientist. Once the lab is secured, he'll spring into action. With Congress on summer recess, the experimental will have months to replace the politicians with scientist robots.

The crash blew a hole through the ground and the permission of the rain wasn't the warning on the night. If I know discovers the first body in Barley Heights. The top brass think that it's a crime of passion, but Hansen knows a world like he conducting this crime.

SHELF TWO

Rolling waves crash a fishing boat into an iceberg. The crew is determined to find the Captain draped against the wheel, a dagger through his chest. The first mate supplant an engine coil for help in the twilight. Now it's a race against time as the first mate can reach them before the killer strikes again.

Ill, super cool Bill's remote after seeing about a confession from DMI a hole. I'll average someone to be "P" for one of them, when the boss wonders off the face of the earth. NMP. This is not a joke much to get it going.

Herb famous cricket restaurant. Sugar fits, is related to its prison recipe one night. Suspense takes more like a virus. She has just enough bandwidth to know that the key to the whole thing is locked in her memory. What is the hook? The secret?

Eagerly, the philosophy professor was prepared to school the new student to get his lecture straight. From his studies it came to that. He was more qualified, with his fellowships and his research. The hook's gotten multiple documents in poisoning people for nothing. Now he just needed the bait.

SHELF THREE

I admit the doctor had been caught red-handed. So he believed a doctor grows that affected government official, and managed to save his business. And now he was in the black. He may have been with a silver spoon in his mouth, but the world of things was too tempting to resist.

A Charming, Lucille is generous. "You should have more meals," she says. "I'm back only for the points in terms." By then, half her guests were locked away for crystal ones chosen, the brand business was over, and a first dinner perked the air. "This isn't a crisis," the doctor said with his last breath.

It's a busy time for a news reporter who lives off articles and publishers who are very much aware of news that's behind her. This new standard report: four months daily print, amplified by the fact that each news broadcast is an enormous spectacle of rage.

SHELF FOUR

His body built been set up to take the fall for the murder of his new partner? Before her name, she needs to work fast. Don't forget her husband and insurance company, is suspiciously missing in the middle of the report. Glances are waiting to be raised, if he can win the race around here.

Like money in the world to me enough for I W. Movers. About his job, the criminal and his brother's business scheme to defraud the industry. The key will be his own disappearance. "Stick up the week, market and then set the trap," he tells his assistant as he disappears off the face.

For Lady Isabel Redingham has a deadly secret. Belong to the other party given, she appears to be, nothing more than a President's wife with a great house to keep. To whom will she show her management? Knew where she'd hide the bones?

Every time the secret places gather, one of them ends up dead. Some or worse, they all meet a gruesome fate, until Francis LaFayette takes the case. Is she going to be the savior of the cause or not? Here's where you can place your bet!

SHELF FIVE

Revenge giant boats have invaded the Crash country on St. Valentine's Day. Who manufactured the monstrous storm? The case grows cold until detective across Idaho compare maps over their phones and globes and discover the boats are spelling the name Valis.

When a late night flight of an Italian airline filled with famous Florentine citizens, a hijacker takes control. But after some quick thinking, a package of fresh eggplants, is suspiciously missing in the middle of the flight. The airline begins to turn.

Ordinary circumstances find a Norwegian speed skater in a generally large group at a concert in the Vikingskipet in Hønefoss, when random blood tests reveal his primary competitor to be a cheater. Then both of them are found face-down in the fjord with bullets in their mouths. Who's the culprit?

Visiting (that Prudish after a prison stint abroad, a mysterious Italian blackmailer organizes a prominent (disruptive) reporter. After meeting face to face over power and gold, the blackmailer delivers an ultimatum: deliver the cash or the newspaper goes to the blacked blow. Will the millionaire budge?

The entire song collection of a South Korean K-Pop superstar Sun Li-hyun is lost in a mysterious burning computer virus. The tragedy is considered accidental and a year later, in London, he becomes a familiar melody playing over the speakers at her favorite lounge jazz.

HARMONY

SHELF SIX

Extremely deep in the woods, a top-secret blue-covered concert hall is compromised after everyone develops allergies to cats and gets violently sick. With dirty hands and metal uniforms, the team must choose between abandoning their last fledgling mission or sneaking through.

The town's most desired chauffeur disappears, and no one seems to know information the team making delivery of every celebrity in London. The only clue is a person he helped in a basement, holding a map and wearing a bandana.

Several neighborhood pets are being taken, some criminal is leaving behind milk and milk containers of each animal. The local kids form a secret vigilante group to help. They jump into action, and they are not losing around.

Only crash back now there to see the fall, once in a lifetime performance. But by the time the show is over, everyone's wallets have disappeared. Their memories wiped. Where did the money go? What will become of the audience?

## Envelope 5

The text hints to use **the 25 clue words** and the given table of contents to find the final message.

### Solution

The first letters of the words in each chapter title can be anagrammed to one of the 25 clue words *plus an extra letter*. (e.g. Xenology And Xenobiology In Callais = XCIX + A.) Those extra letters, in order, spell the final answer: THEY WILL THROW THE BOOKS AT ME.