

# All About BOOKS



*a dee's attic blog*

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It's 2026!! Happy New Year!! So were you able to dedicate some time for reflections, as well as become aware of some revelations, or maybe gave a thought or two about some new beginnings? And/or - surely...you took a well-deserved break and enjoyed each moment when you did! We hope it was one or all and you get a STAR on your forehead if it's ALL!! (hee! hee!)

Hello, lovely humans – as we close the chapter on another year, we may find ourselves thinking about all the ways life surprised us this year. Maybe your year was tinged with sadness. Maybe it was simply “okay.” Or maybe it was downright joyful, full of unexpected blessings. However it unfolded, we hope you found at least one book that kept you company – a story that taught you something new, shifted your perspective, or helped you feel a little less alone and comforted. If you’re willing to share, you are welcome to, we’d love to hear about it @ [deesatticbookstore@lancasterlibrary.org](mailto:deesatticbookstore@lancasterlibrary.org).

Books have a way of nudging us toward new paths, don’t they? Some of you may have read something this year that stirred a curiosity you didn’t know you had – perhaps about the natural world, the creatures we share it with, or the ecosystems quietly supporting our lives. Maybe you even found yourself wondering about becoming a Master Naturalist, learning more about biodiversity, conservation, and the beautiful interconnectedness of it all. If so, what a wonderful seed to carry into the 2026 New Year!!

As we step into this next chapter together, we want to open the door to possibility. What did you learn this year? What surprised you? What softened you? What book cracked something open in you – a memory, a dream, a question, a hope? Something to ruminate over, possibly taking some action and changed your perceived trajectory in life. Wouldn’t that be something? And because beginnings deserve beauty, there’s a poem that found me at just the right moment. It felt like a gentle hand on the shoulder, reminding me that every ending carries a beginning inside it. We hope it does the same for you.

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## Return Us to the Light

Take me back to a simpler time,  
To a time before the touch of man;  
A time before cars and telephone lines,  
When Mother Earth still held command.  
Take me back to a simpler time,  
Long before the wars began;  
When birds held dominion over sky  
As fish, in water, swam.  
O' how the times have changed,  
Since the rise of modern man;  
We stole dominion from the birds  
From the fish, and from the land.  
With bombs and guns at hand,  
And sacrificed our brothers  
Just to conquer foreign lands.  
We built our cars, planes and trains  
As we paved our paths across this planet;  
Clearing forests to and fro,  
Until the Earth could hardly stand it.  
Will we expend the Earth of all it's worth?  
Or will we cease our selfish ways?  
Will we eradicate this world,  
Or will we make a change today?  
May we set aside our differences,  
As we stand together in this fight  
To protect this precious planet,  
And return us to the Light.

Johnny Osborne

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As always, thank you for being part of our Dee's Attic Bookstore family – for reading, for wondering, for showing up with your curiosity and your kindness. May the year ahead bring you good stories, good people, and good moments of quiet magic to share with your fellow humans.

Here's to new beginnings, new books, and new ways of seeing the world in 2026!! We wish you peace and joy in the coming year. There are so many books from 2025 we didn't get an opportunity to read, though wanted to share at least one person, Beth Macy who has written stories with heart-felt tragedies "Factory Man", "Dopesick" and her new one, "Paper Girl." She, too, is from Appalachia AND is running in the 6th Congressional District of Virginia, with a VERY different perspective of life.

And you know me too well by now – a geeky thing to share – WHO on New Year's Eve in 1879 demonstrates his incandescent light bulbs in Menlo Park, New Jersey, by lighting a street in front of about 3,000 spectators?? American inventor Thomas Edison, that's right!!! Edison isn't the first to design such a light bulb, though his is the first to burn steadily for hours AND there's been LIGHT ever since. The United States of America is a FREE country and we begin 2026 with celebrating our 250th year of DEMOCRACY!! YES, WE DO!!! And return us to the Light!!

That's all folks! Our New Year has arrived and we sincerely hope you took the time to enjoy your family and friends!! Until we blog again, yes, you wee young'uns, tweens and wisdom seekers, we look forward to seeing all you lovely humans... come and visit our...

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