

From: Anita Reyes <a.reyes@randompuffin.com>  
Subject: Welcome back!

I hope you got a good rest on your vacation, because it's been a madhouse here at Random Puffin!

Remember Bob, the boss' nephew? Well, he's working in the IT department as an intern, and it's been a disaster. Bob spilled fondue cheese on the file server, it overheated, and all the files have been corrupted.

To make matters worse, he lost the password to the backups! We can't recover the files without that password.

Please tell me you can figure it out, or we're all going to be looking for work with another publisher...

-- Anita

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From: Anita Reyes <a.reyes@randompuffin.com>  
 Subject: Summar catalog is FUBAR

I know you're really busy trying to recover the password to the backups, but can you help us sort out the summer catalog? The intern who wrote the blurbs didn't know that two titles were mashed together, so the descriptions he wrote make no sense.

-- Anita

PS: It seems like there are more letters below than there were in the original titles.

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1. Learn to prepare more than 4500 different dishes, including Smaug Pie, Misty Mountain Meatloaf, and everyone's favorite Cajun delight, Gumbo Baggins.
2. Two migrant workers engage in a Socratic dialog on philosophy, political science, and soft rabbits.
3. An elderly Jewish woman and her black chauffeur embark on a race that spans the globe.
4. Two men attend a wild rumpus, but the arrival of the guest of honor is endlessly delayed.
5. An man deserts his wife and family to become an army bugler, and subsequently faces daily hazing at the hands of his sergeant.
6. An enchanting fantasy of a beatnik who travels to distant, bizarre lands to meet tiny jazz musicians.
7. The epic tale of a crime lord obsessed with proper punctuation.
8. The ten patients of a mental ward rebel against the totalitarian rule of the nurse, but one by one, they meet with foul play.
9. The unforgettable story of cannibal's childhood in a sleepy Southern town rocked by racial injustice.
10. A 16 year old boy and a hungry tiger discover their hidden, untapped power to achieve health, wealth, and happiness.

META: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Anita Reyes <a.reyes@randompuffin.com>  
 Subject: Greatest Plays and Musicals

I hate to bug you so soon after your vacation, but I'm in a real bind. The chapter headings for Great Plays and Musicals were garbled in the crash. It looks like one letter is missing from each item – and it's a different letter for each – but I can't make heads or tails of it. Can you work some of your magic on this?

-- Anita

M U S I E R E  I T A L L E R  
 O F T H E W I  D O N E K S I  
 B L O N D O N  U A N Y W A Y  
 S N O I S E S  F F E C T O N  
 T H E G R E A  E S T L O V E  
 M A X P O G O  S P E L L E D  
 H F P L A T E  U U S U A L N  
 Q S O U T H E  I N G A N D I  
 D R A M A D E  S T A R L E T  
 A M E R I C A  A R E T T O S  
 M A G N E S O  G O D O T T Y  
 F A B L O O D  A T H T R A P  
 R O M A M M A  I A C H I N E  
 H O T F L A S  A M A L O T T  
 A S P Y G M A  I O N E T T E  
 C O P E P R P  N N I E S Z K  
 S M A D A M N  A N K E E S E  
 P R I W A S T  I C K E D O F  
 C H A I R S P  A Y B A L L J  
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 B W H I S P E  E R P A N C S  
 M T H E C R U  I B L E W I N  
 V O U T F I E  D G A M E B L  
 D O M I N O E  I T O R I A L

META: \_\_\_\_\_

**COVER QUOTE**

From: Anita Reyes <a.reyes@randompuffin.com>  
Subject: Sedaris quote

Oh no! The quote for the cover of David Sedaris' book got scrambled. And it looks like there are extra letters... Help!

-- Anita

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META: \_\_\_\_\_



From: Anita Reyes <a.reyes@randompuffin.com>  
 Subject: Novel categories

I swear, these interns will be the death of me! You know Brittany, the one who cracks her gum all the time? She categorized the novels for the Classics Spotlight, but instead of arranging them by genre, she grouped them in some ridiculous system only she understands. I'm looking at one list with TWELFTH NIGHT and AMERICAN BANDSTAND in the same group -- she says it's "books with too many consonants in a row".

Oy. Can you figure out which categories these five books belong to?

Thanks,  
 -- Anita

1 **YES** VALLEY OF THE DOLLS  
 THE HAPPY HOOKER  
 GREEN EGGS AND HAM  
 HARRY POTTER AND  
 THE GOBLET OF FIRE

**NO** OTHELLO

2 **YES** PALE FIRE  
 NAKED LUNCH  
 CLOUD ATLAS  
 MOBY DICK

**NO** ANNA KARENINA

3 **YES** ANATHEM  
 ALIEN  
 HAMLET  
 TITAN

**NO** CLOUD ATLAS

4 **YES** ENDER'S GAME  
 OTHELLO  
 TENDER IS THE NIGHT  
 ANNA KARENINA

**NO** GREEN EGGS AND HAM

5 **YES** THE SECRET  
 JAWS  
 I CHING  
 THE HELP

**NO** HAMLET

**LEVIATHAN**  
**GOOD NIGHT MOON**  
**COSMOS**  
**EXISTENCE**  
**SILENT SPRING**

META: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Anita Reyes <a.reyes@randompuffin.com>  
 Subject: The Edible World

The new edition of The Edible World is due in proofreading this week, but the table of contents got hosed in the server crash. Is there any way you can fix it?

-- Anita

1. Delicious donut and pastry filling from Munich  
 2. Italian product grated over pasta, soups, and risottos  
 3. Bengali beverage in black, green, and white varieties  
 4. Nordic dish once made from reindeer  
 5. French condiment sold as Grey Poupon  
 6. Sweet citrus fruit from Santa Ana  
 7. Italy's oldest cheese, dating back to gladiators in ancient Rome  
 8. Foamy Southeast Asian cocktail made with gin  
 9. This blend of condiments is not Soviet  
 10. Spicy fried dish has no connection to Genghis  
 11. Central European stew of meat and noodles  
 12. Sweet breakfast from France or Belgium, originally made with stale bread  
 13. From the Mediterranean, fermented milk with no whey  
 14. Wide-bottomed European fruit  
 15. Creamy ingredient named for the King of the Netherlands  
 16. German sausage often canned in the US  
 17. Reviled vegetable popular in Belgium  
 18. Alcoholic beverage from the South, made with amaretto  
 19. Grilled flank steak falsely attributed to England  
 20. Inside-out West Coast sushi  
 21. Chocolate and cherry German dessert  
 22. Potent mixed drink from NY  
 23. A whiskey-based cocktail from the Big Apple  
 24. Popular German sausage  
 25. Savory French pastry crust stuffed with custard and bacon  
 26. Dairy product from Somerset, UK  
 27. Cake and ice cream dessert named for an American territory

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