

The grave's a fine and private place

By Alan Bradley

Newest Flavia de Luce book. Unfortunately her father dies, and one of her aunts comes in, a real nasty person and wants to sell the estate even though it belongs to Flavia. Their servant, Dogger, suggests they take a boat trip and Flavia and some of her sisters go up the river to a place where the local priest several years ago had killed three of the people in the church by poisoning them with cyanide. Flavia has her hands in the river water and feels something and pulls out a head. Dogger is very careful to remain the principal servant but is also very supportive of Flavia. So Flavia is trying to figure out what is going on in the little village where the church and body is. She's actually caught in a very horrific and dangerous place... As always all of these Alan Bradley books are fantastic and they grip you from the start. You'll enjoy it.

Theft by Finding

By David Sedaris

Diaries 1977-2002

There are interesting things that make you think about larger things, and then there are things that He spends a lot of time at I hop. He talks about the people at the hop and all their quirks. He finds little bits of conversations where he is and caters them. He says he wishes he was more courageous and stood up to people who yelled at him randomly. I would suggest you listen to it his voice is just incredible.

The soul of the sword

By Robert O'Connell

A history of weaponry from earliest times. Very good. Very thorough. He talks about the development of the submarine and how the regular navy people were appalled by submarines. "Underhanded, unfair, and damned unEnglish" Brings it right up to the present day with nuclear weapons and such. He gets into the history of armor including Hannibal's elephants armor.

The making of a counter-culture

By Theodore Roszak

Talks about the youth movement in the 60's. He talks about the technocracy and mysticism. Scientific world-view as a myth. Everything has to be submitted to experts. So current really.

The Templar's last secret

By Martin Walker

A Bruno chief of police novel. It's set in the town and it's about the castle and about where the templar's hid their assets and money. Most of them have been destroyed or found. But in a particular place there was some evidence the templars left. Bruno is a great character. He's a lot of fun he's serious about what he's doing. He's very thoughtful and a neat guy.

Inside Outside: Poems from mainly Maine

By Jonathan Potter

"This delightful poetry collection covers an impressive range of topics--musings on nature, folks, kids, teaching, writing, aging, places, and more. Potter is a clever wordsmith who uses vivid descriptions--e.g. the sea shore with its "quiet chatter of flat-scrubbed stones" and tourists welcomed by inns which "smile warmly, offer mom's soft, snug embrace"--for an enjoyable read."

Treating people well

By Leah Berman and Jeremy Bernard

Both social secretaries for the White House. So nice to hear two people talk about how to treat people well and how to navigate social situations. Interspersed throughout the book are all these interesting stories about different challenges they had.