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I'M NO GREAT ADMIRER OF ARISTOTLE

My words are intercepted in enemy territory. My lips are mounted on a loudspeaker, buried in an echo chamber. But for that I'd speak a foreign language or go unheard. You can't read my fingers, can't see my tongue. One of these days I'll get a message through. And a white horse in shining armor will answer.

A REVIEW OF UP TO DATE MATERIAL

Into the books that tell how to do it step by step, so even a moron can follow. And books that look like each other, dandelions between the pages, surrounded by books that enjoy universal popularity and have been made into movies. Books that were written by pseudonyms, books with good reviews and numerous typographical errors, books that reveal themselves on the first page as the means to eternal salvation, books out of print, a lifetime supply of paperbacks, wedding presents, How To Do It Without Embarrassment. The book that had the biggest impact on your life.

A book that's been in the family for years, on the tip of my tongue, can be read on any occasion. The same book over and over again, with a list of facts and thousands of important names. A book that says what it means in no uncertain terms and still says nothing. The books that stayed single during the war. A handsomely bound volume for collectors only, signed by the author and dedicated to the first 500 people buying it. Unpublished books, their whereabouts unknown; several books of a technical nature, books that can't be put down, that you never want to finish, whose every page is guaranteed to blow your mind. A short inconvenient book, turn your back and it commits suicide. Books you had to read, classic comics; the book that sold the most comics. Another book, bought second-hand, can't seem to find it anywhere. The best book I ever read. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Johnny Appleseed, post-doctoral dissertations, small print, photographic offset, The Chancellor of Books for the City of New York, Bookmobile, Book Heaven, book to book resuscitation, books ending in y, a quarter of a million books printed daily, available for the asking. Books to carry on long trips, and the five books you'd want on a desert island. Books without a plot, pocketbooks, hard to get, harder to read, love stories, compendiums, the most books ever written by a single author, writer's cramp, readers digest, the book without a name, its pages blank. Children's books, scientific treatises, books that make good presents, underground best-sellers, translations of poetry, limited editions, the Holy Bible, books that make you want to cry, first grade readers, book worms, old maid librarians, books sold under the counter, books that you have to ask permission to read. Picture books, dirty books, art books, national geographics, speed reading courses, books with large print, books that no one's heard of, encyclopedia britannicas, book of the month clubs, bookkeepers, book suppositories, book ends, books for the blind, books by anonymous authors,

bookbinders, reference books, books written in a foreign language and translated into English, books that make up a set, oversize books, patent impulsoria, books that tell you how to answer any question, books approved by the Pope, a list of books a mile long. Text-books, coloring books, books with a message, almanacs, stamp albums, believe it or not, books you have to read twice, books you can't remember the name of, books worth reading as opposed to books of no value, books you weren't able to read more than twenty pages of, books you didn't like but finished anyway, books you read the end of first, books you started eight times before giving up or maybe you still hope to read them, books you can't give away, books that no one else likes, books that make you forget.

INDIAN FOOTSTEPS

The last thing I want
is someone to love me.

Some other person
talking about love.

Some hungry person
eating their heart out.

Somebody person
with personal hard-on.

A life-size someone
pulling the person.

A smaller-than-life other
in a wooden cigar-box.

A tree on my mountain.

A shin on my sink.

A side dish of something
when there's nothing to eat.