

Your Weekly Dose of Awesome . . .

January 20, 2025

FULL TEXT LINKS:

[The Emperor's New Groove – Screenplay](#) by Chris Williams, Mark Dindal, and David Reynolds

Humorous Duo for a M/M Pair or Humorous Interp for a Male

Walt Disney Pictures Dec 2000 N/A

NIETOC – DUO

2023 and 2024 National Qualifier – HI

Misc. Comedy

G – Appropriate for All Ages

An animated screenplay - Arrogant young Emperor Kuzco is transformed into a llama by his power-hungry advisor -- the devious diva Yzma. Stranded in the jungle, Kuzco's only chance to get back home and reclaim the high life rests with a good-hearted peasant named Pacha. Together, they must return Kuzco to the throne before Yzma tracks them down and finishes him off.

[Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective](#) by Donald Sobol

Humorous Interp for a Male

Puffin Books Sept 2007 978-0142408889

2024 National Qualifier

Mystery

G – Appropriate for All Ages

[Follow the prompts to download the .pdf] Leroy Brown, aka Encyclopedia Brown, is Idaville neighborhood's ten-year-old star detective. With an uncanny knack for trivia, he solves mysteries for the neighborhood kids through his own detective agency. But his dad also happens to be the chief of the Idaville police department, and every night around the dinner table, Encyclopedia helps him solve his most baffling crimes. 10 cases to choose from.

[Too Much a Child](#) by Laura Adamczyk

Serious Prose for Any Gender

FSG Adult Nov 2018 978-0374167899

MN State Qualifier

Kidnapping

PG-13 - High School Appropriate

[Found in *Hardly Children*, Pgs 29-52] A young teacher lives in a city where kids deemed "bad" are ripped from their beds at night. No one is sure by whom or for what purpose: Something is happening here that is more sanctioned, and therefore, more sinister, than simple kidnappings. Tensions in the city are peaking, and demonstrations are breaking out with citizens demanding justice . . .

[The World's Wife](#) by Carol Ann Duffy

Serious Poetry for a Female

Faber and Faber April 2001 978-0571199952

2007 National Qualifier; MN State Qualifier

Collection

PG-13 High School Appropriate

[Follow the prompts to download the .pdf] This poetry collection presents stories, myths, and fairy tales popular in western culture. But this time we hear them from the point of view of women; the unsung, silenced or marginalized women close to famous men. Traditionally these women may have had no names; some of the poems' titles follow a pattern ('Mrs Midas', 'Mrs Darwin', 'Pygmalion's Wife' and so on) which bitterly suggests that women have been so neglected by history and culture the only way they can be identified is by association with their husbands' name. One of the most powerful and disturbing poems in this collection is *The Devil's Wife*, where Duffy adopts the voice of a convicted child murderer to explore notions such as the nature of evil, the limitations of the justice system and the phenomenon of 'trial by media.' One of her intentions was to re-humanize a person who was called 'the most evil woman in Britain.'

[2025's "New Normal" Predictions - An Assessment](#)

(A Good Place to Start Research)

Serious Oratory for Any Gender

Social Commentary

PG-13 - High School Appropriate

In February 2021, in the wake of the outbreak of the global pandemic and other crises in 2020, experts were asked by the PEW Research Center to consider what life would be like in 2025. at the PEW Research Center. 915 innovators, developers, business and policy leaders, researchers and activists responded. Their nearly universal view was that people's relationship with technology would deepen as larger segments of the population would come to rely more on digital connections for work, education, health care, daily commercial transactions and essential social interactions. They called it a "tele-everything" world. They predicted that sweeping societal change would make life worse for most people and that greater inequality, rising authoritarianism and rampant misinformation would take hold in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. This oratory would analyze the predictions made in 2021 and come to conclusions: How has society improved since the pandemic and/or how has it declined?

VAULT OF CUTTINGS:

Jojo Rabbit – Screenplay by Taika Waititi

Fox Searchlight Pictures Feb 9, 2019 N/A

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2020, 2023 and 2024 National Qualifier; NIETOC

WWII

PG-13 High School Appropriate

CUTTING STORED IN THE VAULT: [Original script can be ordered from Scriptfly.com] Based on the book *Caging Skies* by Christine Leunens. By 1936, all "Aryan" children in Germany over the age of six were required to join a Nazi youth group. At ten, boys were initiated into the *Jungvolk* (Young People) Their sisters joined the *Jungmädel* (Young Girls). Hitler hoped that: "These young people will learn nothing else but how to think German and act German . . . And they will never be free again, not in their whole lives." Indoctrination into a political ideology at such a young age had a profound impact on the children of Germany; one that was quite difficult to overcome. Jojo's patriotism is challenged when he discovers that his mother, a member of the resistance, is harboring a young Jewish girl, Elsa, in their attic. Faced with a real person, rather than the monster he's come to expect, his understanding of the world begins to change. His training tells him to turn her in to the Gestapo; but if he does, he also puts his mother at

risk. And so, he arrives at a different solution . . . A solution that will force him to confront his allegiance to the Nazis and to question the belief system he has been taught. This is a decidedly serious selection filled with a humorous interpretation of the world that only a 10-year-old with an imaginary friend named Adolf can bring.

The Adventures of Captain Neato-Man by Timothy Scott Harris

Samuel French, Inc. July 2017 978-0573692406

Stored in Folder(s): [Humorous Duo / M/M Pair \(Multi-Character\)](#)
[Humorous Interp / Male \(Multi-Character\)](#)

2003, 2011, 2014 and 2024 National Qualifier; 2019 National Qualifier – MS; IL and KS State Qualifier – DUO

2004, 2006 and 2023 National Qualifier; 2019 National Qualifier – MS; OH State Qualifier – HI Super Heros

PG – Middle School Appropriate

CUTTING STORED IN THE VAULT: [Found in Off-Off Broadway Festival Plays – 15th Series] The Adventures of Captain Neato-Man reminds me of the things my brothers and I would make up when we were kids, hopping from the couch to the coffee table as if we were leaping across rooftops in pursuit of dastardly criminals. Having lured the meek and mild-mannered Larry to his apartment under false pretenses, Captain Neato-Man -- wearing underwear over black tights, a cape made from the American flag, and beach shoes -- bounds energetically across his living room, trying to persuade Larry to become "Horatio," his sidekick.

Clean, Cleaner, Cleanest by Sherman Alexie

The New Yorker Magazine The Fiction Issue: June 5 & 12, 2017 ASIN: B071244LRM

Stored in Folder(s): [Serious Prose / Any Gender\(s\) \(Multi-Character\)](#)

2024 National Qualifier – MS

Misc. Drama

PG – 13 High School Appropriate

CUTTING STORED IN THE VAULT: [Found on Pgs 48-54] Hotel cleaning staff, predominantly women of color and immigrants, continue to face profound inequities in the hospitality industry. Despite their crucial role in maintaining cleanliness and ensuring guest safety, they rarely earn more than minimum wage, or have access to health insurance, sick leave, or job security. Many endure physically taxing and hazardous working conditions. These workers remain largely invisible, seldom acknowledged or valued by their employers or the guests they serve. Marie's been doing this job for decades. This is her story, well . . . the end of her story and what she has seen may shock you.

Love Passes Beyond the Incredible Hawk of Innocence by Diane Wakoski

Black Sparrow Press Jan 1988 978-0876857458

Stored in Folder(s): [Serious Poetry / Female](#)

MN State Qualifier

Misc. Drama

PG – 13 High School Appropriate

CUTTING STORED IN THE VAULT: [Found in Emerald Ice: Selected Poems 1962-1987, Pgs 97-103] Innocence is suffering and the loss of that innocence is something to fear. . . It has been said that as long as people suffer, there will be poetry; that part of what a poem does is try to make sense of the experience -- to find meaning in the suffering. Poet Diane Wakoski summed up the process of writing poetry: "First comes the story. Then comes the reaction to the story. Then comes the telling and

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retelling of the story.” In this autobiographical poem, Wakoski tells the tale of how innocence is lost in an abusive relationship. This poem is dedicated to her first husband S. Shepard Sherbell.

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