

Winter Reading Challenge

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Trish of A Joyful Heart has thrown down the gauntlet to all fellow bibliophiles: How many books can you read between now and the beginning of Spring, March 20?

And, there's a \$25 Amazon gift certificate to be awarded at random to a registered challenger! Head on over to her site to read the rules and register.

This is timely for me, because one of my Christmas presents from my beloved was a \$200 Barnes and Noble gift card. Talk about speakin' my love language! After about a week and a half of pulling out the card just to caress it, kiss it and rub it against my cheek Chuck finally said, "Spend the thing already!"

So, I did. Mostly. I left just under \$50 on the card to save for later.

Not all on my list are from my two-day B&N bender, and many of these I've started, but here are the books in, on and around my nightstand:

Fiction and Literature:

The Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan

The House of Mirth, Edith Wharton

The Portrait of a Lady, Henry James

Gilgamesh, translated by Stephen Mitchell

Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift

The Stranger, Albert Camus

The Trial, Kafka

Mrs. Dalloway, Virginia Woolf

Madame Bovary, Gustave Flaubert

Collection of five Charles Dickens novels

Possession, A. S. Byatt

The Tenth Circle, Jodi Picoult

S is for Silence, Sue Grafton (A gift from my boys.)

Non-Fiction: Writing

The Fiction Editor, The Novel, and The Novelist, Thomas McCormack

Easts, Shoots & Leaves, Lynn Truss

Chapter after Chapter, Heather Sellers

Page after Page, Heather Sellers

The Complete Handbook of Novel Writing, Meg Leder, Jack Heffron, and the editors of Writer's Digest

The Writers Way, Sara Maitland

Writing to Change the World, Mary Pipher

Writing Down the Bones, Natalie Goldberg

Non-Fiction: Religion

Timeless Writings of C.S. Lewis: The Pilgrim's Regress, Christian Reflections and God in the Dock

Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from it's Cultural Captivity, Nancy Pearcey

How Now Shall We Live? Chuck Colson and Nancy Pearcey

The One Year Life Verse Devotional, anthology compiled by Jay K. Payleitner (I got a signed copy from one of the contributors, Jinny Henson)

Non-Fiction: History

The History of the Ancient World, Susan Wise Bauer

The Art of War, Sun Tzu

The Histories, Herodotus

The Peloponnesian War, Thucydides

Non-Fiction: Other

The Well-Educated Mind, Susan Wise Bauer (from which my literature list was largely derived)

The Mislabeled Child, Brick Eide, M.D., M.A., and Fernette Eide, M.D. (on loan from Sprittibee)

The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches: A practical (and fun) Guide to Enjoying Life More by Spending Less, Jeff Yeager (A buddy on the Writer's Digest forum and guest on NBC's Today Show!)