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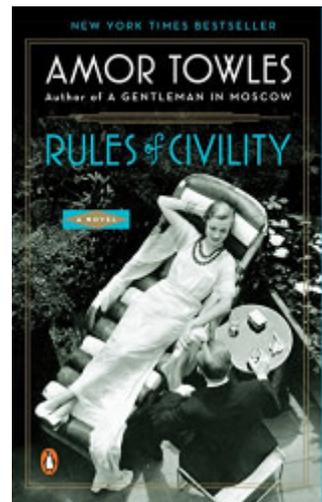


The Last Lockets!

I finally got my courage up and have been working on lockets for the last few days. My expertise with resin doesn't seem to improve with time, so it's a challenge to make lockets that meet my standards.

I've decided that once these lockets are finished, that will be the end of lockets for My Booklandia. I do love them, but all good things must come to an end, right?

There are only about 50 left with Jane Austen, Anne of Green Gables, Pride and Prejudice, The Wizard of Oz, Heidi, As You Wish and Little Women. If you'd like one reserve it now. Lockets



BOOK REVIEW: Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

Rules of Civility isn't a book I would have expected to enjoy as much as I did. I thought I could predict the story it told, but here and there the story went in different, and more interesting, directions.

You'll be familiar with the premise of two young women meeting in New York to seek their fortunes. The story takes place between world wars, but after the depression. You see the world through the eyes of Katey, who grew up as Katya in Brooklyn, a working girl who at first felt like a passive observer in the story. Katey meets Eve at their boarding house and the two girls encounter the young and dashing Tinker at a jazz club. The story launches from there.

are \$18 plus shipping. Click [here](#) to send an email to reserve yours. I'll also have lockets at shows until they're gone, but if you have a favorite, don't wait because they won't last. There are also a couple left on [Etsy](#) including the last of the [Sherlock Holmes](#) lockets.

If you were considering a locket for a holiday gift, don't wait. Once they're gone, they're gone forever.

EVENTS

July 8, 2018
 Square Tomatoes Davis
 Craft & Vintage Fair
 Sunday, 11am - 4pm
 Central Park
 3rd and C Streets
 Davis, CA

July 14, 2018
 Folsom Peach Festival
 Saturday, 8am - 2pm
 Historic Folsom
 Folsom, CA

August 12, 2018
 Square Tomatoes Davis
 Craft & Vintage Fair
 Sunday, 11am - 4pm
 Central Park
 3rd and C Streets
 Davis, CA

August 26, 2018
 Sacramento Jewish Food
 Faire
 Carmichael, CA

September 15, 2018
 (TENTATIVE)
 Benicia Fine Arts and
 Crafts Festival
 Downtown Benicia, CA

September 23, 2018
 (TENTATIVE)
 Square Tomatoes Davis
 Craft & Vintage Fair
 Sunday, 11am - 4pm
 Central Park
 3rd and C Streets
 Davis, CA

October 6, 2018
 Saturday, 8am - 4pm
 Bella Vista Craft Fair
 Bella Vista High School

For me, the book is reminiscent of Evelyn Waugh's Brideshead revisited, with Katey as Charles Ryder. But Katey has ambition and a moral compass that make her less of a passive observer. She creates her own path. Katey is a modern young woman of her age, and a career girl who makes connections and works her way up the Conde Nast ladder. She's smart, hardworking and determined.

I expected the familiar love triangle with socially adventurous Eve and Tinker, and Katey observing from the sidelines. But that's not the story, and the trio's adventures do not lead to the expected conclusion. There's an undercurrent to the story that becomes apparent, but isn't obvious. Amor Towles doesn't spoon feed the backstory. As you get to know the characters you learn their flaws, and their motivations. Gradually you learn there's more to the story, but I'm not going to give it away.

Rules of Civility gives you something to think about after the story is over. It's not nicely wrapped up in the end. The characters had depth, leaving me pondering who they were and where they landed, even after the story was done. Like many good stories you're left to reach your own conclusions about how things end.

I think you'll enjoy Rules of Civility. I "read" it as an audiobook, but liked it enough to buy a hard copy for my bookshelf. Well, to someday find a place on a bookshelf. I'm always optimistic that more space will magically appear.

Before and After



This custom book planter was created in short order as a retirement gift for a legal librarian. My client wasn't really sure what they wanted so I asked for some reading and interest suggestions for the person who would receive the planter. I'm always happy to help with

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October 26-28, 2018
Sacramento Arts Festival
Friday & Saturday 10am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 5pm
Sacramento Convention Center
Sacramento, CA

November 18, 2018
Rancho Solano Holiday Boutique
Sunday 10am - 4pm
The Clubhouse
Rancho Solano Golf Course
Fairfield, CA

December 2, 2018
(TENTATIVE)
Folsom Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair
Sunday 9am - 4pm
Historic Folsom
Folsom, CA

December 16, 2018
(TENTATIVE)
Square Tomatoes Davis Craft & Vintage Fair
Sunday 11am - 4pm
Central Park
3rd and C Streets
Davis, CA

ideas and I often have great books on hand.

I'd just gotten this vintage set of American historical biographies and there were some American biographies that pretty much hollered law librarian, like Daniel Webster. I pulled together some different styles of books, and titles, and this stack was the one they chose. This set also has a volume on Alexander Hamilton, which I'm sure will end up as a Hamilton themed stack one of these days.

The books are fairly small, so it's not a huge planter, but still holds a 4" pot. I liked it so much I created another that's now available at my Etsy shop. Just click this [link](#) and it will take you there.

Want to have your own favorite books crafted into a planter? It's simple. You can send me copies of your favorite books, in hardcover. Or if you don't know what books to use and want some ideas, just send me an [email](#) and I'll be happy to help you find just the right books. If you want to see some more examples of custom planters just click and take a look at the custom book planters featured in this [Etsy listing](#).



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FUN BOOK FACTS

The Largest Structure Made of Books

In June 2017, Argentine art icon Marta Minujin created a to-scale Parthenon made of banned books, plastic wrap, and metal grills. However, instead of building it at the Acropolis in Athens, Minujin built it at a historic Nazi book burning site in central Germany. The "Banned Book Parthenon" consisted of 100,000 copies of 170 titles. To see some amazing photos click [here](#).

The Longest Audiobook

As a fan of audiobooks I have a major preference for long books. Well I like long books in any format! The longest audiobook in the world is almost five days long. It was published in 2008 in Japan, and consists of lectures from Takaaki Yoshimoto, a philosopher, poet and literary critic. The total runtime is 115 hours, 43 minutes. I think one of the longest audiobooks I've ever listened to is Haruki Murakami's 1Q84. It's 46 hours and 50 minutes. Almost two days long! It was my first Murakami book too.

"A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading."
- William Styron,
Conversations with William Styron

GOT FEEDBACK?

I'd love to hear from you.
If there's anything you
want to add, questions
you'd like to ask, photos
or reviews you'd like to
submit, just drop me an
email!

The First Book Composed On a Typewriter

Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain (1882) is considered to be
the first fully typewritten manuscript sent to a publisher.



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