

# NO EDIT FOR YOU!



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You can't eat grits with chopsticks

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## ABOUT THE EDITOR

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When Mamie Jo Hill was a young virgin, a doctor assured her she could never get pregnant. After seeing her firstborn son, she wished he'd been right. Little Michael was dumb as a brick, and he had a face that could sink 1000 ships, a face that could make a freight train take a dirt road. A quick peek at <http://www.chinarice.org> will establish that, unlike a fine wine, I have not improved with age.

As I got older, I learned to compensate for my lack of ability by BSing my way through life. 1982 WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN WRITING. Four books published in 2002, one in 2004, another in 2005. Three EPPIE finalists. Won some Reviewer's Choice Awards at Sime~Gen. One of WRITERS DIGEST's Top 101 Websites For Writers. And all without a lick of talent.

Now I teach English in China, where I can BS to my heart's content.

But I'm not all bad. My cat really loves me. My wife loves me too, but she doesn't know any better because she's Australian.

{Update: We moved to Thailand in 2006 and I quit teaching, but I still BS to my heart's content. This ebook is proof of that.}

## ADVICE FOR WRITERS

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Everywhere I go I'm asked if I think the university stifles writers. My opinion is that they don't stifle enough of them. —Flannery O'Connor

I write fiction because it's a way of making statements I can disown, and I write plays because dialogue is the most respectable way of contradicting myself. —Tom Stoppard

It is always a good idea, in any type of writing, to imagine what it's like to be the reader. —Carl Dickson

Don't worry about people stealing your ideas. If your ideas are any good, you'll have to ram them down people's throats. —Howard Aiken

An editor is someone who separates the wheat from the chaff and then prints the chaff. —Adlai Stevenson

Some editors are failed writers, but so are most writers. —T.S. Eliot

It has been said that there is no great writing, only great rewriting. Perhaps that's why it's taken me 20 years to write this book. —Michael LaRocca

Few people think more than two or three times a year; I have made an international reputation for myself by thinking once a week. —George Bernard Shaw

It is impossible to discourage the real writers — they don't give a damn what you say, they're going to write. —Sinclair Lewis

When something can be read without effort, great effort has gone into its writing. —Enrique Jardiel Poncela

Easy reading is damn hard writing. —Nathaniel Hawthorne

I try to leave out the parts that people skip. —Elmore Leonard

Writing comes more easily if you have something to say. —Sholem Asch

I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters. —Frank Lloyd Wright

I can't understand why a person will take a year or two to write a novel when he can easily buy one for a few dollars. —Fred Allen

I'm not a very good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter.

—James Michener

Writers have a rare power not given to anyone else; we can bore people long after we are dead.

—Sinclair Lewis

Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.

—Douglas McArthur

## AMAZING ELEPHANTS AND THEIR CONSERVATION

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Elephants love to have their tongues stroked. You can just reach on in there with both hands, go nuts, and hear them purr. Chas didn't bring us an elephant, but he brought Power Point, so we believe him.

Why do we love elephants?

They're big but gentle. They form family groups, matriarchal of course. They're highly intelligent, right up there with apes and dolphins. Their place in history is undeniable. And in a very cool new discovery, they use an inaudible (to us) form of infrasound that can travel about 10 miles. You can see or feel their foreheads vibrate but never hear the sound. They might be talking about you to the elephants two camps over.

Why yes, I did save the trunk for last. It weights about 140 kg, or two Alan Halls, and it's a marvel just to think about.

Its tip is the most sensitive tissue of any animal we know about. It contains the world's best sense of smell, with a 4-mile range. It can communicate both through touch and sound. It's a hose, sucking up water and blowing it into their mouths. It can also work in reverse, sucking saliva from their mouths and blowing it onto themselves as a cooling system. Chas assures us that you don't want to walk behind one when he's doing that.

Despite being strong enough to snap a tree trunk, that elephant trunk is also surprisingly versatile and dexterous. Wanna know why? To return to our familiar unit of measurement, one Alan Hall has between 650 and 800 muscles in his entire body. One elephant trunk has about 150,000 of them.

And finally, rampages. If you graph the growth of the human population, you get what the economists call a hockey stick. We needed a million years to reach our first billion people but only 130 years to reach our second billion. Thirty years for the third billion. Only 6 years to go from 5 to 6 billion. This phenomenal growth affects elephants, and all wildlife, in ways we're all familiar with. Going backwards is probably not going to happen, but stopping or at least slowing the juggernaut would be nice.

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## **AUSTRALIA DAY**

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The British Empire was happily shipping its criminals off to America, but then the U.S. won the Revolutionary War, so the Empire needed a new place. Someone pointed out that Australia hadn't been used in the 15 years since James Cook mapped its coast, so it was decided just that quickly to ship those convicts off to Botany Bay, sight unseen.

On the boats, for the eight-month journey, each convict was given 16" of space to sleep in, be sick in, and sometimes to die in. In the first 30 years of this experiment, 35.2% of the convicts died. Then the boats were improved somewhat.

The prison colony quickly ran out of food. They were also shipping kangaroos to Britain as fast as they could, so the natives were also starving and none too pleased about it. The new "settlers" were therefore stuck on the beach. It was three years before relief arrived. By then, 248 of the original 750 were dead, and 50% of the babies who weren't stillborn died within the first seven days of birth.

232 of the next 500 convicts died in transit. The shipmasters were paid by how many boarded the boats in Britain, not how many survived the trip, so they cut their expenses a bit by skimping on the food.

And what's missing from these facts and figures? Those were people. Seven years of hard labour for minor offences, 14 years for more serious offences, life for theft or murder of livestock. People often were forced to "steal or starve" because of the Industrial Revolution and because of the disbanding of the military. And again, they were people.

Hell of an experiment, innit?

Between 1788 and 1868, the dates of this experiment, 95% of all convicts who were sent to Australia were sent for housebreaking or petty theft. The youngest girl was 11 and the youngest boy was 9. Both served 7-year sentences for petty theft. The oldest woman was 82 years old and served 7 years for perjury. The oldest man was 79 years old, his crime unrecorded. Their stories are all fascinating, but I'm typing too much as it is.

162,000 convicts were shipped to Australia. 138,000 of those were male and 24,000 were female, and I think you can already see a problem. Men who outnumbered women 6 to 1 or 8 to 1, most of whom went their entire lives with no partner. A phenomenally high birth rate. Girls, as soon as they were "of age,"

being snapped up by old single guys. Widows who didn't stay widowed very long.

Convicts were illiterate and their offspring were illiterate. But those were law-abiding offspring, never mind the lack of jobs or skills.

Still later, the decision to hide the "terrible truth" about Australia's convict past from those descendents, and historical records deliberately lost and missing. This isn't the ancient history one might think it is.

And finally, why the Aussies call the Brits Poms, since my Aussie bride taught me this word. Back in the convict days, every new arrival wore a uniform which was stamped on the back, in big bold letters, "Prisoner Of His Majesty." Thus, all newly arrived Brits were "another shipload of bloody Poms," and there you go.

Ric managed to squeeze far more than that into about 18 minutes, leading to a long and quite interesting question and answer session.

# BARACK OBAMA QUOTATIONS

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A good compromise, a good piece of legislation, is like a good sentence; or a good piece of music. Everybody can recognize it. They say, 'Huh. It works. It makes sense.'

Americans... still believe in an America where anything's possible — they just don't think their leaders do.

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

Focusing your life solely on making a buck shows a certain poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself. Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential.

I don't oppose all wars. What I am opposed to is a dumb war. What I am opposed to is a rash war.

I know my country has not perfected itself. At times, we've struggled to keep the promise of liberty and equality for all of our people. We've made our share of mistakes, and there are times when our actions around the world have not lived up to our best intentions.

I think when you spread the wealth around it's good for everybody.

I've got two daughters. 9 years old and 6 years old. I am going to teach them first of all about values and morals. But if they make a mistake, I don't want them punished with a baby.

If the people cannot trust their government to do the job for which it exists — to protect them and to promote their common welfare — all else is lost.

If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress.

Issues are never simple. One thing I'm proud of is that very rarely will you hear me simplify the issues.

My job is not to represent Washington to you, but to represent you to Washington.

No one is pro-abortion.

There is not a liberal America and a conservative America — there is the United States of America. There is not a black America and a white America and Latino America and Asian America — there's the United States of America.

We can't drive our SUVs and eat as much as we want and keep our homes on 72 degrees at all times... and then just expect that other countries are going to say OK. That's not leadership. That's not going to happen.

We have an obligation and a responsibility to be investing in our students and our schools. We must make sure that people who have the grades, the desire and the will, but not the money, can still get the best education possible.

We need somebody who's got the heart, the empathy, to recognize what it's like to be a young teenage mom, the empathy to understand what it's like to be poor or African-American or gay or disabled or old — and that's the criterion by which I'll be selecting my judges.

We need to internalize this idea of excellence. Not many folks spend a lot of time trying to be excellent.

What Washington needs is adult supervision.

## **CENSOR THIS!**

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We do not have censorship. What we have is a limitation on what newspapers can report. —Louis Nel, Deputy Minister of Information for South Africa

The only valid censorship of ideas is the right of people not to listen. —Tommy Smothers

Everyone is in favor of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people's idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone else says anything back, that is an outrage. —Winston Churchill

Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only weapon against bad ideas is better ideas. —Alfred Whitney Griswold

A censor is a man who knows more than he thinks you ought to. —Dr. Laurence J. Peter

Censorship is telling a man he can't have a steak just because a baby can't chew it. —Mark Twain

If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all. —Noam Chomsky

Censorship reflects a society's lack of confidence in itself. It is a hallmark of an authoritarian regime. —Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them. —Ray Bradbury

## EVALUATE THIS

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He literally exploded off the line.

Sales literally exploded off the charts.

My head literally exploded.

Just use your head....not litterly, but to think with!

It's putting a steak in the ground and saying, "This is what I stand for and this is who I am."

Bare with me.

At the bottom of Each post, you will place a link and image to one of our products and a little blurb

According to microsoft.com, two new functions in Windows 7 will focus on "aggregating data from desperate locations."

The Adirondack Pennysaver ran an ad for "Someone to cut trees for Senior Citizen. Must be reasonable, tall but not big around."

I didn't have to be constantly holding the rains anymore.

He was very twitchy and seemed to have nervous ticks.

... because life is greener on the other side.

The office is clothes!

The fasting and prayer conference includes meals.

Potluck supper 5:00 Sunday. Prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low self-esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to recycle. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping. Bring your husbands.

(At a New Orleans beauty salon) Haircuts, styling, manicures and pedigrees.

Cauliflower is sold by the each.

They have only known eat other a short time and they have not been Interment with each other.

He is so far off the beating track he should have stayed in the forest.

(In a job description) You can work on yourself or with other people.

Qantas didn't get its reputation as the world's safest airline by accident.

He said in the card that he would like to apologise Samak if he had violated him while performing his duty as an opposition MP.

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I Put A Smell On You

A qualified doctor has signed the oath of Socrates.

How could a non-lethal crowd-control agent lead to eight victims losing their limbs?

Manuscript completed-needs check for duplicity.

My neck is often very sore for years.

We also had his food from home, water, and a little kitty box in the guest bedroom that I was using.

You sir are a baffon in your own right.

Things went so baldy wrong.

She may have friends and relatives regularly dropping on weekends.

You are on your own baby.

Keep on padding your backs.

Police conduct post-mortem after death.

Do not walk after dark except in your car.

(From Emmitt Smith) The Chicago defense is one of the best at stopping the runs.

well I thought: yeah I can but it apparently goes on deaf ears so why bother asking me

It was so cold last night I had to throw another blanket on the fire.

We'll burn those bridges when we get to them.

Blood stain bed sheets! No reason to think of foul play!

Our father who art in the heavens hallowed be thy name.

I'm shooting from the seat of my pants.

It was a mute point.

It's not rocket surgery.

You should give the customer a piece of mind.

You can beat a dead horse to water, but you can't make him drink.

The monkey is in your court.

He was lost in the throws of orgasm. (That's a tough woman.)

He raised a human cry.

We'll be there until the fat lady freezes over.

My favorite song is Deep Purple, Smoke Under Water.

Most likely outcome is you'll bet the ranch and come up snake eyes. Most people rarely know when to pull the plug if things start going pear shapes and end up chasing a losing horse down the drain in the hopes that it may come good.

If you do not want to receive invitations in future from this forum or if you are receiving repeat mails, please send a message saying "unsubscribe" in the

subject line, we shall do the needful. Please also accept apologies in advance if this mail has disturbed you in any way.

(From the Chicago Tribune) Cars began breaking when they hit a wall of fog.

(From Chiang Mai Mail newspaper) And so they try to rescue the cherubic, toe-headed Oliver from the clutches of his invader dad.

(From Sporting News Today) Jazz musician Wayne Tisdale will make his first musical appearance since having a portion of his right leg amputated at halftime of the Sooners basketball game against Virginia Commonwealth next month.

(From BBC News) A former police chief in Argentina, wanted for alleged crimes against human rights, shoots himself dead live on television.

(From The Nation, a prominent newspaper in Thailand) They would feel like every eyes are catching up on their bald hair..... Thirtysix percent of them say they want to have skinhead hairdo to rebuild their confidence after lossing hair.... 35 per cent of respondents point that the benefit of baldnews is an ease of washing the heads.

(From Judge William Alsup) I want to say something to the plaintiffs here. You have some good points in this case. And a lot of them are getting buried in dribble.

(From a fortune cookie) Now is the time to make circles with mints, do not haste any longer.

(On a pack of chopsticks) Fearless of boiling water. Fearlessness of acid. If putting in hot soapy water, coming all clean and good like a new one.

(On the DVD case of A Very British Coup) [the hero] finds himself caught up in a no-holes barred battle for control of the country.

(On the DVD case for my copy of RAMBO) The hero of all time is coming back to kick many ass.

Interest rates on bank accounts are dropping gastronomically.

Do not use for the other use.

Put yourself in my pants.

You play ball with me and I'll scratch yours.

They were a bubbling group of idiots.

I recently saw a great TV show called Privates of the Caribbean.

We are looking for agencies and translators in every language pair available in the work, so please apply with hesitation.

You are in the top 100 percent.

In order not to metamorphose please don't dry your clothes on lamp shade.

There are wood parkay, not butter, floors in all the bedrooms.

Nevertheless, the dye had been cast.

Pairalegals Available: Wills, Contracts, Divorces, Noter Republic (Sue Grafton gave me this one)

Suck the miracle of Guangdong market through Guangdong Yellow Pages.

To our knowledge, individual with this type personality disorder was difficult in experiencing part which could assumedly leads therapy to its wit's end.

3 coarse meals for \$16.00

I had mind with cheeze.

You shut your mouth when you're talking to me!

I'd rather be safe than sore.

I obviously struck a cord and you got all mad.

Stealing himself for another of his leader's tirades, he entered.

There's more than one way to spank a cat.

Well, that just opened up panda's box.

That's just a whole different ball of fish.

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I devised a very short and simple grammer test to sort the wheat from the chaff. It had to be short and simple because my own grammer was my achillies heal.

They met only a few meters outside the camp's fornications.

I've been studying Transcendental Meditation.

All pregnant women who expect to have a male baby can arrange for circumcision before delivery!!!

And what are you sowing now, and what will you reap ??

I have wrecked my brain trying to determine at what stage in my life that I begin to notice my height.

Imagine with just a penstroke of her royal septor, the Copywriting Queen can translate your technical solution into benefits to motivate multiple buyer types through your sales funnel.

Extra Delicate Shampoo To prevent hair loss from weak and easy fall out hair.

...such as the Tuesday Night Skate in which thousands of roller bladders take part.

it is subject to the vagrancies of the tourist trade

Mode of communication: Private discussion broad only.

One of the many silly, hair-brained ideas they come up with.

If you have any assistant please feel free to let me.

The prityboy magicshow

So, I was razed with the best of the best.

It was nice to know that her body was chased and non-sullied by the intrusion of another man.

(An email to Mike Silver, Yahoo Sports) this is not a question i hope that payton manning don't never win another super bowl an that is a fact

Sex tourists will keep coming.

The last thing Thailand needs is armed redneck losers.

In order to provide ideal supportive session, my opinion is avoiding the client who has some hot bottom for me.

You are a weekling!

Please do not use your fingers to take cookies. Use the tongues.

We live in a two room apartment with god sized balcony

It is a mere blimp on the radar.

Guess Room Facilities: Peep hole

Location: Gland Floor

My deepest apologies for disturbing your allusion

Prince Philip was a member of a shooting party which bagged 450 peasants in the hills around Highclere Castle, Berkshire.

Greenpeace activists stand chained together in protest outside Japan's embassy to demand the country halt whale hunting in Mexico City.

As the clock passes

There are four-pester bed in the Deluxe rooms.

doing jobs like many people would not even think about doing ( cleaning old peoples back sites and feed them )

Must be spelt in English!! Not American or Pidgeon.

I am a thai girl that married with american gay which i fond out after 19 mounts.

I pay 20 Baht for an hand and feat manicure

i wear shorts and a t-shirt since 19 years, 1 month and 10 days

Money is the greed of all evil.

My wife know's i couldn't bare it

I find it incredulous that there are people are so lacking in common sense

All I can say is "what a heap of crock"!!!

(From ABC in Australia) Former Liberal Party leader John Hewson says he is surpassed Malcolm Turnbull's low approval rating is not worse.

When liquid starts crystalize, you may gently rub it slowly with your plum to ensure the temperature spread out...It is extremely good product item on providing warm to body...Please apply the Magic Pack under the blanket and

apply on the heel while it is still heat...for external use only and keep out of children... also can be put into the icebox for long time for fear urgent use.

Anyway, politics are not my cup of topic.

We are currently looking to higher 12 people to write us articles.

learning about computer technology is not an impossible fete

That advice has fallen on death ears.

its all turned into a big retard fest! ... these hippocrates are out to lunch

(From a newspaper in Greensboro, North Carolina) They sold homemade cookies and brownies and lemonade they squeezed from tables parked at the end of their driveway.

Every meal is better than the next.

This chapter is for those of you who already found a stealing employee and want to suck them.

The guests can put aside their worries about the daily chores because the hotel takes note of all the petty requirements of the guests too.

...waiting for a vile of panda urine.

She vowed never again to take his love for granite.

there is a chinese saying " if you minger in the dye room . expect your shirt to be stain "

Marriage is an important right of passage.

The important thing is that the couples share their vowels.

I'll be coming with my wife, thank you.

My favorite comedian is Bill Crosby.

Be sure to check out the new George Wright CD that was recorded on the organ ten years after he passed away.

Patrons requiring special assistance will be provided by the management.

Don't panic about pig flue

However, my parents forget one point. To me, it does not matter if we have enough detergents. The only thing that matters is WHO does the cleaning. My mom has not pick up a broom for 10 years and she does not know how to use the vaccume cleaner.

Chiang Mai Neurotic Hospital

Beautifiul brain new house

I was nearly flawed at one point

you sure the hell didn't make no fortune with 4 years of collage education

she plays with me ... at one time, she would send me sweat mails

the appiterser was zachinee in olive oil and spices ,chocolate mouse for dessert

nobody wants to read volumous verabalege about nothing..

To be in touch with the shady of nature

there is a shop on the road to mae sai which always tastes great after a few hours in the saddle

(From msn.com) Proving the title of her new memoir, 'Resilience,' to be accurate, Elizabeth Edwards sheds some highly personal insights into her life, her health and her husband's infidelity with Oprah Winfrey, in a TV interview to air on The Oprah Winfrey Show Thursday.

I, Need Humble Woman Short Storie Book Editor that can edit my short stories and novels and my how-to book material. They have to be quick,smart and know what there doing and also be able to rewritt stuff in a professional form help the people understand what i'm trying to say and get my point across good as possible with out charging me alot and make my stuff look professional as possible

(1) What made you apply to this project ? What can you bring to this project ?

(2) Are you Humble ? explain why ? What programs you use ?

(3) How long you been doing this stuff for ? Do you have any special skills we need to know about that you can bring to this project ?

Accreddited English Teaching

Nice Coxy Spacious at a Step to Rajdamri Sky Train Station

This house is very beautiful house within swimming pool.

Air-Condination in every room

it will always be a hit or loose thing.

we did not sweamed the all time we spent there

the restaurants are full of foul cutter mouthed jobs

that dude was really bud ugly

you could not even go to the bathroom wash your end or take your shower in peace !

Get 50% off or half price, whichever is less.

Tiger Woods plays with own balls, Nike says

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

One-armed man applauds the kindness of strangers

A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle stopping at mail boxes. It was the mailman.

Fish need water, Feds say

Alton attorney accidentally sues himself

Due to incorrect information received from the Clerk of Courts Office, Diane K. Merchant, 38, was incorrectly listed as being fined for prostitution in Wednesday's paper. The charge should have been failure to stop at a railroad crossing.

County to pay \$250,000 to advertise lack of funds

Caskets found as workers demolish mausoleum: "We had no idea anyone was buried there."

Utah Poison Control Center reminds everyone not to take poison

Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons

Police: Crack Found in Man's Buttocks

1:33 p.m., Sonora – A man came to the Sheriff's Department to "find out how to legally kill" a person who was harassing him.

An Edgewood man reported recently that his wife had gone missing some 18

months ago.

FULL SIZE Mattress. Royal Tonic, 20 year warranty. Like new. Slight urine smell. \$40.

FOR SALE – collection of old people.

WANTED: Somebody to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. P.O. Box 322, Oakview, CA 93022. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. Safety not guaranteed. I have only done this once before.

HUMAN SKULL, USED ONCE only. Not plastic. \$200 OBO Dr. Scott Taylor.

1995 NISSAN Maxima, green, leather, loaded, CD, auto start, sunroof, 4-door, good condition, \$4500. Not for sale.

CHINA CABINET, buffet, hutch solid pine, 6.5 tall x 4.5 wide, lighted windows, a few cat scratches but cat has been killed. \$700.

TOMBSTONE: Standard gray. A good buy for someone named Grady.

## FAQ, Not Fack

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Q: How long does it take to write a book?

A: That depends on how good you make it.

Q: Where can I read free samples of your writing?

A: Why would you want to?

Q: What's the hardest thing about catching an editor's eye?

A: Getting someone to throw it to you.

Q: How can I stop people from stealing my ideas?

A: Don't worry, nobody wants them. Or perhaps more seriously, ideas are the easy part. You can do that in a day. Writing takes months. Maybe years. There are no new ideas.

Q: Where do you get your ideas from?

A: I steal them. Got a book for me to edit?

Q: Why don't women blink during foreplay?

A: They don't have time.

Q: Did your mother have any children that lived?

A: Nope. Did yours?

Q: Why don't senators use bookmarks?

A: They just bend over the page.

Q: How much do you have to pay to get published?

A: Freeze! Time for me to stop joking. Please, please, please don't pay to get published. Publishers pay you. Anyone who says different wants to part you from your money faster than a Bangkok bar girl.

Q: What's the worst part about seeing five lawyers in Cadillac go over a cliff?

A: A Cadillac seats six.

Q: Does Britney Spears have a brain?

A: Only when she's pregnant.

Q: Why does Mike Tyson cry during sex?

A: Mace will do that to you.

- Q: Where can I see more Picasso photos?  
A: You're obviously a person of discriminating taste.  
<http://www.chinarice.org/photo-album.html>.
- Q: Where can I read free samples of your writing?  
A: What are you, an idiot?
- Q: How many years do you have to write before you can quit your "day job"?  
A: 42. (At last, the question to match Douglas Adams' answer.)
- Q: Who's your agent?  
A: Huh?
- Q: Who's your publicist?  
A: Huh?
- Q: Who's your editor?  
A: Huh?
- Q: What's the difference between an editor and God?  
A: God doesn't think he's an editor.
- Q: What's the difference between a golf ball and a woman's G spot?  
A: A man will spend 10 minutes looking for a golf ball.
- Q: What does a Ziploc bag have in common with a walrus?  
A: They're both looking for a tight seal.
- Q: What's does it mean when they fly the U.S. flag at half mast at the post office?  
A: They're hiring.
- Q: Why do you have this website?  
A: Nobody knows.
- Q: How much do you pay your web designer?  
A: Look at the place. Would you pay someone to write this crap?
- Q: Why do you publish this newsletter?  
A: Why does a dog lick his balls?
- Q: Were you born that ugly or did you have to work at it?  
A: It takes both to excel to this degree.
- Q: What's the difference between a PhD in English and a large pizza?  
A: The pizza can feed a family of four.

Q: Why did you start writing?

A: Why not?

Q: When did you start writing?

A: When I discovered I couldn't lick my balls.

Q: Where can I read free samples of your writing?

A: Are you still here? Oh, okay. <http://www.chinarice.org/michael-larocca.html> but you'll hate yourself in the morning.

## From The Mailbag

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Dear Michael,

My life was a disaster. My husband left me for another man and took my truck. With four-wheel drive. My dog bit me. The bank repossessed my house. I was illiterate and unemployable. My husband had always been my sole source of income before. What oh what could I do?

I lived in a cardboard box in an alley, my only friend a rusty battered shopping cart with one wheel missing. When I could, I slept in the lobby of the local library, but only on shifts when the old lady with no sense of smell was working. No one else could stand to be in my presence. I ate leftovers from dumpsters. I learned how to make a lovely drink by swishing tap water around in an empty bottle of HP Sauce.

One day I walked into the library for a nice long nap, but there were winos on every couch. So I walked over to a computer terminal, resigned to sleeping in a chair. Again. But there on the screen was NO EDIT FOR YOU. I like food.

It was like a revelation to me. Writing? I'd never thought of it before. But I gave it a shot, following your advice and clinging onto every precious word. I learned about spelling, grammar and punctuation. I learned the difference between verbs and verbiage. I learned about dialogue, plot, dangling modifiers, misplaced modifiers, characterization, descriptive passages, narrative, exposition, active voice, and Tom Swifties. And adverbs. I like adverbs.

Writing and publishing were my tickets out of the cardboard box in the alley. A way to quit pushing that squeaky shopping cart. To sleep in an honest-to-goodness bed again. To bathe. To buy new clothes. To learn how to live again! I got a better husband, a bigger truck, a new dog, and a mansion.

This is all because of your unparalleled generosity in writing such a wonderful newsletter, and I will be forever in your debt. Not financially — these billions are mine — but in my heart.

With warmest regards,  
££ Rowling

## GO INTO THE TOILET BEARD KNOW

From Engrish.com

1. The service object of this toilet is limited by a person only
2. This toilet provides only into the toilet place, the dissatisfied foot goes into the toilet to have a bowel movement outside of other request
3. The one who go into toilet want to take good care of this toilet facilities, strictly forbid to move this toilet tool to did it touse
4. The one who go into toilet beard to place excrement the tool is intestablishment inside, can not spread to leak
5. The one who go into toilet can not clamor loudly in this toilet, The in order to prevent make other go into toilet is frighten
6. Go into toilet can not the interference is other is normal into the toilet into the toilet
7. Go into toilet and can not will boil to make a food to take isedible into this toilet, the in order to prevent break good go into toilenvironment
8. Anyone can not with any form to just at earnest go into toilet carry on any bother, in order to prevent dispersion go into toilet of attention
9. Please take good care of public facilities can not in separating plank namely a wall the confusion write a disorderly painting
10. Can not move bowels in the urine the pond
11. Please read this beard to know hard into the toilet, and act According to carry on

**HOLLYWOOD SQUARES**  
Assembled by Michael LaRocca  
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The original was unscripted, and here are a few things you might have heard if you watched it.

- Q: Do female frogs croak?  
A: Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.
- Q: If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?  
A: Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.
- Q: True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.  
A: George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.
- Q: You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?  
A: Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.
- Q: According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?  
A: Rose Marie: No; wait until morning.
- Q: Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?  
A: Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.
- Q: In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say "I Love You"?  
A: Vincent Price: No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.
- Q: What are "Do It," "I Can Help," and "I Can't Get Enough"?  
A: George Gobel: I don't know, but it's coming from the next apartment.
- Q: As you grow older, do you tend to gesture more or less with your hands while talking?  
A: Rose Marie: You ask me one more growing old question, Peter, and I'll give you a gesture you'll never forget.
- Q: Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?  
A: Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.
- Q: Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during the first year?  
A: Charley Weaver: Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.

- Q: In bowling, what's a perfect score?  
A: Rose Marie: Ralph, the pin boy.
- Q: It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps. One is politics, what is the other?  
A: Paul Lynde: Tape measures.
- Q: During a tornado, are you safer in the bedroom or in the closet?  
A: Rose Marie: Unfortunately Peter, I'm always safe in the bedroom.
- Q: Can boys join the Camp Fire Girls?  
A: Marty Allen: Only after lights out.
- Q: When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?  
A: Paul Lynde: Make him bark?
- Q: If you were pregnant for two years, what would you give birth to?  
A: Paul Lynde: Whatever it is, it would never be afraid of the dark.
- Q: According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?  
A: Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army.
- Q: It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?  
A: Paul Lynde: Mine may be abused, but it certainly isn't neglected.
- Q: Back in the old days, when Great Grandpa put horseradish on his head, what was he trying to do?  
A: George Gobel: Get it in his mouth.
- Q: Who stays pregnant for a longer period of time, your wife or your elephant?  
A: Paul Lynde: Who told you about my elephant?
- Q: When a couple have a baby, who is responsible for its sex?  
A: Charley Weaver: I'll lend him the car, the rest is up to him.
- Q: Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?  
A: Charley Weaver: His feet.
- Q: According to Ann Landers, what are two things you should never do in bed?  
A: Paul Lynde: Point and laugh.

## Inherit The Wind Quotations (Drama, 1960)

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{ This black-and-white about the Scopes Monkey Trial, starring Spencer Tracy, along with Gene Kelly in a rare dramatic role, remains one of my favorite films. Here are some random bits of dialogue that I think are very cool. }

Heavenly Hillsboro! Does it have a hole in its head or its head in a hole?

Tell them if they let my body out of jail, I'd lock up my mind?

Martyrs always have a point to prove and so do you, but you haven't won your halo yet.

I came to tell boy Socrates here that the Baltimore Herald is opposed to hemlock, and we will provide a lawyer.

Wake up, Copernicus. The law is still on the side of the lawmakers and everything revolves around their terra firma.

Don't worry. I may be rancid butter, but I'm on your side of the bread.

Why don't you give your ulcers a break and go home?

Just plain folks, second generation.

It's the duty of a newspaper to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

I do not think the dignity of this court will suffer if we remove a few superfluous outer garments.

I'm pretty busy down at the feed store. My wife tends to the religion for both of us.

Oh, conform, conform! What do you want to do? Run the jury through a meat grinder and have them all come out the same?

As long as the prerequisite for that shining paradise is ignorance, bigotry and hate, I say the hell with it.

With all due respect to the court, Sir, I think the right to think is very much on trial here, and it is fearfully in danger in the proceedings of this courtroom.

Your pa is a farmer?... Do you think there's anything sinful about a tractor because it isn't mentioned in the Bible?

Moses never made a phone call. Do you figure that makes the telephone an instrument of the devil?

I am simply trying to prevent the clock stoppers from dumping a lot of medieval nonsense into the United States Constitution!

Why do we need experts to question the validity of a law that is already on the books?

A wicked law destroys everything it touches, its upholders as well as its defiers. Soon you may ban books and newspapers and soon you may turn Catholic against Protestant.

Fanaticism and ignorance is forever busy, and needs feeding. Soon we'll be marching backward to the 16th century, where bigots burned the man who dared bring enlightenment and intelligence to the human mind. Hooligans of the world, unite! You have nothing to burn but your intellectuals. You'll be setting man against man, creed against creed, ad nauseum. Darwin was wrong. Man is still an ape, his creed still a totem pole.

When he couldn't reach them, he decided they were groceries belonging to a bigger creature, and that's how Jehovah was born.

You think man still has a noble destiny. Well, I tell you he's already started on the backward march to the salt-filled and stupid sea from which he came.

How can you be so cocksure that the body of scientific knowledge... is any way irreconcilable with the book of Genesis?

And Cain knew his wife? Where the hell did she come from? You figure somebody else pulled another creation in the next country somewhere?

In the individual human mind and in a child's power to master the multiplication table, there is more sanctity than all your holy holies and hosannas! An idea is a greater monument than a cathedral, and the advance of human knowledge is a greater miracle... than the parting of the waters.

## MISCELLANEOUS QUOTES

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It is not the strongest of species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change. —Charles Darwin

The latter part of a wise person's life is occupied with curing the follies, prejudices and false opinions they contracted earlier. —Jonathan Swift

We have enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another. —Jonathan Swift

Man is not rational — merely capable of it. —Jonathan Swift

It is useless to attempt to reason a man out of a thing he was never reasoned into. —Jonathan Swift

You can't change the wind but you can adjust the direction of your sails. —Jonathan Swift

It is never too late to become what you might have been. —George Eliot

Sometimes I lie awake at night and I ask, "Where have I gone wrong?" Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night." —Charles Schulz

I got some new underwear the other day. Well, new to me. —Emo Philips

You can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know. —Abraham Lincoln

When you go to the mind reader, do you get half price? —David Letterman

The only difference between Hitler and Bush is that Hitler was elected. —Kurt Vonnegut

We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid. —Benjamin Franklin

There is more money put into baldness drugs than into malaria. —Bill Gates

The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do.  
—B.F. Skinner

Nobody in the game of football should be called a genius. A genius is somebody like Norman Einstein.  
—Joe Theismann

Nature does not hurry, but everything is accomplished.  
—Lao Tzu

There are two ways of exerting one's strength, one is pushing down, the other is pulling up.  
—Booker T. Washington

I don't believe in astrology. I'm Sagittarius, and we're skeptical.  
—Arthur C. Clarke

Opera is where a guy gets stabbed in the back, and instead of dying, he sings.  
—Robert Benchley

I'm NOT going to do any crap with feeds, twitter, or blogs. I strongly feel that all of that stuff is hazardous to quality. People get desperate to fill up their space with NEW stuff and you get a lot of lousy writing about nothing in particular. So screw it.  
—T.G. Browning, Revised Devil's Dictionary

Those human beings who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.  
—Douglas Adams

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move.  
—Douglas Adams

There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable.

There is another theory which states that this has already happened.  
—Douglas Adams

Those who seek revenge must remember to dig two graves.  
—Chinese proverb

It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.  
—Chinese proverb

I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure.  
—Clarence Darrow

He who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe is as good as dead; his eyes are closed.  
—Albert Einstein

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. —Plato

Only the dead have seen the end of war. —Plato

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. —George Bernard Shaw

Hell is other people. —Jean-Paul Sartre

Compared to what we ought to be, we are only half awake. —William James

Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while I was a suspect. —Steven Wright

Great minds have purpose. Others have wishes. —Washington Irving

The greatest crime is hatred. —The Buddha

The thought manifests as the word. The word manifests as the deed. The deed develops into habit. And the habit hardens into character. So watch the thought and its ways with care...let it spring from love. —The Buddha

Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone: you are the one who gets burned. —The Buddha

Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense. —The Buddha

All we are is the result of what we have thought. —The Buddha

Complaining about things we can't control is a very effective way to avoid facing up to the things we can do something about. —Dennis Gaskill

If you don't think for yourself, who is thinking for you? —Dennis Gaskill

We would worry less about what others think of us if we realized how seldom they do. —Ethel Barrett

Just because you don't take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you. —Pericles (430 B.C.)

After all is said and done, more is said than done. —Aesop

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. —Aesop

It's not God's job to make the world a better place. It's yours.  
—Sara Robinson

It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment.  
—Ansel Adams

It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends on his not understanding it.  
—Upton Sinclair

The measure of a person's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.  
—Thomas Macauley

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.  
—Thomas Kempis

There is nothing noble in being superior to some other person. True nobility is being superior to your former self.  
—Hindu proverb

The most completely lost of all days is that on which one has not laughed.  
—Nicolas Chamfort

There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery.  
—Colonel Sanders

He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.  
—Ben Franklin

Capitalism must have prisons to protect itself from the criminals it has created.  
—Eugene Victor Debs

We are better at preparing for the future than living in the moment.  
—Thich Nhat Hanh

We are never living, but only hoping to live; and, looking forward always to being happy, it is inevitable that we never are so.  
—Blaise Pascal

All mankind's troubles are caused by one single thing, which is their inability to sit quietly in a room.  
—Blaise Pascal

## **A MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

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Why do people have an instant aversion to clarinetists?  
It saves time in the long run.

What do clarinet players use for birth control?  
Their personalities.

Why are a clarinetist and a blind javelin thrower alike?  
They both instill fear and panic, causing everyone to move out of range.

How do you get a clarinet player out of a tree?  
Cut the rope.

What's the difference between a folksinger and a pizza?  
A pizza can feed a family of four.

What do you do when you run over a folk guitarist?  
Back up.

What do you call a folk guitarist who broke up with his girlfriend?  
Homeless.

How do you decrease wind drag on a trombonist's car?  
Take the Domino's pizza sign off his roof.

What's the difference between a dead chicken and a dead trombonist in the road?  
It's possible the chicken was on its way to a paying gig.

How many trombonists does it take to pave a driveway?  
Seventeen, if you lay them side-by-side.

Why do clarinetists put their instrument cases on the dashboard?  
So they can park in handicapped zones.

What do you call a beautiful woman on a drummer's arm?  
A tattoo.

What did the drummer get on his IQ test?  
Drool.

What do you do if you see a bloody bassist running through your backyard?  
Laugh and shoot again.

What's the perfect weight of a bass player?  
One kilo, including the urn.

What do you do if a bass player is drowning?  
Throw him his amp.

## Presidential Quotations

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Laws made by common consent must not be trampled on by individuals.

—George Washington

The government of the United States is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion. —John Adams (often misattributed to George Washington)

The Christian god can easily be pictured as virtually the same god as the many ancient gods of past civilizations. The Christian god is a three headed monster: cruel, vengeful and capricious. If one wishes to know more of this raging, three headed beast-like god, one only needs to look at the caliber of people who say they serve him. They are always of two classes: fools and hypocrites.

—Thomas Jefferson

The fetters imposed on liberty at home have ever been forged out of the weapons provided for defense against real, pretended or imaginary dangers abroad.

—James Madison

The best form of government is that which is most likely to prevent the greatest sum of evil.

—James Monroe

America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own.

—John Quincy Adams

Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error.

—Andrew Jackson

As to the presidency, the two happiest days of my life were those of my entrance upon the office and my surrender of it.

—Martin Van Buren

A decent and manly examination of the acts of government should not only be tolerated, but encouraged.

—William Henry Harrison

I can never consent to being dictated to.

—John Tyler

There is more selfishness and less principle among members of Congress than I had any conception of, before I became President of the U.S. The passion for office among members of Congress is very great, if not absolutely disreputable, and greatly embarrasses the operations of the Government.

—James Knox Polk

The idea that I should become President seems to me too visionary to require a serious answer. It has never entered my head, nor is it likely to enter the head of any other person. —Zachary Taylor

Nothing brings out the lower traits of human nature like office-seeking. Men of good character and impulses are betrayed by it into all sorts of meanness. —Millard Fillmore

The maintenance of large standing armies in our country would be not only dangerous, but unnecessary. —Franklin Pierce

The ballot box is the surest arbiter of disputes among free men. —James Buchanan

The bible is not my book nor Christianity my profession. I could never give assent to the long, complicated statements of Christian dogma. —Abraham Lincoln

It's a damn poor mind that can only think of one way to spell a word. —Andrew Johnson

I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution. —Ulysses S. Grant

Nothing brings out the lower traits of human nature like office seeking. —Rutherford B. Hayes

The President is the last person in the world to know what the people really want and think. —James A. Garfield

I may be president of the United States, but my private life is nobody's damned business. —Chester Arthur

A man is known by the company he keeps, and also by the company from which he is kept out. —Grover Cleveland

We Americans have no commission from God to police the world. —Benjamin Harrison

War should never be entered upon until every agency of peace has failed. —William McKinley

To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public. —Theodore Roosevelt

The world is not going to be saved by legislation. —William Howard Taft

I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow.

—Woodrow Wilson

Progression is not proclamation nor palaver. It is not pretense nor play on prejudice. It is not of personal pronouns, nor perennial pronouncement. It is not the perturbation of a people passion-wrought, nor a promise postponed.

—Warren G. Harding

I don't know much about Americanism, but it's a damn good word with which to carry an election.

—Warren G. Harding

Perhaps one of the most important accomplishments of my administration has been minding my own business.

—Calvin Coolidge

When large numbers of men are unable to find work, unemployment results.

—Calvin Coolidge

Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die.

—Herbert Hoover

Remember, remember always, that all of us... are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

A conservative is a man with two perfectly good legs who, however, has never learned how to walk forward.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know.

—Harry S. Truman

It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your own.

—Harry S. Truman

Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear.

—Harry S. Truman

Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal thoughts by concealing evidence that they ever existed.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired is, in a final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to

let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people. —John F. Kennedy

Evil acts of the past are never rectified by evil acts of the present. —Lyndon B. Johnson

Certainly in the next 50 years we shall see a woman president, perhaps sooner than you think. A woman can and should be able to do any political job that a man can do. —Richard M. Nixon

We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another - until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices. —Richard M. Nixon

I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators. —Gerald R. Ford

Things are more like they are now than they have ever been. —President Gerald Ford

China should not pay any attention to anything that is said in America during an election year. —Jimmy Carter

Government does not solve problems, it subsidizes them. —Ronald Reagan

I have opinions of my own — strong opinions — but I don't always agree with them. —George H.W. Bush

The era of big government is over. —Bill Clinton

I'm a uniter, not a divider. —George W. Bush

If you're not with us, you're against us. —George W. Bush

I trust God speaks through me. Without that, I couldn't do my job. —George W. Bush

I remember meeting the mother of a child who was abducted by North Koreans right here in the Oval Office. —George W. Bush

## RANDOM JOKES

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Did you hear about the rabbi who wouldn't accept payment for circumcisions? He only took tips.

I went to see Pavarotti once and I'll tell you this much, he doesn't like it when you join in.

Seriously, while no one would ever mistake me for a musician, I have been working on a project to merge rap with classical. I call it "Baby's Got Bach."

Two men walked into a bar. The third man ducked.

A lady has a Schnauzer who develops hair in his ears. She takes him to the vet, who tells her to get some Nair at the drug store and use that. So she goes to the drug store. "Do you want the mild or the strong?" asks the druggist. "What's the difference?" "The mild is for your face, the strong is for your arms or legs." "It's for my Schnauzer." "Get the strong but don't ride a bicycle for two weeks."

A bishop is sitting in a doctor's waiting room when a red-faced and sobbing nun rushes out of the doctor's exam room. The bishop charges into the exam room and demands to know what the doctor has done. "I told her she was pregnant," the doctor replies, matter of factly. "That's crazy! That can't be true!" says the outraged bishop. "Why would you ever tell her something like that?" "Well, it cured her hiccups."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.  
"How do you know what to say?"  
"God tells me."  
"Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A teacher asked her students, "In your own words, write about food shortages in other countries." All four students raised their hands. The Chinese kid asked, "What are my own words?" The African kid asked, "What's food?" The European kid asked, "What's a shortage?" The American kid asked, "What are other countries?"

A psychiatrist's secretary walks into his office and says, "There's a gentleman in the waiting room asking to see you. He claims he's invisible." The psychiatrist replies, "Tell him I can't see him."

Bono is at a U2 concert in Ireland when he asks the audience for some quiet. Then in the silence, he starts to slowly clap his hands. Holding the audience in total silence, he looks into the microphone and says, "Every time I clap my hands, a child in Africa dies." A voice from near the front of the audience pierces the silence and says for all to hear, "Fookin stop doing it then!"

A penguin takes his car to a mechanic. The mechanic says, "It'll be a little while before I can figure out what's wrong with it." So the penguin heads to the shop across the street and orders some ice cream. (Penguins love ice cream, you know.) So the penguin finishes his ice cream, but his poor little flightless wings are too short to clean himself. So the penguin heads back to the mechanic with ice cream all over his face. When the penguin reaches the mechanic's shop, the mechanic announces, "It looks like you blew a seal." The penguin says, "No, that's just some ice cream."

In other news, geckos can lick their eyeballs, and corduroy pillows are really making headlines here in Chiang Mai. And the Schnauzer joke also works with a Chihuahua.

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## SUPER BOWL

A man was sitting at the Super Bowl in the very best seat available.

The man on his left noticed there was an empty seat next to him and said, "Can you believe someone actually paid for that seat and didn't come to the game?"

The first man replied, "Actually that's my wife's seat...we bought these tickets months ago. Unfortunately, my wife passed away so I came alone."

"I'm sorry to hear that, but why didn't you give the ticket to a family member or friend?"

"Oh, they're all at the funeral."

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I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl.  
--Joe Jacobi

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To win, I'd run over Joe's mom too.  
--Matt Millen

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## **ASSASSIN**

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all of the background checks, interviews, and testing were done there were three finalists, two men and a woman.

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

"We must know that you will follow your instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside of this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her!!!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife."

The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."

The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls.

After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman.

She wiped the sweat from her brow and said, "This gun is loaded with blanks. I had to beat him to death with the chair."

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## **UNAPPETIZING LUNCH**

A little boy pretended to be sick.

"Dad, I don't want to go to school today," said the boy.

"Why not, son?" asked his father.

"Well," said the son, "One of the chickens on the school farm died last week and we had chicken soup for lunch the next day."

"So?" said his Dad.

"And three days ago one of the pigs died and we had roast pork the next day..." said the boy.

"But why don't you want to go today?" asked his dad.

"Because the English teacher died yesterday."

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### **LISTENING PROBLEMS**

A concerned husband goes to a doctor to talk about his wife. He says to the doctor, "Doctor, I think my wife is deaf because she never hears me the first time and always asks me to repeat things."

"Well" the doctor replies, "Go home and tonight stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't reply, move about 5 feet closer and say it again. Keep doing this so that we'll get an idea about the severity of her deafness."

Sure enough, the husband goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet from his wife in the kitchen as she is chopping some chicken and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

He hears no response. He moves about five feet closer and asks again. No reply.

He moves five feet closer. Still no reply.

He gets fed up and moves right behind her about an inch away, and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

She replies, "For the fourth time, chicken soup!"

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### **CONFLICT WORKS**

A professor from the University of Colorado told his class one day:

"Today we will experiment with a new form called the tandem story. The process is simple. Each person will pair off with the person sitting to his or her immediate right. As homework tonight, one of you will write the first paragraph of a short story. You will e-mail your partner that paragraph and send another copy to me. The partner will read the first paragraph and then add another paragraph to the story and send it back, also sending another copy to me. The first person will then add a third paragraph, and so on back-and-forth.

"Remember to re-read what has been written each time in order to keep the story coherent. There is to be absolutely NO talking outside of the e-mails and

anything you wish to say must be written in the e-mail. The story is over when both agree a conclusion has been reached."

The following was actually turned in by two of his English students, Rebecca and Gary.

### **THE STORY:**

(First paragraph by Rebecca)

At first, Laurie couldn't decide which kind of tea she wanted. The chamomile, which used to be her favorite for lazy evenings at home, now reminded her too much of Carl, who once said, in happier times, that he liked chamomile. But she felt she must now, at all costs, keep her mind off Carl. His possessiveness was suffocating, and if she thought about him too much her asthma started acting up again. So chamomile was out of the question.

(Second paragraph by Gary)

Meanwhile, Advance Sergeant Carl Harris, leader of the attack squadron now in orbit over Skylon 4, had more important things to think about than the neuroses of an air-headed asthmatic bimbo named Laurie with whom he had spent one sweaty night over a year ago. "A.S. Harris to Geostation 17," he said into his transgalactic communicator. "Polar orbit established. No sign of resistance so far..." But before he could sign off a bluish particle beam flashed out of nowhere and blasted a hole through his ship's cargo bay. The jolt from the direct hit sent him flying out of his seat and across the cockpit.

(Rebecca)

He bumped his head and died almost immediately, but not before he felt one last pang of regret for psychically brutalizing the one woman who had ever had feelings for him. Soon afterwards, Earth stopped its pointless hostilities towards the peaceful farmers of Skylon 4. "Congress Passes Law Permanently Abolishing War and Space Travel," Laurie read in her newspaper one morning. The news simultaneously excited her and bored her. She stared out the window, dreaming of her youth, when the days had passed unhurriedly and carefree, with no newspaper to read, no television to distract her from her sense of innocent wonder at all the beautiful things around her. "Why must one lose one's innocence to become a woman?" she pondered wistfully.

(Gary)

Little did she know, but she had less than 10 seconds to live. Thousands of miles above the city, the Anudrian mothership launched the first of its lithium fusion missiles. The dimwitted wimpy peaceniks who pushed the Unilateral Aerospace Disarmament Treaty through the congress had left Earth a

defenseless target for the hostile alien empires who were determined to destroy the human race. Within two hours after the passage of the treaty the Anudrian ships were on course for Earth, carrying enough firepower to pulverize the entire planet. With no one to stop them, they swiftly initiated their diabolical plan. The lithium fusion missile entered the atmosphere unimpeded. The President, in his top-secret mobile submarine headquarters on the ocean floor off the coast of Guam, felt the inconceivably massive explosion, which vaporized poor, stupid Laurie.

(Rebecca)

This is absurd. I refuse to continue this mockery of literature. My writing partner is a violent, chauvinistic semi-literate adolescent.

(Gary)

Yeah? Well, my writing partner is a self-centered tedious neurotic whose attempts at writing are the literary equivalent of Valium. "Oh, shall I have chamomile tea? Or shall I have some other sort of F--KING TEA??? Oh no, what am I to do? I'm such an air headed bimbo who reads too many Danielle Steele novels!"

(Rebecca)

As\*h@le.

(Gary)

B\*tch!

(Rebecca)

F\*\*K YOU — YOU NEANDERTHAL!!

(Gary)

In your dreams, Ho. Go drink some tea.

(TEACHER)

A+ — I really liked this one.

## REDNECK ON TWO WHEELS

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February 9 was when I first learned about the Chiang Mai Sunday Bicycling Club, so I joined them on February 10. There were over 200 of us, stunning the dogs into silence. Old, young, rich, poor, Thai, farang, slick new bikes and battered wrecks. It was a pleasant little 20km ride, and I learned to slow down.

I also picked up a schedule, so I went into the February 17 ride knowing it was 56km. More my style, I thought. There were over 50 of us on this trip.

So there I was, lying on top of a mountain. My bike was stuck in gears 19 through 24 when I really needed the lower gears. I wasn't carrying enough water because I'm an idiot. The mountain paths were thick sand. I wore out my brakes on the downhills and wore out myself on the uphill. So as I lay on the ground waiting for the dizzy spells to pass, with no clue how much farther I had to ride, I thought, "At least it isn't raining."

I made it home, by the way. Ten hours after leaving. To the best of my knowledge, nobody died.

My third week, February 24, I was properly humble as we did a historic tour of eight wats, led by the history professor from CMU whose name I don't know because I'm the most linguistically challenged farang in Chiang Mai. But I like him.

I think we had over 50 riders this time. At the third wat, we made an ice cream vendor very happy.

As we were riding past my office, our leader told me, "Do you notice we have no police? We are our own police. The people in the cars see us and they love us. They wish they could be us, but they are not brave enough to ride bicycles. We are the colors of Chiang Mai."

That's right.

We meet every Sunday morning at Tha Pae Gate at 7 am, except that most folks are late because hey, what's the rush? You'll see parts of Chiang Mai you'd never see otherwise, and nobody cares if they weren't the parts the group originally planned to visit. It's about the journey, not the destination.

<http://www.chinarice.org/chiang-mai-sunday-bicycling-club.html>

Y'all come.

## Rejected Slogans for Calico Consulting

<http://www.chinarice.org>

Calico Consulting...because I'm American and you're not

Let us fix your broken English

The Doctor Is In (since I lecture at a medical college)

We write it right

Abso-fragging-lutely

What you talkin' 'bout Michael?

You write so good my big big honey

I pity da fool who don't use Calico

My English is reel gud

I'll buy that for a dollar

Doing for literature what Bubby Brister did for football

Dy-no-MITE!

Calico Consulting – Unfriendly Service Since 1863

Better than a skunk sandwich with no bread

Who moved my tuna?

Understanding isn't required, only obedience

Show me the money

More brilliant than Norman Einstein

Just like your mamma used to write

Crikey!

Whoomp, there it is

Will Edit For Food (I haven't rejected that one yet)

You Can't Eat Grits With Chopsticks (or that one)

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**More Rejected Slogans for Calico Consulting**

Absolute Writer Water Cooler

<http://www.absolutewrite.com/forums/showthread.php?t=68646>

{The link will take you to the uncensored version}

Maryn

Calico Consulting: Now, More Than Ever

Calico Consulting: May cause anal leakage

Calico Consulting: Relief is just a swallow away

Kate Thornton:

Calico Consulting: Why Not?

Calico Consulting: We're Here When You Don't Care

BenPanced:

Calico Consulting - Just pay me when the bill's due and everybody'll be happy

Siddow:

Calico Consulting: If you don't care, why should we?

Calico Consulting: We take out your commas.

Williebee:

Calico Consulting: Wait'll we get our claws on you.

Calico Consulting: Ain't no fleas on us.

Calico Consulting: What? Look at the picture. You'll get it when we feel like it.

JoeEkaitis:

Calico Consulting: Why find a solution when we can make more money by prolonging the problem?

Midnight Muse:

Calico Consulting - We didn't just hack this up.

Calico Consulting - Clawing our way to the top.

Calico Consulting - Flea Free for 5 years running.

Calico Consulting - When A Tabby Just Won't Do.

## **SUPER BOWL THOUGHTS 2009**

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Quantum physics in one sentence. "Anything that can happen will happen; if not here then in some other alternate reality." Do you realize what that means? In the Super Bowl, Rex Grossman of the Detroit Lions threw the game-winning touchdown pass to Freddie Mitchell. Pacman Jones was playing too, because he never liked the scrip clubs. Buddy Ryan and Kevin Gilbride were coaching the same team. So were Jeff George and June Jones.

Mr T did the commentary. "I pity the fool that punts on fourth down. I pity the fool." Narvel Felts sang at halftime. Somebody sincerely said, "My favorite food is green eggs and Spam."

You bought, read, and enjoyed all my books.

The game was played in Las Vegas, where you can see Tom Jones in drag belting out "I'm A Lady." Elvis is peddling psyllium husks. Jimi Hendrix sleeps on his stomach. Mama Cass split that ham sandwich with Karen Carpenter.

Brain and brain! What is brain?

## **THAI NEW YEAR 2009**

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We've managed to merge the Thai New Year with organized (and disorganized) political protests over here. I'm pleased to report that, in my neighborhood, I was sprayed by water rather than bullets. On the last evening, I saw a bunch of wet people with empty super soakers, too drunk and/or exhausted to reload. I recommend this to all recovering alcoholics, as a reminder of why you quit.

Two fellas tried to squirt me, but come on. I was sober with reflexes intact, so I easily avoided them and I doubt they even noticed. Once I got home, I swallowed a handful of yaba and washed it down with a crack pipe, but never mind. I didn't drink.

(Don't reply. That was a joke.)

I also did some bicycling on the morning after. It was like riding through a ghost town. That must have been one hell of a party. Even the dogs were passed out.

Just in case you wondered, or even if you didn't, "My Sharona" by The Knack is alive and well in Thailand. I've received no word yet on "My Bologna," "Ayatollah," or "Nine Coronas."

## THAI PROVERBS

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Transliteration: Mah kee mai mee krai yok hahng

Literal: Nobody lifts the dog's tail when it shits.

Meaning: Self praise is not recommended.

Transliteration: Kum khee dee kwa kum tod

Literal: Grabbing shit is better than grabbing farts.

Meaning: Having something is better than having nothing.

Transliteration: Nee seua bpa jo-ra-kay

Literal: Escape from the tiger and into the crocodile.

Meaning: Out of the frying pan and into the fire.

Transliteration: See sor hai kwai fang

Literal: To play the violin for the water buffalo to listen to.

Meaning: Cast pearls before swine.

Transliteration: Ao maprao hao bpai kai suan

Literal: Take coconuts to sell in the orchard.

Meaning: Carrying coals to Newcastle.

Transliteration: Rarm mai dee, tose phee tose klong

Literal: Those who can't dance blame it on the flute and the drum.

Meaning 1: Referring to one who blames others for his own shortcomings or failures.

English Version: A bad workman blames his tools.

Transliteration: Kin bon ruen, khee bon lung kar

Literal: Eat in a house then shit on the roof.

Meaning: Referring to those who are ungrateful to those who did good things to them.

Transliteration: Kee chang jahb thak-a-thaen

Literal: Ride an elephant to catch a grasshopper.

Meaning 1: Don't make something easy difficult.

Meaning 2: Use the correct tool for the correct job.

Transliteration: Chang tie tung tua ow bai buor phid mai mid

Literal: A dead elephant cannot be covered by a lotus leaf.

Meaning: Don't try to hide a big mistake/problem, once it's out in the open.

Transliteration: Fai lhon kon

Literal: Having your ass on fire.

Meaning: Describing the manner in which one is pressured by something, usually a deadline.

Transliteration: Ngam tae rup, jub mai horm

Literal: Great look but bad breath.

Meaning: Those who have good appearance, but do not behave nicely or have no manners.

Transliteration: Hua laan dy wee

Literal: A bald man bestowed with a comb.

Meaning: A person sometimes wants something that is useless to him/her.

Transliteration: Son jarakeh wai-naam

Literal: Teach a crocodile to swim.

Meaning: Don't teach an expert.

Transliteration: Khao mueng tar-lew, tong lew-tar tarm

Literal: When in the city of the slant-eyed, do squint your eyes.

Meaning: Follow the majority, if you are minority; adapt to situations and people around you.

English Version: When in Rome, do as Romans do.

Transliteration: Hen chaang khee khee dtaam chaang

Literal: See an elephant shit and try to shit as much.

Meaning: To keep up with the Joneses.

# TOASTER

We are **bread**s. Every day we made energy for most people.  
Some people eat we with jam or butter.  
We have many kinds. It is the great sound.

**Because** you have means for eat we.  
Someday in holiday some one took we in the  
Basket and go to a garden for relax them call "picnic"

And as you scratch your head and say "WTF?", the picture at  
<http://www.chinarice.org/oddballs.html> will make it all much clearer to you.  
Thanks for reading!