

THE BOOKSHOP



A Treasure Hunt

By Quill, Compass & Shadow





Congratulations Team Anything!!!

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The Prizes

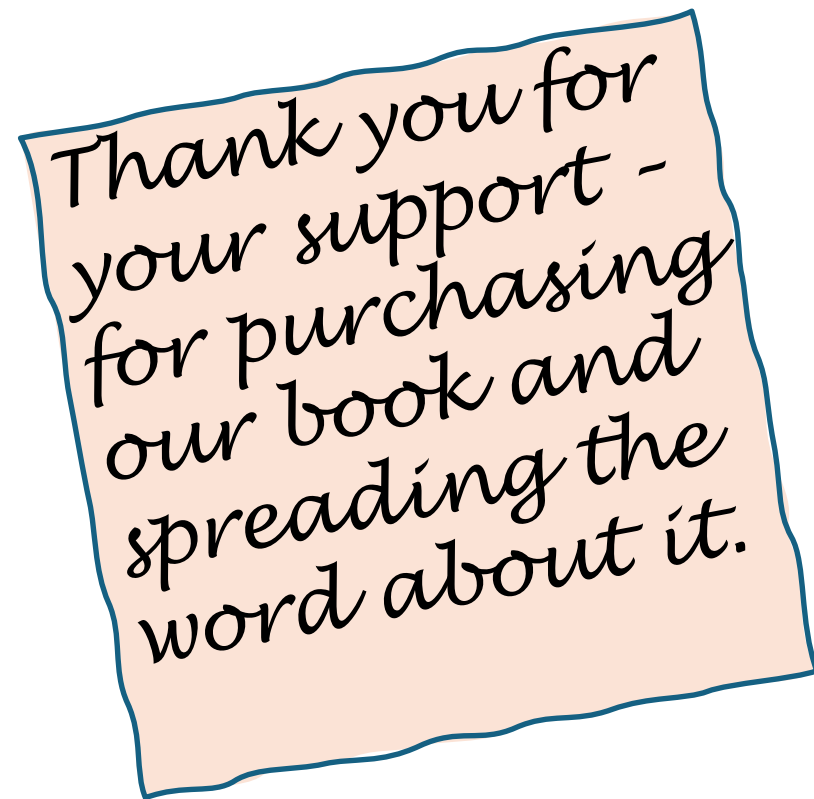
valued over \$700

- Signed copy of Masquerade
- 4 troy ounces of silver, including an engraved Winner's coin
- Goldback bills
- 1825 half dollar coin
- A set of 1981 Susan B. Anthony coins
- Leatherette journal & wood chest
- And more!!



Thank you!!

- Cowlazars
- Mysterious Writings
- Codebar
- Mind Games
- Our friends and family
- You!!!



The Bookshop Theme

- Celebration of independent bookstores.
 - October 5th launch date was chosen in honor of that
 - Some of the prizes were also a reflection of the theme
- Quotes throughout the book were about bookstores
 - Beginning of each section
- Section 2 final location
- The final challenge phrase/quote



Overall structure

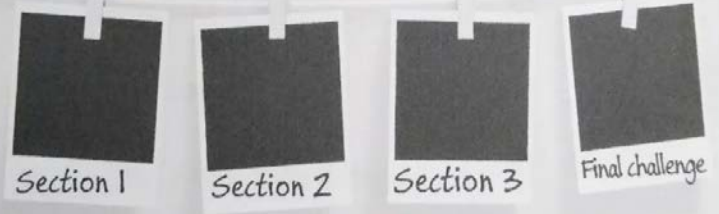
- Three sections and a final challenge
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Refer to **RULES** for all the terms & conditions

REGISTER for the hunt @
InfinitumBookshop@gmail.com
one email address per book purchase

Check Instagram for updates
<https://www.instagram.com/quillcompassshadow>


Solution Submission



Section 1 Section 2 Section 3 Final challenge

Send a single email w/ a photo & brief explanation
of your solution for each chapter to
InfinitumBookshop@gmail.com
ONLY ONE submission per hunter per 24 hr

Easter Eggs!!



Pg 6 - ACEHIGH,
TWAINSATTENTION,
and AHIDDENHARE
spelled out with first
letters of the old
books mentioned

Pg 7 - Dilly, the name
of Hugh's dog, is
also the name of the
famous codebreaker
Dilly Knox

Pg 12 - ALBERT G.
OOGLETHORPE is a
reminder to use
Google

Pg 15 - Carole Merrill
is the name of the
model for the 1960s
television show
“Let's Make a Deal”
which featured
prizes behind three
doors





Section 1

Corner Payphone
on Signal Street
in Ojai, CA

Signal Street Stop sign
with adjacent **payphone**



Text Clues to West Coast & California

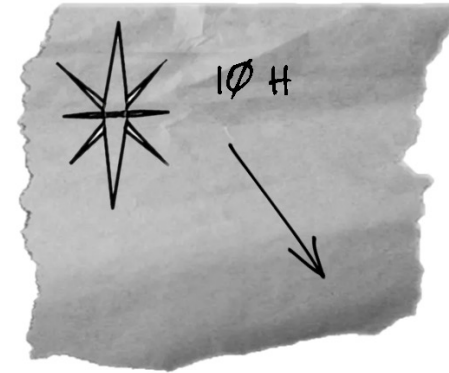
- Pg 10 & 14 - mention 'west wall'
- Pg 15 - discusses organization of **geography section** and the alphabetization of cities in **California**
- Pg 15 - Letter to Carole – uses an address in CA



Image Clues to West Coast & California

- Pg 17 – Los Padres forest
- Pg 19 – 10 hours south

*Padres in a forest=
Los Padres National Forest in CA*



10 Hours south of Eureka

Text Clues to Ojai

- Pg 15 - discusses organization of geography section and **halfway through the alphabetization** of the cities in California. Hint to the city name beginning with a letter in the middle of the alphabet
- Pg 15 - Letter to Carole – Date, 10-hour drive, pink half of face, and feel invincible.
 - August 5 (805) hints at the area code of Ojai
 - Howard's face half sunburned on the right side (tells you the direction he is driving) and is a hint at "pink moment". The "pink moment" is a natural light show that occurs in Ojai, California during both sunrise and sunset
 - Feel invincible – hint to Ojai (where the main character from The Six Million Dollar Man was from)



Text Clues to Ojai



- Pg 19 – text acrostic in the second paragraph: BIONIC MAN. The 70's TV show The Six Million Dollar Man. The main character, Steve Austin, was from Ojai, CA

- Pg 24 – three items and three mysteries. Local area, Highway 33

- Pg 30 – Jamie's name was a hint to Jamie Sommers, a character from the show. And hot dogs were a hint to Oscar Goldman another character from the show

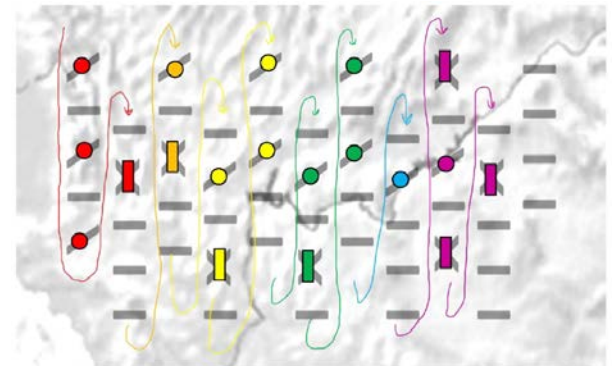
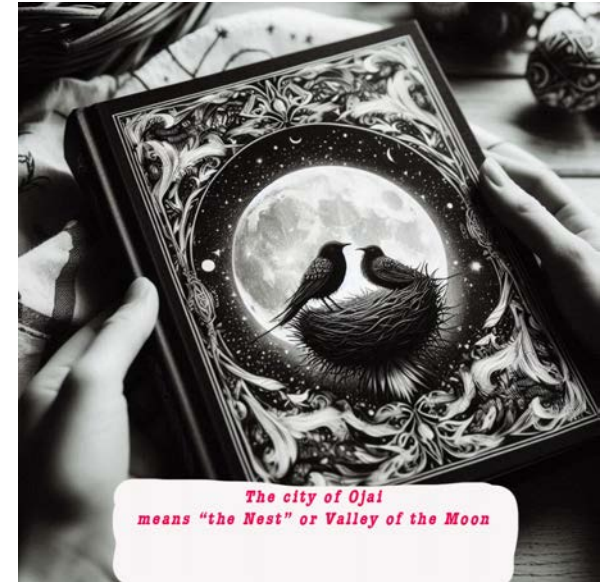


- Pg 30 - The chocolate confection mentioned was a Moon Pie, another hint to the city (Great grandfather Earl [Mitchell – Jamie's last name] was a nod to the inventor of Moon Pies.)



Image Clues to Ojai

- Pg 24 – Valley of the moon
- Pg 25 - morse code solution:
 - / = short
 - X = long
 - _ = blank
- Result: Valley. Ojai sits in a valley



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- Pgs 27-28 - keyword cipher. Image gives you the keyword, mountain. Result: transverse. Ojai lies in the transverse mountain range

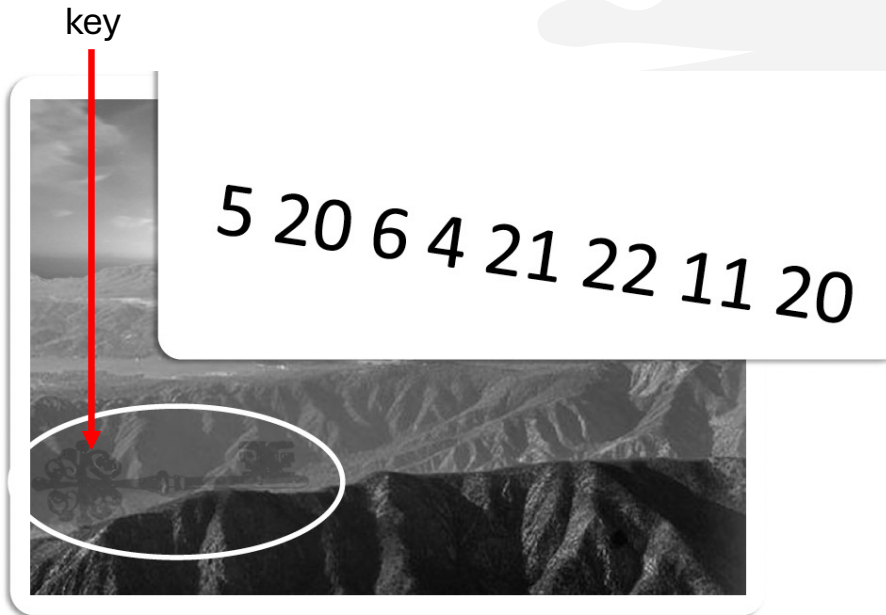
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Image Clues to Ojai

- Pg 31 – laptop and beverage
- Space shuttle – nudge to Steve Austin who was an astronaut
- Topo Chico beverage – nudge to Topa Topa mountains



Image Clues to Payphone

- Pg 35-36 –Multi-tap written backwards
 - Result: A signal stop will be the last clue for once you are there you will know what to do. A coin might be handy for this old school stop a superhero or doctor here would be caught

Pg 35-36

Multi-tap

The answer to Maxwell's dilemma is a shoe-in, but only a smart person would figure out this spot.

8 44 4 88 2 222 0 33 22 0 3 555 88 666 9 0 33 777 33 44 0
777 666 8 222 666 3 0 777 666 0 0 666 777 33 44 777 33 7
88 7777 0 2 0 8 666 7 7777 0 555 666 666 44 222 7777 0 3
555 666 0 7777 444 44 8 0 777 666 333 0 999 3 66 2 44 0
33 22 0 8 44 4 444 6 0 66 444 666 222 0 2 0 666 3 0 666 8
0 8 2 44 9 0 9 666 66 55 0 555 555 444 9 0 88 666 999 0
33 777 33 44 8 0 33 777 2 0 88 666 999 0 33 222 66 666 0
777 666 333 0 33 88 555 222 0 8 7777 2 555 0 33 44 8 0 33
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THGUAC EB DLUOW EREH ROTCOD RO
OREHREPUS A TOPS LOOHCS DLO SIHT ROF
YDNAH EB THGIM NIOC A OD OT TAHW WONK
LLIW UOY EREHT ERA UOY ECNO ROF EULC
TSAL EHT EB LLIW POTS SLANGIS A

Section 2

4 Starfish/Trident
Booksellers
on Pearl Street
in Boulder, CO





Text Clues to Colorado area

Pg 42 – celebration of 100 years. Colorado is known as the centennial state

Pg 43 – chocolate chip cookies with nuts is Colorado's state cookie

Pg 43 – books in the middle rows clue to state location

Image Clues to Colorado area

- Pg 41 – poem acrostic, reverse **diagonal**
 - Letter diagonally folded, diagonal shading on letter
 - Result: Flatirons. Mountains that shadow over Boulder, CO

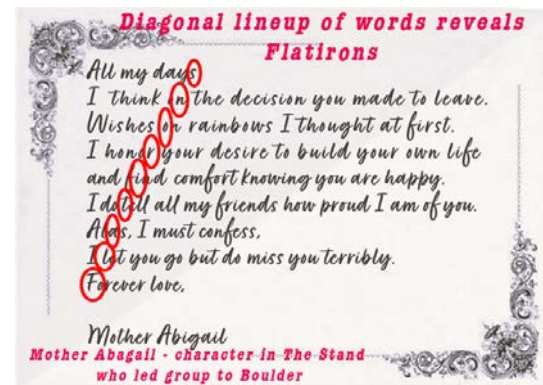
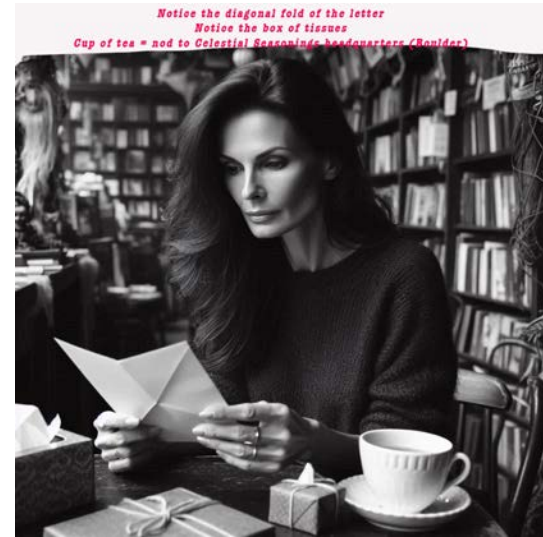
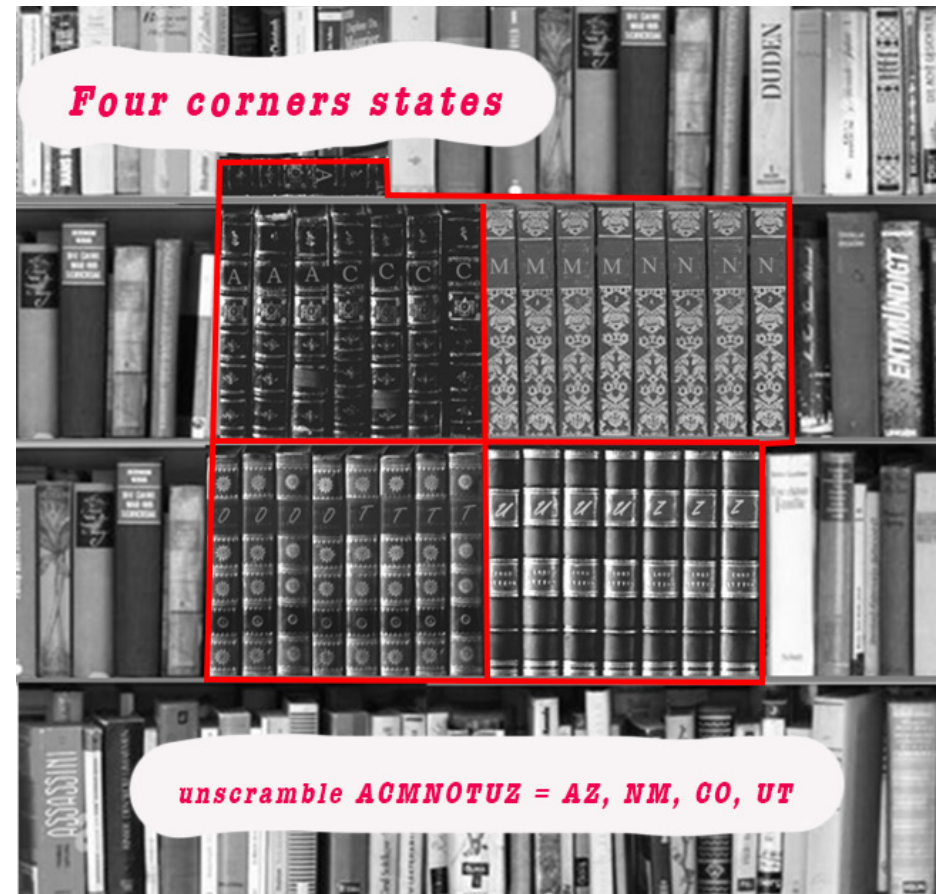


Image Clues to Colorado area

- Pg 44 – outline of the 4 sets of books form the 4 corner states. Letters on the books unscrambled form the state abbreviations: AZ, NM, UT, and CO



COLORADO

Friderici Windows Cipher

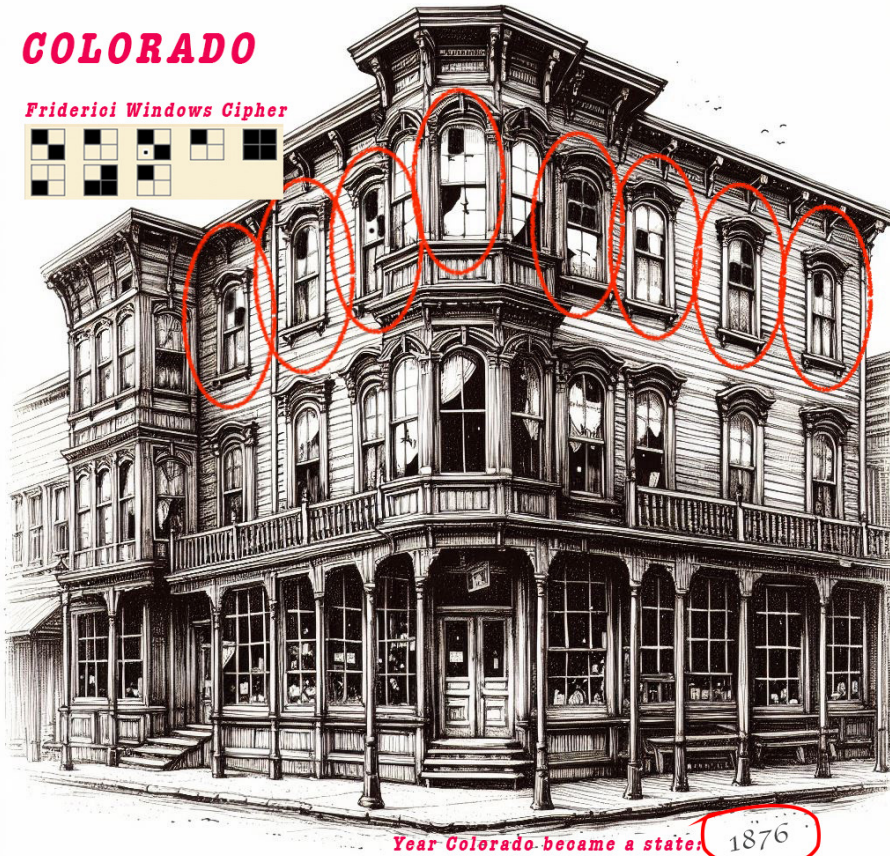
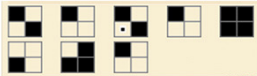


Image Clues to Colorado area

- Pg 45 – Friderici windows cipher confirms **Colorado**
- Pg 45 – 1876, the year CO became a state

Text Clues to Boulder, Colorado & Pearl St.

Chapter's eerie mood matches Steven King

Pg 38 – “what a silly jerk I am” is a nod to the first line of “The Stand”

Pg 40 & 52 – mention a cup of tea. Celestial Seasonings is headquartered in Boulder

Pg 50 - single pearl on a stick pin

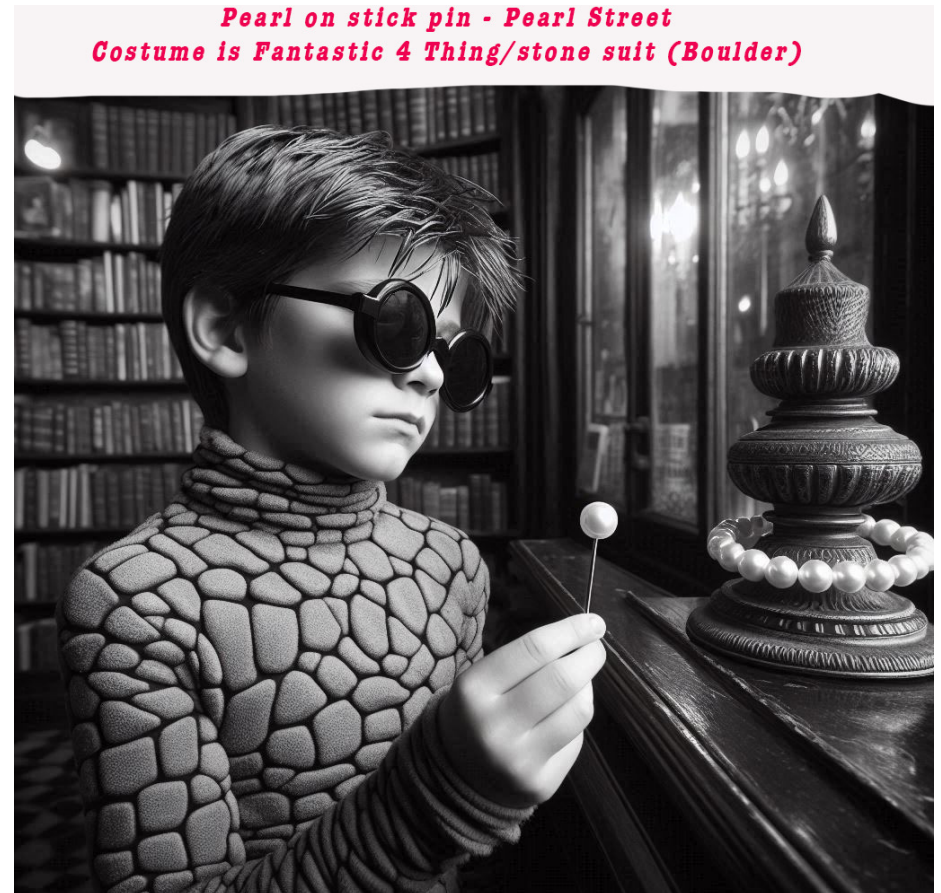


Image Clues to Boulder

- Pg 47 – King Stephen image.
 - Steven King lived in Boulder and wrote The Stand and other novels which included Boulder and the surrounding area
- The image text ‘etched in stone’ confirms Boulder

Image Clues to Pearl St.

- Pg 49 – Pearl on stick pin
 - Also, Hugh's costume is the Thing from Fantastic 4, a stone suit. Another nudge to Boulder





Text Clues to 4 starfish on Trident Booksellers facade

- Pg 51 – dreams of shooting stars... towering above me
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Image Clues to Trident Booksellers

- Pg 50 –
 - Look for three similar words, in addition to the word three
 - Three letter words mislead, so ignore them
 - The shape of the correct 4 words form a trident
 - Bonus word “where” tells you this is where you need to go

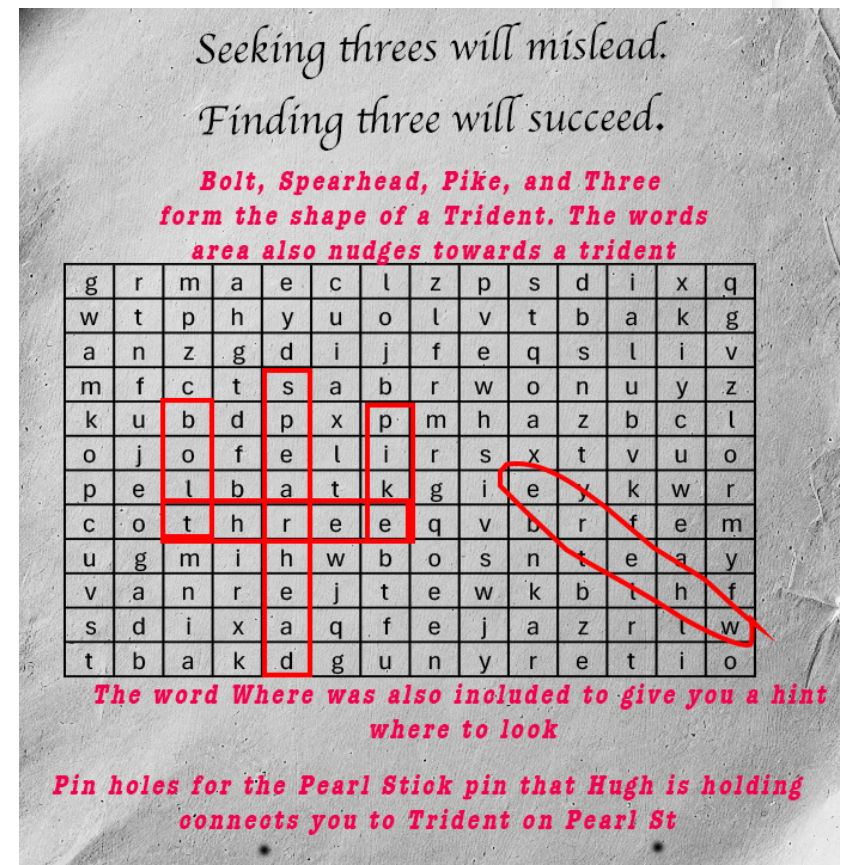




Image Clues to Trident Booksellers

- Pg 51 – rebus 4 stars and fish make four starfish
 - Façade of Trident Booksellers features 4 starfish above the awning

Section 3

Speaking Willow
sculpture
at Planet World,
in Washington DC



Text Clues to Eastern region & DC

Pg 51 – time to tackle the East wall

Pg 55 – surrounded by words, almost claustrophobic

Pg 61 – sweet bbq sauce, Mam(BO) that originated from DC

Pg 68 – ‘four different shelves’ hint to four different numbers to use in the shapes puzzle

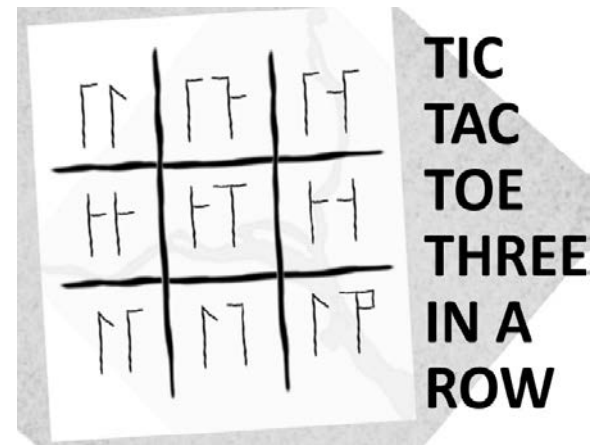
Pg 69 - Last line of text: “Clearly it was...” is a hint to the final quote part of the Final Challenge puzzle

Image Clues to Eastern region

- Pg 57 – Cistercian cipher

- Add the numbers up in each box
- 4, 13, 22 in each row
- Convert numbers to letters
- DMV is the nickname for District, Maryland, Virginia area

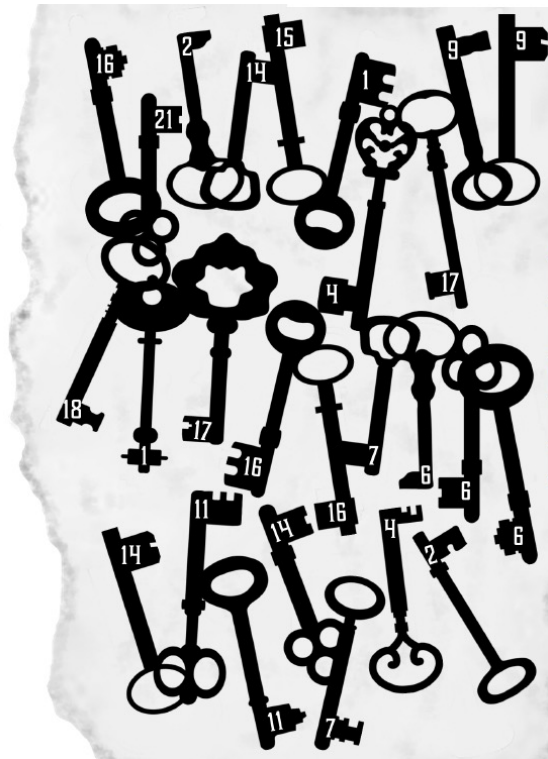
- The background is the Potomac river in the DC area



4	13	22		D	M	V
4	13	22	→	D	M	V
4	13	22		D	M	V

Image Clues to Eastern region

- Pg 60 – Keyboard cipher
Result to be used on page 65 puzzle
 - Uses the 3 rows of letter keys on a keyboard
 - Key tips up = shift up (subtract)
 - Key tips down = shift down (add)



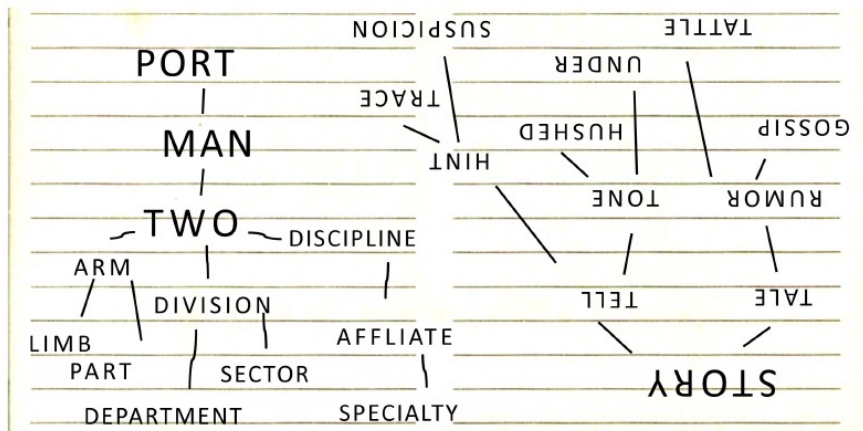
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Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P
-16	-21	-2	-14	-15	-1	+4	+17	-9	-9
A	B	C	D	E	X	Y	Z	F	G
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	6	7

1	19	4	6	7	8	10	11	12
A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L
+18	+1	+17	+16	+16	+7	+6	+6	+6
S	T	U	V	W	O	P	Q	R
19	20	21	22	23	15	16	17	18

26	24	3	22	2	14	13
Z	X	C	V	B	N	M
-14	-11	+11	-14	+7	-4	-2
L	M	N	H	I	J	K
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
S	I	N	U	C	V	W	O	Z	P	Q	R	K	J	F	G	A	D	T	E	Y	H	B	M	X	L

Image Clues to Speaking Willow



- Page 65
 - Use keyboard cipher from page 60
 - Port Man Two is portmanteau, a large trunk (**tree**)
 - Words underneath are branches (synonyms) of the word
- Story
 - Words underneath are synonyms for talking, or whispering
- Talking Tree = Speaking Willow

Image Clues to Speaking Willow location

- Pg 67 - Progressive shift cipher (in groups of 4)

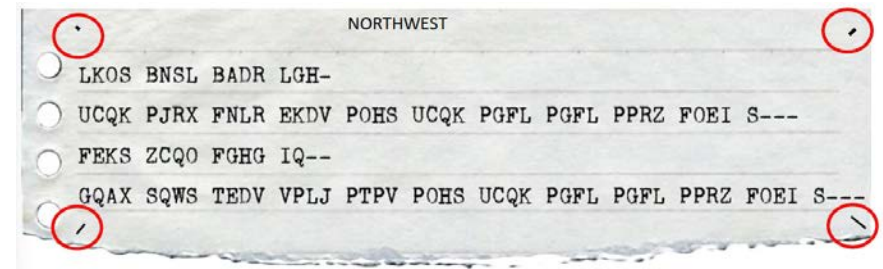
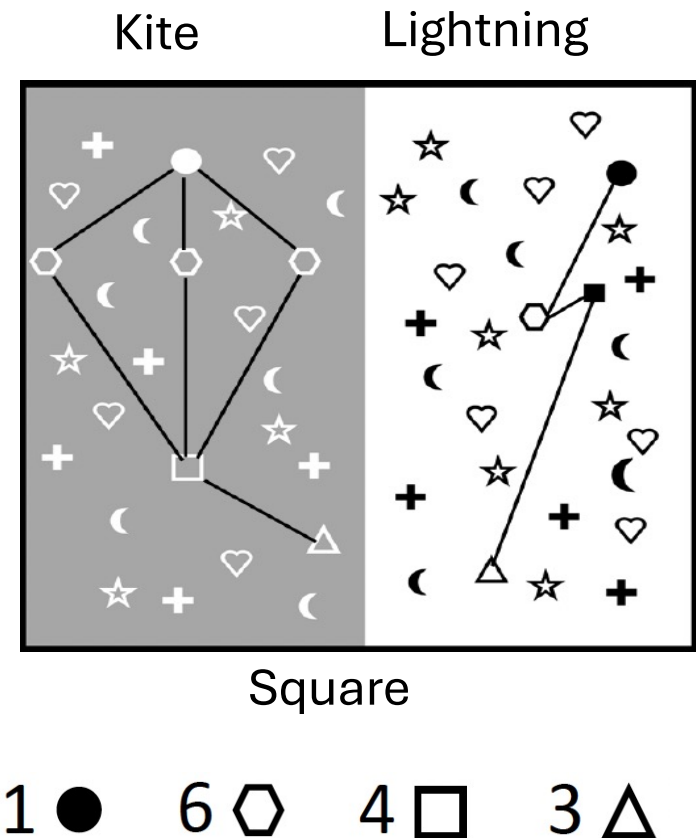
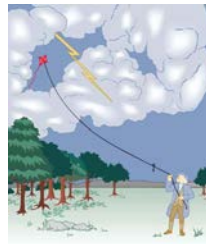
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Image Clues to Speaking Willow location

- Pg 68 – dot to dot
- Key = 1643
- Result: Franklin Square



Final Challenge Section





How to solve it?

- 7 pages of oddly shaped items
- Plus
- 1 blank frame
- Use one piece from each page to assemble the puzzle into the frame
- Which pieces?
 - Find the connections to the story

Which book spine?

- Pg 25 – Ojai means Valley of the Moon

the Treasure Island story

Where the Heart Is
saddest

The Outsiders
once upon

our A YOUNG BIRCH of

it snow Falling on Cedars is

the HOPE VALLEY other

Which block?

- Look up Dewey Decimal Classification System
- 160 is logic



Which library book slip?

- Author, date and name search
- Charles Dickens slip leads to “The **Signal** Man”
 - Section 1 payphone is on the corner of Signal Street

E. A. Poe	
lived	
DATE	ISSUED TO
01/04/48	Jack R. Lowe
01/28/43	Robert Carter

Dickens, Charles	
the	way
DATE	ISSUED TO
08/25/61	Clayton J.

Twain, Mark	
our	memories
DATE	ISSUED TO
07/13/42	H. De Sota
07/13/83	Horace E. B.

A Child's Garden	
hold	the
DATE	ISSUED TO
09/09/85	M. Sheldon
12/06/83	M. Donohue

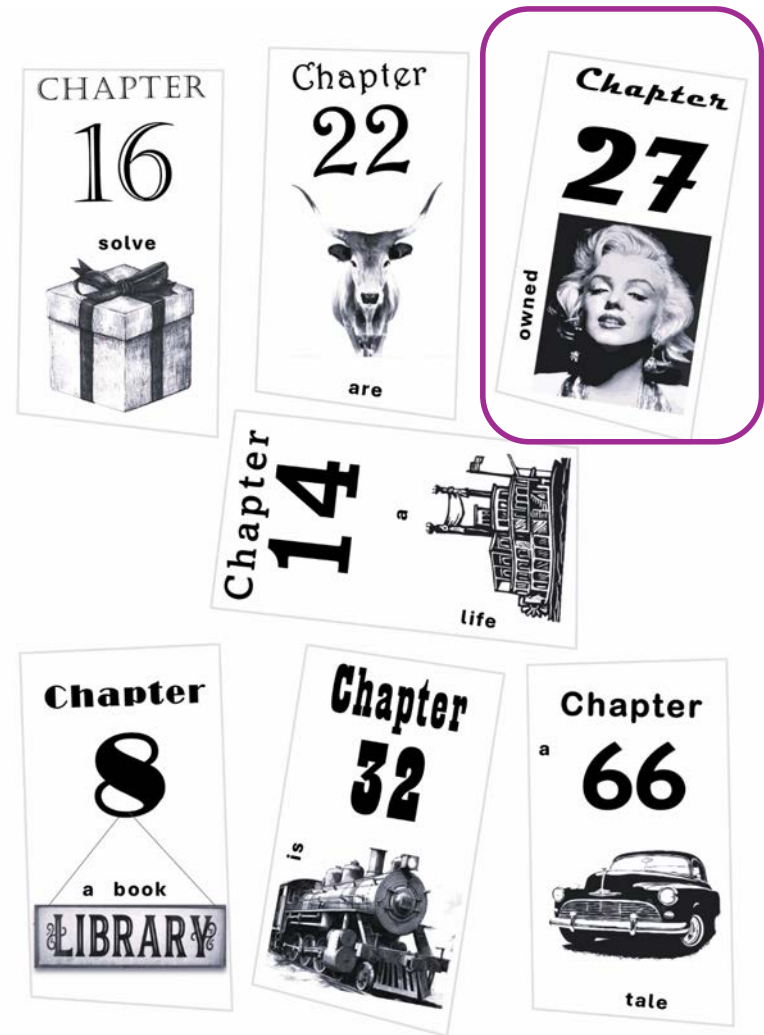
Which book dedication?

- The dedication Stephen King wrote to his wife in "The Stand"
- Mother Abigail was a character in The Stand, Her name was used in the letter on page 40



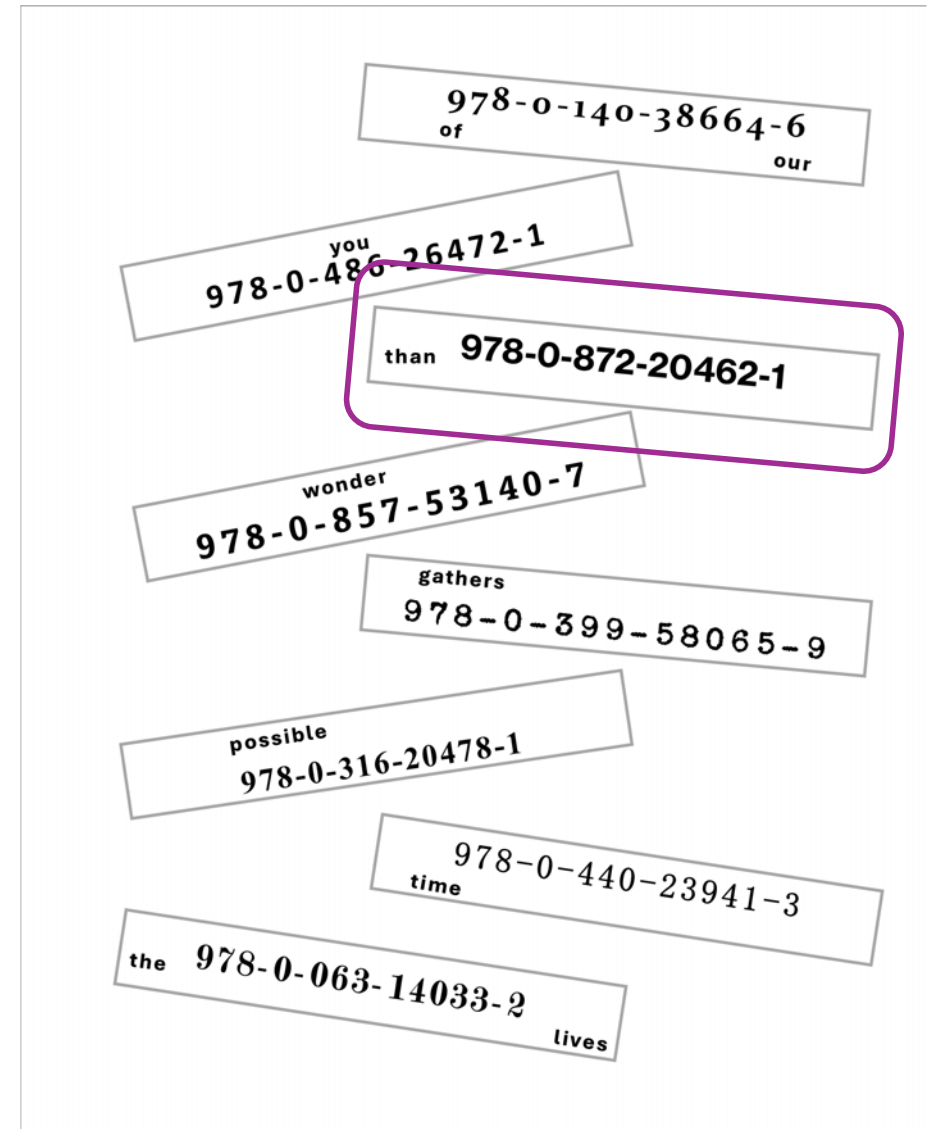
Which chapter marker?

- Page 50 text and image point to Stars and is part of the final solution for section 2



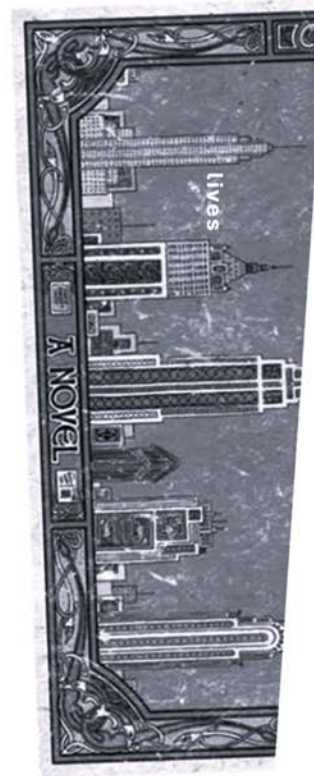
Which ISBN?

- ISBN for The Statesman.
- Franklin is known by that title and is the name of the park across the street from the Speaking Willow in section 2



Which cover art?

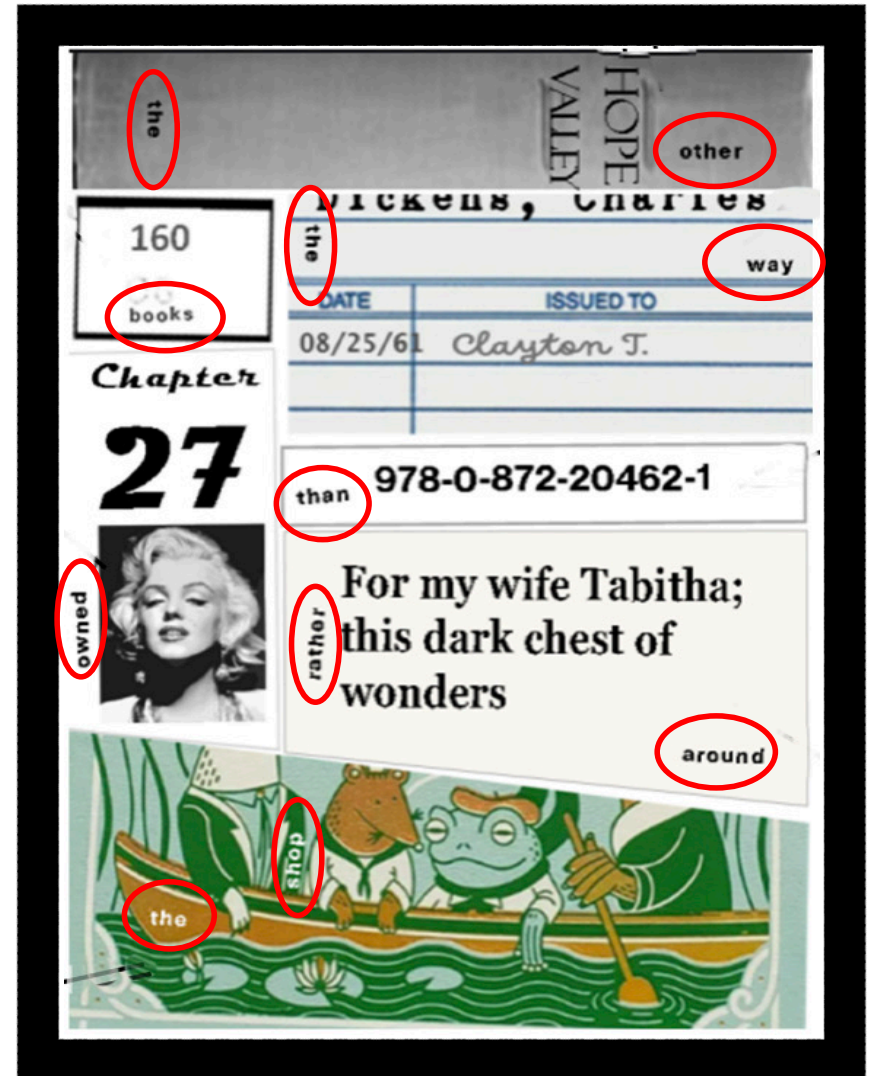
- The Wind in the Willows which ties to Section 3 Speaking Willows



Now what?

- Where do the pieces go?
- What are the random words on each of the pieces?
 - Put them together for the final solution

“The books owned the shop rather than the other way around” – Agatha Christie



THANK YOU!!!!!!

