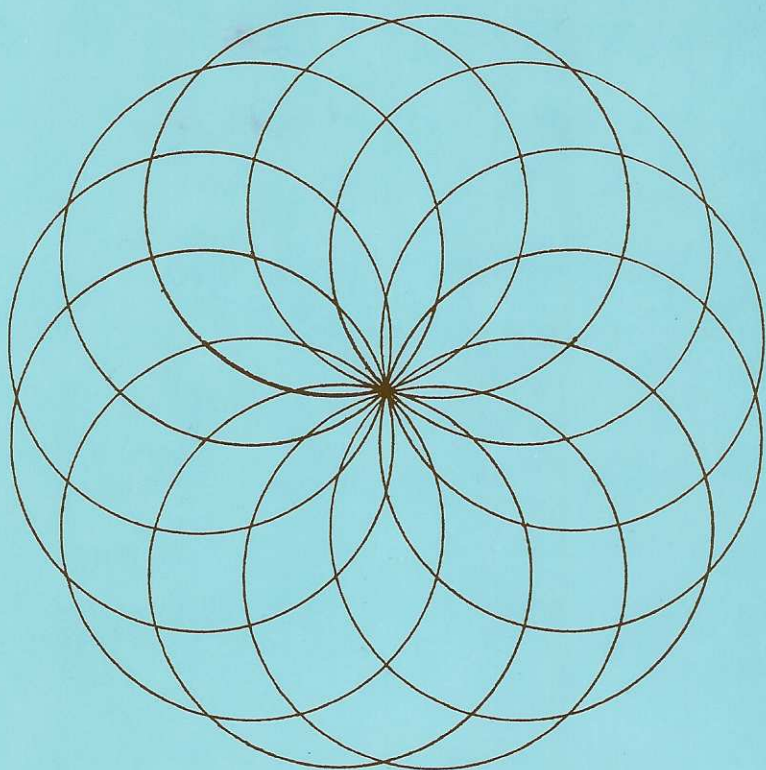


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DEDICATED TO FLASH F. LAMKINS
who knew it all
and never had to ask.

To be positive
risks being mistaken
at the top of your voice.

If your only tool is a hammer
you tend to see
all your problems as nails.

A blind man fears no snakes.

He best can pity
who has felt the woe.

Contemplation of life
decides the choice
advance or retreat.

A weed is a plant
whose virtues have yet to be discovered.

The less important you are
the more you will be missed
if you don't show up for work.

The catch
is seldom worth the chase.

The tongue has no bone
so it can be waggled freely.

Don't start anything
you can't stop.

A man who doesn't know his rights
usually doesn't have very many.

The only way to keep your health
is to eat what you don't want
drink what you don't like
and do what you'd druther not.

Take from no man his song.

Never weed a garden
with a bulldozer.

Do not confuse being taught
with learning.

The best revenge
is living well.

If you have never been amazed
by the fact that you exist
you are squandering
the greatest fact of all.

The meaning of life
can be revealed
but never explained.

Life is what happens to you
while you're making other plans.

Most folks
seldom see the writing on the wall
until their backs are up against it.

Take things always
by the smooth end.

If you're going to be a bear
be a grizzly.

Go to friends for advice
to women for pity
to strangers for charity
to relatives for nothing.

It's much easier to suggest solutions
when you don't know too much
about the problem.

A person may appear to be a fool
and yet not be one
he may only be guarding
his wisdom carefully.

A pat on the back
is only inches above
a kick in the seat.

It is easy to make decisions
on matters for which
you have no responsibility.

A live dog
is better than a dead lion.

Don't be irreplaceable
if you can't be replaced
you can't be promoted.

Everyone has a future
if you don't get run over by a truck.

There is no problem
so big
that it can't be run away from.

A wise man enjoys everything
and respects nothing.

Time is just nature's way
of keeping everything
from happening at once.

One snowjob
leads to another.

A wet bird
never flies at night.

Dancing
is a vertical expression
of a horizontal idea.

How old would you be
if you didn't know
how old you were?

If you maintain the courage
of your superior's convictions
you will surely prosper
until he changes his mind.

The end of the world
for a caterpillar
is a butterfly.

Happiness is often as simple
as a normal bowel movement.

People can't walk on you
unless you lay down for them.

You can't make an omelet
without breaking eggs.

The most important things
you must learn
no one else can teach you.

He jests at scars
who never felt a wound.

If there's always room at the top
why is there so much shoving
going on up there.

A man with a poor memory
should never take up lying.

If you don't play the game
don't try to make the rules.

If it doesn't fit
don't force it.

Men are born with two eyes
and one tongue
they should see twice
as much as they say.

One of the tragedies of life
is that most of those
needing a thrashing
are usually the largest.

If God had meant for people
to run around naked
they would have been born that way.

Life
is mainly simply inevitable.

Adversity hits hardest
those who have had life easiest.

There are two sides to every question
if you want to be popular
you take both.

Never cut
what you can untie.

Everyone who got where he is
had to start where he was.

The secret to good health is
to fill what's empty
empty what's full
and scratch where it itches.

Those who hear not the music
think the dancers mad.

It's not the having
that is good
it is the getting.

Every game is dangerous
lest the players forget
it is a game.

When two elephants fight
it's the ants that get hurt.

You can't turn your back to the shade
without having the sun on your belly.

The beginning of wisdom
is to call things
by their right name.

Whatever is to be shrunk
must first be stretched.

The only thing you must do
is die
everything else is negotiable.

Pleasure done too often
fades away.

Life is too serious
to be taken seriously.

The world may be divided
into those that read
those that write
those that think
and deerhunters.

If you can't be good
at least be careful.

Where there is no will
there is probably no way.

If you don't know
where you're going
you probably won't get there.

Abstinence
makes the heart grow fonder.

There is more to life
than increasing its speed.

A narrow mind
has a broad tongue.

There is a difference
between leaning over backwards
to help people
and leaning over frontwards.

No one gets too old
to learn a new way of being stupid.

If you're patting yourself on the back
for what you did yesterday
you haven't done much today.

Once you reach forty
your time and pleasures
are more valuable than your money.

It is better to be a has-been
than a never-was.

Six phases of most projects

1. Enthusiasm
2. Disillusionment
3. Panic
4. Search for the guilty
5. Punishment of the innocent
6. Praise and honors for the non-participants.

Age is mostly a matter of mind
if you don't mind
it doesn't matter.

A committee is an arrangement
enabling one to share the blame
with others.

Look to the future
you are spending
the rest of your life there.

Most important decisions
in life
are made alone.

He who takes his cares to bed
sleeps with a pack on his back.

Too much of a good thing
is wonderful.

All relationships are temporary.

Don't refuse
to go on an occasional wild goose chase
that is what wild geese are for.

Life can be understood backwards
but can only be lived forwards.

We are all dying
some of us faster than others.

If you have never made a mistake
you have probably
never made a decision.

The bored die sooner
than the busy.

Today
is the tomorrow
you worried about yesterday.

When it comes to helping you
some people stop at nothing.

You can't hear much
when you're talking.

Life is too short
to be little.

There is a foolish corner
in the mind of the wisest man.

Easy street is a deadend.

A horse can't pull
when it's kicking.

It would be a swell world
if everybody was as pleasant
as the fellow trying to skin you.

Rules for a group
usually violate individual rights.

One of the lessons of history
is that nothing
is often a good thing to do
and always a clever thing to say.

Pure drivél
tends to drive ordinary drivél off.

You can ignore the future
but it won't ignore you.

He who loses his head
is usually the last to miss it.

He who repeats an insult
is the one who is insulting you.

If at first you don't succeed
you're running about average.

Solutions breed problems.

The fellow who is a good sport
must lose to prove it.

Make no promises
tell no lies.

The most important things
in life
are written in the fine print.

People too old to learn
were probably always too old to learn.

People who snore
always fall asleep first.

It's what you learn
after you know it all
that counts.

It is difficult to see the picture
when you are inside the frame.

Money should cease to be important
once the wrinkles
are out of your belly.

Do not love anyone
more than yourself.

Logic is the art
of going wrong with confidence.

Sometimes
the light at the end of the tunnel
is an oncoming train.

You can't make someone love you
you can only reveal who you are
and take your chances.

Mistrust first impulses
they are usually good.

There is no way
of getting all you want.

The fat
die sooner
than the thin.

People who are busy rowing
seldom rock the boat.

Anticipation breeds frustration.

Getting things done
is not necessarily the same
as doing things.

Arguments are to be avoided
they are always vulgar
and often convincing.

When your cup is full
carry it evenly.

The camel is a horse
designed by a committee.

Nothing important gets solved
once and for all
finally and forever.

A man has reached middle age
when he doesn't care
where his wife goes
so long as she doesn't ask him to come along.

Love is not enough
but it helps.

Experience is one thing
you can't get for nothing.

Nothing lasts.

People are often down
on what they're not up to.

The way to live longer
is to cut out all the things
that make you want to live longer.

No one is unemployed
who minds his own business.

Learn to forgive yourself
again and again and again.

Why can't life's problems
come when we are twenty
and know it all?

Times of crisis
are times of both
danger and opportunity.

No question is so difficult
as that to which the answer is obvious.

Odds are
someone will know
you are dying
before you do.

Some people know how to live
everyone's lives but their own.

The things most people want to know
are usually none of their business.

A blunt knife
draws no blood.

A thing that nobody believes
can seldom be proved.

The more help a person
has in his garden
the less it belongs to him.

A wise man
stomps his own snakes.

He who lives content
with little
has everything.

What do you know
for absolutely sure
anyway?

If it ain't broke
don't fix it.

The size of the cut
a man inflicts on himself
is directly proportional to the importance
of the event he is shaving for.

Almost anything is easier
to get into
than out of.

The less people know
about how laws and sausages are made
the better they sleep at night.

Never sleep with anyone
who's got more troubles than you.

The man who can smile
when things go wrong
has thought of someone
to blame it on.

Experience is a comb
life gives you after you're bald.

A good horse never lacks a saddle.

You don't have to be a cannibal
to get fed up with people.

Support your right to arm bears.

There is no indigestion
worse than that which comes
from eating your own words.

Nothing is impossible
for the man who doesn't
have to do it himself.

Everyone complains of memory
none of judgment.

A fine cage
feeds no bird.

Beauty is only skin deep
ugly goes clear to the bone.

A man with time to burn
never gave the world any light.

Friends come and go
but enemies accumulate.

A pipe gives a wise man
time to think
and a fool
something to stick in his mouth.

The closer the bone
the sweeter the meat.

What you don't know won't hurt you
but it will amuse a lot of people.

Many good feelings
start in your toes.

When in doubt mumble
when in trouble delegate
when in charge ponder.

A friend to everybody
is a friend to nobody.

The first myth of management
is that it exists.

He who throws mud
loses ground.

All important decisions
are made on the basis
of insufficient information.

He buys honey dear
who licks it from thorns.

You must speak up to be heard
but you must shut up
to be appreciated.

Never try to stop a dogfight.

A man is as good as he has to be
a woman is as bad as she dares.

There is no point
in getting off the ground
if you're going to crash.

Whatever hits the fan
is not evenly distributed.

Never invest your money
in anything
that eats or needs repainting.

People will believe anything
if you whisper it.

Praise does wonders
for the sense of hearing.

Millions long for immortality
who do not know what to do with themselves
on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

If it works right the first time
you've obviously done something wrong.

The reason for the rush
is the delay
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is the rush.

The optimist thinks this is the best
of all possible worlds
the pessimist knows it.

You don't learn anything
the second time a mule kicks you.

Guilt about not doing enough
is what most of us feel
when we are secretly angry
that so much is expected of us.

Most institutions
fall short
of their purposes.

The most welcome person
is the one who knows when to go.

Have no rule
you are not willing to break.

Be careful
of what you require
of others.

Beware
of sudden friends
and slow enemies.

He who keeps a monkey
should pay for broken glass.

To be conscious
that you are ignorant
of the facts
is the first step to knowledge.

An adult
should be nobody's disciple.

Wisdom is not communicable.

When you're in it up to your nose
keep your mouth shut.

Auditors are the people
who go in after the war is over
and bayonet the wounded.

If you think education
is expensive
try ignorance.

You can't blame the baby
for the afterbirth.

No matter what happens
there is always somebody
who knew it would.

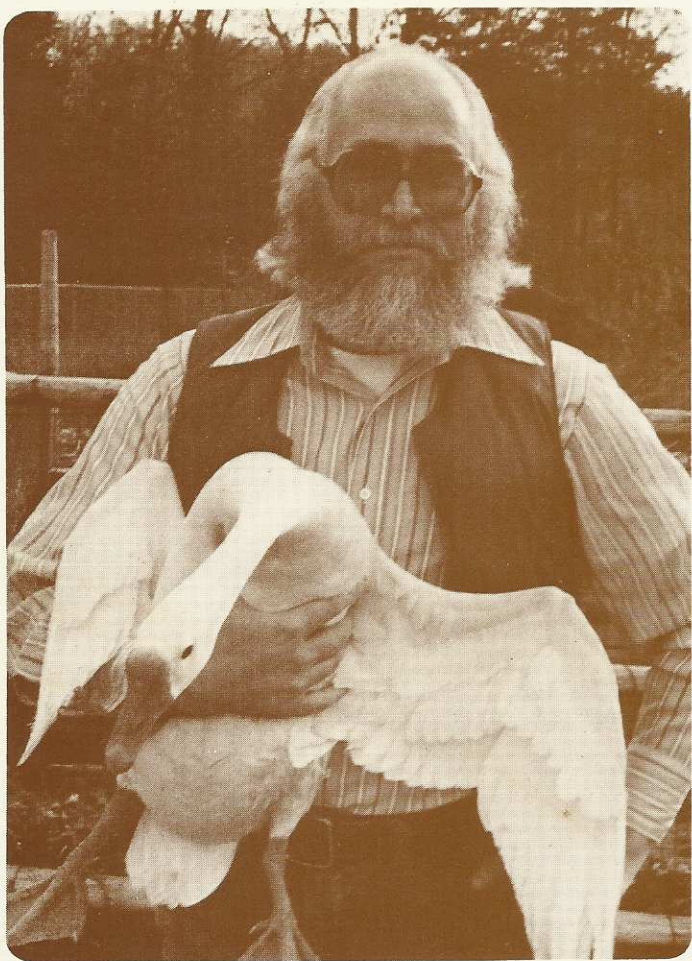
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Don't force it
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Everything in this book
may be wrong.



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