

MARGARET FULLER'S LIBRARY CARD--SOLUTION



Let's *check out* the solution to this meta! The first thing solvers should notice is that each of the twelve book titles (all of which are actual books!) contain a NATO Alphabet letter that has been changed in some way; both difficulty levels receive the clue of "Nobody argues that our" (NATO--the first letters are bolded in Teen Titans mode), with Justice League getting the hint of "pronouncedly bad." Each set of three books is altered in the same way, with Teen Titans mode getting a brief hint about the change:

AUTHOR <i>Wheatley, Phillis.</i>		
TITLE		
DATE LOANED	BORROWER'S NAME	DATE RETURNED
2/2	Pip Street #1: A Whiskery	
	Mystery. Simmons, Jo.	
7/7	Papal Sin: Structures of	
	Deceit. Willis, Garry.	
8/8	Chúcaro: Wild Pony of	
	the Pampa. Kalnay, Francis.	

Added Letters ("Expanded Editions"):
 WHISKERY = WHISKEY + R (W)
 PAPAL = PAPA + L (P)
 PAMPA = PAPA + M (P)

AUTHOR <i>Alcott, Louisa May.</i>		
TITLE		
DATE LOANED	BORROWER'S NAME	DATE RETURNED
6/6	The UnForm 9.0 User's Manual.	
	Synergetic Data Systems Team.	
9/9	Blue Guide: Rome,	
	11th ed. Macadam, Alta.	
10/10	The Afa (A Divination System	
	in Igbo Land). Anidiobu, Igbowan E.	

Subtracted Letters ("Abridged Editions"):
 UNFORM = UNIFORM - I (U)
 ROME = ROMEO - O (R)
 AFA = ALFA - L (A)

AUTHOR <i>Child, Julia</i>		
TITLE		
DATE LOANED	BORROWER'S NAME	DATE RETURNED
3/3	Of Orcas and Men: What Killer Whales Can Teach Us. Neiwert, David.	
5/5	The Hell Raiser. Glenn, Dorothy.	
12/12	The Vampire's Mail-Order Bride. Painter, Kristen.	

AUTHOR <i>Parks, Suzan-Lori</i>		
TITLE		
DATE LOANED	BORROWER'S NAME	DATE RETURNED
1/1	Devil's Eye: Singularity. Bulu, James M.	
4/4	Good Enough: The Tolerance for Mediocrity in Society and Nature. Milo, David S.	
11/11	The New England Walking Atlas. Yanker, Gary.	

Anagrams ("Mixed-Up Editions"):

ORCAS = OSCAR (O)

RAISER = SIERRA (S)

MAIL = LIMA (L)

Letter Changed in Last Name ("Dubious Authorship"):

BULU = ZULU (Z)

MILO = KILO (K)

YANKER = YANKEE (Y)

The next step is noticing that the titles of each of the four books (also all real texts!) used as the answers to the feeder puzzles contain a number: CATCH TWENTY-TWO (Phillis Wheatley's Quill), THE LITTLE GIRL WHO GAVE ZERO F*#IS (Louisa May Alcott's Typewriter), THE PETIT-FOUR COOKBOOK (Julia Child's Apron), and SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR (Suzan-Lori Parks's Calendar). The flavortext hints that you should use these numbers as a Caesar/ROT shift; Justice League solvers are told that "our luck is rotten", while Teen Titans solvers have the message "Great Caesar's ghost...shift our luck!" The flavortext also tells you that we'll be taking *back* our relics from the villains, indicating that you should shift the NATO letters of each book backward along the alphabet according to the number. In order:

Phillis Wheatley's Quill: W (23) - 22 = A (1), P (16) - 22 = T (20), P (16) - 22 = T (20)

Louisa May Alcott's Typewriter: No shifts needed since the number is zero! U, R, A

Julia Child's Apron: O (15) - 4 = K (11), S (19) - 4 = O (15), L (12) - 4 = H (8)

Suzan-Lori Parks's Calendar: Z (26) - 6 = T (20), K (11) - 6 = E (5), Y (25) - 6 = 19 (S)

All that remains is organizing these new letters by the dates provided next to each book title. Doing so will reveal the answer to the meta (and what every library goer has done at some point in their life): **TAKE OUT TRASH!**