

# A Few Things I Like

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An Unreasonable Schemer Production

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To the memory of Stage One Cinema in Charleston,  
South Carolina.

## About Will' s ShovelWare Book Pack

In an experiment to see if I can train myself to finish writing a book on my own—instead of just poking at it for a few weeks before abandoning it and starting another—I have publicly committed to writing and releasing seventeen (17) books in one year, releasing one book every three weeks. I made the original announcement on Will Radio Part XXVIII<sup>1</sup> on September 15, 2025, with the experiment to end on September 6, 2026, when the 17th book is due.

Good or bad, short or long, my goal is to finish and release a book every 21 days, like clockwork.

The idea for this experiment came from my kiloTube Video challenge from a couple years ago. I had been wanting to make more videos, but was suffering from perfectionism—I would record 70 or 80 takes of a video before deleting it in disgust. So I publicly announced that I was going to make 1,024 (or  $2^{10}$ ) videos in a single year (one kiloTube worth), in an attempt to force myself to just make video after video, with the idea that I'd eventually learn the mechanics, and learn my own style for making videos. Although I didn't come close to making 1,024 videos that year (partly because making videos involved making noise, which caused some social issues), the practice of making an average of 3 videos a day for weeks quickly got me over my perfectionism block. I now have no trouble sitting down and making a video in one take, editing it, and uploading it in a single sitting.

My hope is that after finishing and releasing a dozen or so books, I'll start to relax out a little, and will be over the fear of releasing something less than perfect. There's a go adage, "Lose your first hundred games as quickly as possible." I'm trying to write and release my first dozen (or so) terrible books as quickly as possible. With 17 books to write, I might write a few decent ones, as well.

I am allowing myself to update books I've already released, so long as I continue releasing a new book every 3 weeks.

This is the fifth of the 17 books, due on Sunday, December 28, 2025, Anywhere on Earth (or whenever I go to sleep!). (Originally I was going to release the books on Monday nights, but Sundays work better.) The next book, book 06, will be due Sunday, January 18, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6\\_cB-jtxYI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6_cB-jtxYI)

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# Preface

This book is a collection of a few of the things I like, in the hope that others will enjoy them as much as I have.

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Thank you to everyone who has shared their favorite things with me.

Will Byrd  
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina  
December, 2025





# Chapter 1

## Music

Father to a Sister of Thought, Pavement, Wowee Zowee, 1995

La Femme d'Argent, Air, Moon Safari

In a Silent Way, Miles Davis

Also Sprach Zarathustra, Deodato

Gut Feeling, Devo

Fall Out, The Police

stay crunchy, Ronald Jenkees

In the Evening, Led Zeppelin

When Do You Play, Arizona, Spooky Momento (featured in the closing credits of D.E.B.S.)

Le Tigre - Deceptacon (DFA remix)

Start Shootin', Little People, Mickey Mouse Operation

disco light (feat. Rainych), Shibayan

R.I.N., Syrufit (Studio "Syrup Comfiture")

うさぎ大爆発 (D.Watt Remix), Shibayan

You, Mk.gee

ヒプノシスマイク Division All Stars「ヒプノシスマイク -Division Battle Anthem-」

LIFE – Rude-

オーディエンスを沸かす程度の能力【ill.bell ver.】

waters of home depot – EpicToast

Kokoro vibration 「ココロバイブレーション」 [Album] – Shibayan

Getsurei 11.3 no Candle Magic – ShibayanRecords (3L)

Akiougi / 秋扇 – ShibayanRecords 「°Ciel」

May I Do You...?, Servant x Service × Miguel – nakinyko

Black and Yellow Sketch, Hidamari Sketch × Wiz Khalifa – nakinyko

Poolside Identity, Chuunibyou × Kendrick Lamar – nakinyko

It's Real Yo, Joshiraku × Real Estate – nakinyko

Monochrome in the Night (C ElectroBreaks Remix) / モノクロ・  
インザナイト (C ElectroBreaks Remix) – ShibayanRecords (3L)

Kokoro vibration 「ココロバイブレーション」 (Album) – Shibayan-  
Records

Getsurei 11.3 no Candle Magic – ShibayanRecords (3L)

Akiougi / 秋扇 – ShibayanRecords 「°Ciel」

## Chapter 2

# Movies

Love Serenade

Irma Vep (1996)

Run Lola Run (*Lola rennt* in German)

Sneakers

Galaxy Quest



## Chapter 3

# Television

The Larry Sanders Show

The Ascent of Man

The Tracy Ullman Show

“Bad Blood” from season five of The X-Files

“Our Mrs. Reynolds” from Firefly



## Chapter 4

# Video Games

StarCraft (Broodwar, 2, and Remastered)

N.O.L.F. 2

The Ancient Art of War on the Macintosh SE

Jumpman and Jumpman Jr. on the Commodore 64

Baba is You

Splatoon 2 for the Switch





## Chapter 5

# Fountain Pens

Platinum Century 3776 in Medium nib, with Platinum Carbon Black ink

Pilot Custom 823 with Pilot Iroshizuku Yama-budo Ink



## Chapter 6

### Books

Big Dead Place, Nicholas Johnson

Gravitation, Misner, Thorne, and Wheeler

The Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary, Jack Halpern



# Colophon

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