

2009

**Calendar for people involved in using the written word
to amuse, inspire, inform, or stimulate readers**

May each day of the new year offer peace and harmony

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I quote others only the better to express myself. **Michel Eyquem de Montaigne** (b. 2/28)

I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation. **George Bernard Shaw** (b. 7/26)

Quoting: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another. **Ambrose Bierce** (b. 6/24)

Note. Many cultures and faiths follow a lunar calendar (e.g., in Islamic countries) or a combination of lunar and solar calendars (e.g., Hindu, Jewish calendars). Lunar calendar dates often vary from place to place, based on when the moon appears in a particular location. Hence, the given solar-calendar dates will vary year to year and may vary somewhat from place to place. In addition, many religious holy days are celebrated from sundown one day to sundown the following day, so a given holy “day” may actually occur on more than one solar date.

Loving Literacy

For your born writer, nothing is so healing as the realization that he has come upon the right word. **Catherine Shober Drinker Bowen** (b. 1/1/1897)

How do I know what I think until I see what I say? **E. M. Forster** (b. 1/1/1879)

Thinking is the activity I love best, and writing to me is simply thinking through my fingers. I can write up to 18 hours a day. Typing 90 words a minute, I've done better than 50 pages a day. . . . Nothing interferes with my concentration. You could put on an orgy in my office and I wouldn't look up—well, maybe once. **Isaac Asimov** (b. 1/2/1920)

Whenever citizens are seen routinely as enemies of their own government, writers are routinely seen to be the most dangerous enemies. **E. L. Doctorow** (b. 1/6/1931)

Slang is a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work.

Carl Sandburg (b. 1/6/1878)

Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose.

Zora Neale Hurston (b. 1/7/1891?)

The writer of originality, unless dead, is always shocking, scandalous; novelty disturbs and repels. **Simone de Beauvoir** (b. 1/9/1908)

Publishers are demons, there's no doubt about it. **William James** (b. 1/11/1842)

One virtue of poetry is that it makes us more alive. **Dudley Randall** (b. 1/14/1914)

Question everything. Every stripe, every star, every word spoken. Question everything. **Ernest Gaines** (b. 1/15/1933)

Books are . . . funny little portable pieces of thought. **Susan Sontag** (b. 1/16/1933)

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing. **Benjamin Franklin** (b. 1/17/1706)

Books are where things are explained to you, life is where things aren't.

Julian Barnes (b. 1/19/1946)

When you write, it is like braiding hair. Taking a handful of coarse unruly strands and attempting to bring them unity. **Edwidge Danticat** (b. 1/19/1969)

To write simply is as difficult as to be good. **Somerset Maugham** (b. 1/25/1874)

One should be able to return to the first sentence of a novel and find the resonances of the entire work. **Gloria Naylor** (b. 1/25/1950)

Sometimes I think heaven must be one continuous unexhausted reading.

Virginia Woolf (b. 1/25/1882)

When I use a word, it means what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less.

(uttered by Humpty Dumpty) **Lewis Carroll** (b. 1/27/1832)

Reading anything that moves you, disturbs you is a path into the great swirl of humanity, past, present, and future. **Michael Dorris** (b. 1/30/1945)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

1/1/2009: Last day of Kwanzaa, which started 12/26/2008.

New Year's Day, solar-calendar tradition.

1/1–7/2009: Gantan-sai, the Shinto New Year; a seven-day celebration calling for renewal, both internal and external, affecting both physical and financial well-being, and toward both oneself and others.

1/6/2009: Epiphany, Christian, celebrating when the magi arrived to pay homage and give gifts to baby Jesus.

1/6/2009: Christmas Eve, Orthodox Christian, Rastafarian.

1/6–1/7/2009 (sundown Tuesday through sundown Wednesday): Ashura.

Sunni Muslim, commemorating Moses's thanks to God for liberating his people from Egypt. Shi'a Muslim, martyrdom of Muhammad's grandson.

1/7/2009: Christmas Day, Orthodox Christian, Rastafarian.

1/9/1918: After 18 months of watching "the Silent Sentinels" and other suffragists protest in front of the White House, Woodrow Wilson announced his support for women's right to vote.

1/11–1/17/2009: International Printing Week.

1/14/2009: Makar Sankranti (or Sakranti), Hindu festival celebrating the Sun's transition to longer days in the northern hemisphere.

1/18/1950: World Religion Day, annual Baha'i celebration honoring the unity of all the religions of the world.

1/23/1964: The U.S. states ratified Amendment XXIV of the U.S. Constitution, making it unconstitutional to use any type of tax to limit people's right to vote.

1/26/2009: Chinese New Year, Year of the Ox, Taoist, Buddhist, Confucian; celebrating hard work, perseverance, and the tireless pursuit of justice.

1/26/1930: The Indian National Congress declared India's independence from British rule, "We believe that it is the inalienable right of the Indian people, as of any other people, to have freedom and to enjoy the fruits of their toil and have the necessities of life, so that they may have full opportunities of growth. We believe also that if any government deprives a people of these rights and oppresses them the people have a further right to alter it or abolish it."

1/31/1865: The U.S. Congress passed Amendment XIII: ". . . Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime where of the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. . . ."

1/31/2009: Saraswati Puja, Hindu festival for Saraswati, Brahma's wife and the goddess of the arts, learning, and knowledge; celebrated by teaching children to write their first words. (Some celebrate on 1/3/2009.)

January, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lead me from Death to Life, from Falsehood to Truth. Lead me from Despair to Hope, from Fear to Trust. Lead me from Hate to Love, from War to Peace. Let Peace fill our Heart, our World, our Universe. <i>Satish Kumar (Jainist)</i></p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Louis Braille (1809) Doris K. Goodwin (1943) Jacob Grimm (1785) Helen Johnson (1844) Phyllis Naylor (1933)	Olympia Brown (1835) Friedrich Dürrenmatt (1921) Umberto Eco (1932) Stella Gibbons (1902) Ngugi wa Thiong'o (1938)	Reyes Cárdenas (1948) E. L. Doctorow (1931) Kahlil Gibran (1883) Barry Lopez (1945) Carl Sandburg (1878)	Kay Choroa (1936) Gerald Durrell (1925) Shulamith Firestone (1945) Zora Neale Hurston (1891?) Charles Péguy (1873)	Wilkie Collins (1824) Frank Doubleday (1862) Stephen Hawking (1942) Carl Rogers (1902) Evelyn Wood (1909)	Carrie C. Catt (1859) Simone de Beauvoir (1908) Joseph Epstein (1937) Judith Krantz (1928) John B. Watson (1878)	John Acton (1834) Remy Charlip (1929) Robinson Jeffers (1887) Caroline Severance (1820) Nicolas Steno (1638)
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William James (1842) Juanita Kreps (1921) Alan Stewart Paton (1903) Alice C. H. Rice (1870) Edward Titchener (1867)	Laura Adams Armer (1874) Margaret Danner (1915) Jack London (1876) Walter Mosley (1952) Johann Pestalozzi (1746)	Horatio Alger (1832) Johari Amini (1935) Michael Bond (1926) Carolyn Heilbrun (1926) Flora Nwapa (1931)	John Dos Passos (1896) John Oliver Killens (1916) Hugh Lofting (1886) Tillie Olsen (1913) Dudley Randall (1914)	Mazo de la Roche (1879?) Ernest J. Gaines (1933) Martin L. King, Jr. (1929) Molière (1622) Pierre Proudhon (1809)	Franz Brentano (1838) Dian Fossey (1932) Laura Riding (1901) Robert W. Service (1874) Susan Sontag (1933)	Anne Brontë (1820) P. Calderón de la Barca (1600) Jewell P. Cobb (1924) Benjamin Franklin (1706) Carl Murphy (1889)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Raymond Briggs (1934) Jacob Bronowski (1908) Rubén Darío (1867) A. A. Milne (1882) Peter Mark Roget (1779)	Patricia Highsmith (1921) Oveta Culp Hobby (1905) Robert MacNeil (1931) Edgar Allan Poe (1809) Alexander Woollcott (1887)	Joy Adamson (1910) J. Alvarez-Quintero (1873) Robert Blatch (1856) Ernesto Cardenal (1925) Jesús Colón (1901)	Jack Henry Abbott (1944) Wolfgang Köhler (1887) Leadbelly (1885?) Imre Madách (1823) Eliza Roxey Smith (1804)	Francis Bacon (1561) (Lord) Byron (1788) Joseph Wambaugh (1937) Beatrice Webb (1858) Brian Wildsmith (1930)	Angela de Hoyos (1940) Gertrude Belle Elion (1918) Benjamin Quarles (1904) Stendhal (1783) Katherine Tynan (1861)	Vicki Baum (1888) William Congreve (1670) Desmond Morris (1928) Arthur Schomburg (1874) Edith Wharton (1862)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Robert Boyle (1627) Robert Burns (1759) Somerset Maugham (1874) Gloria Naylor (1950) Virginia Woolf (1882)	Angela Davis (1944) Mary Mapes Dodge (1831) May Miller (1899) Edward Sapir (1884) Hans Selye (1907)	Lewis Carroll (1832) Lorenz Graham (1902) Julius Lester (1939) Hester Lynch (1740?) Mordecai Richler (1931)	Colette (1873) Hazel B. Garland (1913) Kathleen Lonsdale (1903) José Julian Martí (1853) Henry M. Stanley (1841)	Paddy Chayefsky (1923) Anton Chekhov (1860) Alice Evans (1881) Germaine Greer (1939) Oprah Winfrey (1954)	Lloyd Alexander (1924) Richard Brautigan (1933?) Michael Dorris (1945) Sterling Plumpp (1940) Angela Thirkell (1890)	Zane Grey (1872) Norman Mailer (1923) Thomas Merton (1915) John O'Hara (1905) Oe Kenzaburo (1935)

Loving Literacy

My poems are indelicate. But so is life. **Langston Hughes** (b. 2/1/1902)
I revel in the prospect of being able to torture a phrase once more. **S. J. Perelman**
(b. 2/1/1904)
Writers, like teeth, are divided into incisors and grinders. **Walter Bagehot**
(b. 2/3/1826)
I love writing. I love the swirl and swing of words as they tangle with human
emotions. **James Michener** (b. 2/3/1907)
Besides Shakespeare and me, who do you think there is? **Gertrude Stein**
(b. 2/3/1874)
English / is a foreign anguish. **Marlene Nourbese Philip** (b. 2/3/1947)
I only read what I am hungry for at the moment when I have an appetite for it, and
then I do not read, I *eat*. **Simone Weil** (b. 2/3/1909)
They ask me if I were on a desert island and knew nobody would ever see what I
wrote, would I go on writing. My answer is most emphatically yes, I would go
on writing for company. **William S. Burroughs** (b. 2/5/1914)
There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best parts.
Charles Dickens (b. 2/7/1812)
Seized with a determination to learn to read, at any cost, I hit upon many
expedients to accomplish the desired end. **Frederick Douglass** (b. 2/7?, 1817)
Writers have a rare power not given to anyone else; we can bore people long after
we are dead. **Sinclair Lewis** (b. 2/7/1885)
Books think for me. **Charles Lamb** (b. 2/10/1775)
Poetry is the most concentrated form of literature; it is the most emotionalized and
powerful way in which thought can be presented. **Amy (Lawrence) Lowell**
(b. 2/9/1874)
I write . . . what I want to read. **Alice Walker** (b. 2/9/1944)
The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a
book I ain't read. **Abraham Lincoln** (b. 2/12/1809)
Sometimes the only thing I had to hold on to was knowing I could read, and that
could get me through. **Audre Lorde** (b. 2/18/1934)
A real book is not one that's read, but one that reads us.
W. H. Auden (b. 2/21/1907)
The role of the writer is not to say what we can all say, but what we are unable to
say. **Anaïs Nin** (b. 2/21/1903)
One of the most effective ways to keep a people enslaved . . . is to create in that
people a disrespect and fear of the written and spoken word. **Haki Madhubuti**
(b. 2/23/1942)
A word has power in and of itself. It comes from nothing into sound and meaning;
it gives origin to all things. **N. Scott Momaday** (b. 2/27/1934)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

2/1/1960: In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African-American college
students started to sit-in at a segregated lunch counter in a Woolworth's
retail store. Eventually, this and other nonviolent actions led to the
desegregation of all public facilities throughout the Deep South.
2/1–2/2009: Candlemas, Christian, celebrating baby Jesus and his family's
arrival at the temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth.
2/2/2009: Imbolc (starting at sundown the previous day), Wiccan, the midpoint
between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox, celebrating fertility, renewal,
and hope, and honoring the Celtic and Gaelic goddess Brigid (or Bríde).
Later adapted by Celtic Christians as St. Brigid Day, revering this highly
compassionate Christian-convert Druid.
2/3/2009: Rissun (Setsubun), Shinto, celebrating the transition to Spring.
2/8–9/2009 (sundown Sunday through sundown Monday): Tu Bishvat,
celebrating the arrival of Spring and “the new year for trees.”
2/12/1809: Birthday of Charles Darwin, secular humanist celebration.
2/13/1689: Before being crowned the United Kingdom's monarchs, William
and Mary accepted their subjects' “Declaration of Right,” including
freedom from royal interference with the judicial system, freedom to
petition the monarchs, freedom to elect members of Parliament without
interference from the monarchs, freedom of speech in Parliament without
fear of repercussions, freedom from cruel and unusual punishment, from
excessive bail, and from fines and forfeitures without trial.
2/15/2009 (or 2/8/2009 in some places): Nirvana Day, commemorating the
death of Buddha; dates may vary by region
2/23/2009: Maha Shivaratri (Night of Shiva), Hindu, offering an all-night vigil
and fasting to honor a devotee's offerings left for the god Shiva.
2/24/2009: Mardi Gras (aka Shrove or Fat Tuesday), Christian, a joyous
festival of exuberant consumption, preceding the self-imposed restrictions
and inhibitions of Lent.
2/25/2009: Ash Wednesday, Christian, on which penitents have their foreheads
marked with ashes to form a cross on the first day of Lent.
2/25–04/11/2009: Lent, Christian, a 40-day period of prayer, penance for
misdeeds, and self-imposed fasting or other restraint; coincides with limited
food reserves typically available in Northern Hemisphere agriculture.
(Sundays aren't counted in the 40 days.)
2/26/1869: The U.S. Congress proposed (and 2/3/1870, the states ratified)
Amendment XV to the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that all male U.S.
citizens (anyone born or naturalized in the United States) be able to exercise
their right to vote: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall
not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of
race, color, or previous condition of servitude.”

February, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 G. Stanley Hall (1844) Langston Hughes (1902) S. J. Perelman (1904) Reynolds Price (1933) Muriel Sarah Spark (1918)	2 Anna Bauhens (1881) William Rose Benét (1886) Joseph Cotter, Sr. (1861) James Joyce (1882) Judith Viorst (1931)	3 Horace Greeley (1811) James Michener (1907) Joan Lowery Nixon (1927) Gertrude Stein (1874) Simone Weil (1909)	4 Raymond Dart (1893) Betty Friedan (1921) John Hearne (1926) Russell Hoban (1925) Rosa Parks (1913)	5 William Burroughs (1914) Andrew Greeley (1928) Susan Hill (1942) Margaret Millar (1915) (Madame) Sévigné (1626)	6 Mary Leakey (1913) Una M. Marson (1905) Eric Partridge (1894) Anne Spencer (1882) Melvin B. Tolson (1898?)	7 Charles Dickens (1812) Frederick Douglass (1817) Darlene Clark Hine (1947) Sinclair Lewis (1885) Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867)
8 Elizabeth Bishop (1911) Kate Chopin (1851) John Grisham (1955) Dmitri Mendeleev (1834) Jules Verne (1828)	9 Letitia Baldrige (1926) Daniel Bernoulli (1700) Amy Lowell (1874) Natsume Soseki (1867) Alice Walker (1944)	10 Fleur Adcock (1934) Bertolt Brecht (1898) E. L. Konigsburg (1930) Charles Lamb (1775) Boris Pasternak (1890)	11 Lydia Maria Child (1802) Josephine Dodge (1855) Virginia Johnson (1925) Sidney Sheldon (1917) Jane Yolen (1939)	12 Judy Blume (1938) John Chambers (1843) Charles Darwin (1809) Abraham Lincoln (1809) Cotton Mather (1663)	13 Eleanor Farjeon (1881) Pauline Frederick (1906?) Helen Gardner (1908) Sarojini Naidu (1879) Georges Simenon (1903)	14 Richard Allen (1760) Jamake Highwater (1942) Robert E. Park (1864) Moneta J. Sleet, Jr. (1926) Israel Zangwill (1864)
15 Susan B. Anthony (1820) Norman Bridwell (1928) Susan Brownmiller (1935) Galileo Galilei (1564) Ibuse Masuji (1898)	16 Henry Adams (1838) St. Claire Bourne (1943) Ernst Haeckel (1834) Maud Cuney Hare (1874) Ice-T (1958)	17 Mary Frances Berry (1938) Dorothy Canfield (1879) Julia de Burgos (1914) Chaim Potok (1929) Ruth Rendell (1930)	18 Jean M. Auel (1936) Helen Gurley Brown (1922) Ida A. Harper (1851) Audre Lorde (1934) Toni Morrison (1931)	19 Kay Boyle (1902?) Nicolaus Copernicus (1473) William P. French (1943) Carson McCullers (1917) Amy Tan (1952)	20 George Bernanos (1888) Adam Black (1784) Russel Crouse (1893) Angelina E. Grimké (1805) Shiga Naoya (1883)	21 W. H. Auden (1907) Erma Bombeck (1927) Ha Jin (1956) Barbara Jordan (1936) Anais Nin (1903)
22 Francisco Alarcón (1954) Jane (Auer) Bowles (1917) Edna St. V. Millay (1892) Ishmael Reed (1938) William Whipper (1804)	23 Claude Brown (1937) W. E. B. Du Bois (1868) Haki Madhubuti (1942) Samuel Pepys (1633) Emma Willard (1787)	24 Mary Ellen Chase (1887) Judith Ortiz Cofer (1942) Wilhelm Grimm (1786) George Moore (1852) Daniel A. Payne (1811)	25 Anthony Burgess (1917) Benedetto Croce (1886) Adelle Davis (1904) Carlo Goldoni (1707) George Schuyler (1895)	26 Sara Delaney (1889) Victor Marie Hugo (1802) Mabel Dodge Luhan (1879) I. A. Richards (1893) Robert F. Williams (1925)	27 Peter De Vries (1910) Angelina W. Grimké (1880) Alice Hamilton (1869) Henry Longfellow (1807) John Steinbeck (1902)	28 Ben Hecht (1894?) Michel Montaigne (1533) Linus Pauling (1901) Gabriele Rossetti (1783) Stephen Spender (1909)

Be gentle, and you can be bold; be frugal, and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others, and you can become a leader of people. Through gentleness, you can be victorious in your pursuit of justice and safe in your defense against aggression. Those whom Heaven would save, it fences round with gentleness. The greatest conquerors are those who overcome their enemies without strife.

Lao Tse (Taoism)

Loving Literacy

The word play of Negro kids in the South would make the experimental poets, the modern poets, green with envy. **Ralph Ellison** (b. 3/1/1914)

Be careful, think about the effect of what you say. Your words should be constructive, bring people together, not pull them apart.

Miriam Makeba (b. 3/4/1932)

When / We gloriously forget ourselves and plunge / Soul-forward, headlong, into a book's profound, / Impassioned for its beauty and salt of truth— / 'Tis then we get the right good from a book. **Elizabeth Barrett Browning** (b. 3/6/1806)

In the end all books are written for your friends.

Gabriel García Márquez (b. 3/6/1928)

A good many young writers make the mistake of enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, big enough for the manuscript to come back in. This is too much of a temptation to the editor. **Ring Lardner** (b. 3/6/1885)

Many ideas grow better when they are transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up. **Oliver Wendell Holmes** (b. 3/8/1841)

Those big-shot writers . . . could never dig the fact that there are more salted peanuts consumed than caviar. **Mickey Spillane** (b. 3/9/1918)

When [ideas] come, I write them; when they don't come, I don't. **Jack Kerouac** (b. 3/12/1922)

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.

Albert Einstein (b. 3/14/1879)

I can remember the lush spring of language in childhood. Sitting in church, rolling it around my mouth like marbles—*tabernacle* and *pharisee* and *parable*.

Penelope Lively (b. 3/17/1933)

When I write, . . . I think of the books on library shelves, without their jackets, years old, and a countryish teen-aged boy finding them, and having them speak to him. **John Updike** (b. 3/18/1932)

A bit of trash now and then is good for the severest reader. It provides that necessary roughage in the literary diet. **Phyllis McGinley** (b. 3/21/1905)

First and foremost I write for myself. Writing has been for a long time my major tool for self-instruction and self-development.

Toni Cade Bambara (b. 3/25/1939)

I certainly am glad you like the stories because now I feel it's not bad that I like them so much. The truth is I like them better than anybody and I read them over and over and laugh and laugh, then get embarrassed when I remember I was the one wrote them. **Flannery O'Connor** (b. 3/25/1925)

Writing . . . keeps me from believing everything I read.

Gloria Steinem (b. 3/25/1934)

All the fun's in how you say a thing. **Robert Lee Frost** (b. 3/26/1874)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

3/3/2009: Hina-matsuri, Shinto "Festival of Dolls," celebrating daughters.

3/8–9/2009 (sundown Sunday through sundown Monday): Mawlid al-Nabi, celebrating the birth of Muhammad, Islam's final prophet, born c. 570 C.E. Not universally celebrated by Sunnis; Shi'a celebrate it 5 days later.

3/9–3/11/2009 (sundown Monday through sundown Wednesday): Purim, Jewish, celebrating victory over oppression when Esther helped Jews escape persecution in Persia.

3/11/2009 (sundown 3/10, continuing for 5 days of the full moon): Holi (aka Dolyatra, Boshonto Utshob), Hindu, Festival of Colors celebrating spring.

3/12/1930: Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi and 78 *satyagrahis* (nonviolent activists) started a 240-mile, 23-day march to the sea. En route, Gandhi stopped to pray, exhort enormous crowds to join him, converse with foreign correspondents, and write articles for publication. On reaching the sea, Gandhi showed followers how to produce their own much-needed salt, violating British law. At his urging, others followed suit, producing and selling salt all along India's seacoast, undermining British rule.

3/17/1965: President Lyndon Johnson sent Congress his Voting Rights Act of 1965, to enforce the voting rights promised by Amendment XIV.

3/18/1963: The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled on *Gideon v. Wainwright*, requiring state courts to provide attorneys to criminal defendants if the defendants couldn't afford their own.

3/19/2009: Defy Authority, Give Peace a Chance, the anniversary of George W. Bush's 2003 attack on Iraq.

3/20–21/2009: 1st day of Spring, Spring Equinox, Northern hemisphere, Pagan. Naw-Ruz, Baha'i and Zoroastrian New Year. Ostara, Wiccan celebration of fertility and renewal, with gift exchanges of colored eggs.

3/22/1972: The U.S. Congress proposed the Equal Rights Amendment: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." It was never ratified.

3/23/1971: The U.S. Congress proposed Amendment XXVI, extending citizenship to persons 18 years of age. (Ratified 7/1/1971.)

3/26/2009: Khordad Sal, Zoroastrian, the birth of Prophet Zarathushtra (some calendars and locations celebrate his birth on 7/25, others on 8/24).

3/28/1898: U.S. Supreme Court ruled that any U.S.-born child is a U.S. citizen, even if the child's parents are citizens of a foreign land, as long as the parents "have a permanent domicile and residence in the United States, and are there carrying on business, and are not employed in any diplomatic or official capacity . . . [based on Amendment XIV]: 'All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.'"

March, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tonya Bolden (1958) Blanche K. Bruce (1841) Ralph W. Ellison (1914) Robert Lowell (Jr.) (1917)	2 Thomas Bodley (1545) Elaine Brown (1943) Alexander Crummell (1819) "Dr. Seuss" (1904)	3 Sholem Aleichem (1859) Patricia MacLachlan (1938) Yury Olesha (1899) Edmund Waller (1606)	4 Giorgio Bassani (1916) William Foyle (1885) Miriam Makeba (1932) Alan Sillitoe (1928)	5 Charles H. Fuller (1939) Lynn Margulis (1938) Gerardus Mercator (1512) Frank Norris (1870)	6 Cyrano de Bergerac (1619) Ring Lardner (1885) Gabriel Garcia Márquez (1928) Juan Luis Vives (1492)	7 Kobo Abe (1924) Luther Burbank (1849) Manuel del Cabral (1907) Sara Woods (1922)
8 Mouloud Feraoun (1913) José Luis González (1926) Kenneth Grahame (1859) Oliver W. Holmes, Jr. (1841) Eric Linklater (1899)	9 William Cobbett (1763) David Garnett (1892) Honoré Mirabeau (1749) Vita Sackville-West (1892) Mickey Spillane (1918)	10 Hallie Quinn Brown (1850) Henry W. Fowler (1858) Jack Kent (1920) Tekahionwake (1862?) Frances Trollope (1780)	11 Vinnette J. Carroll (1922) (Madame) d'Épinay (1726) Wanda Gág (1893) Ezra Jack Keats (1916) Torquato Tasso (1544)	12 Edward Albee (1928) John Aubrey (1626) George Berkeley (1685) Virginia Hamilton (1936) Jack Kerouac (1922)	13 Walter Annenberg (1908) Genêt (1892) Joseph Priestley (1733) Ellen Raskin (1928) George Seferis (1900)	14 Sylvia W. Beach (1887) Isabella Beeton (1836) Marguerite de Angeli (1889) Albert Einstein (1879) Horton Foote (1916)
15 Alice Fletcher (1838) Augusta Gregory (1852) Robert Nye (1939) David Ruggles (1810) Paul von Heyse (1830)	16 Sid Fleischman (1920) Caroline Herschel (1750) Alice Hoffman (1952) Georg Simon Ohm (1789) Sully Prudhomme (1839)	17 Kate Greenaway (1846) Patrick Hamilton (1904) Penelope Lively (1933) Norbert Rillieux (1806) Bayard Rustin (1910)	18 Kathleen Conwell (1942) Diane Dillon (1933) Michael S. Harper (1938) Stéphane Mallarmé (1842) John Updike (1932)	19 Jose de Anchieta (1534) Minna Canth (1844) Sarah G. Millin (1889?) Philip Roth (1933) Irving Wallace (1916)	20 Mitsumasa Anno (1926) Spike Lee (1957) Lois Lowry (1937) Ovid (43 B.C.) B. F. Skinner (1904)	21 Geoffrey Dearmer (1893) Lajos Kassák (1887) Phyllis McGinley (1905) Ved Mehta (1934) Pedro Juan Pietri (1943)
22 Houston A. Baker (1943) Randolph Caldecott (1846) Cheddi Jagan (1918) Louis L'Amour (1908) Stephen Sondheim (1930)	23 Ama Aidoo (1942) Fannie Farmer (1857) Margaret Farrar (1897) Erich Fromm (1900) Lorenzino de' Medici (1514)	24 Fanny Crosby (1820) L. Ferlinghetti (1919) Dario Fo (1926) William Morris (1834) Olive Schreiner (1855)	25 Toni Cade Bambara (1939) Matilda Joslyn Gage (1826) Flannery O'Connor (1925) Shimazaki Tosen (1872) Gloria Steinem (1934)	26 Robert Frost (1874) A. E. Housman (1859) Elizabeth Howard (1923) Erica Jong (1942) Tennessee Williams (1911)	27 Heinrich Mann (1871) Ruth McCormick (1880) Karl Pearson (1857) Budd Schulberg (1914) Xavier Villaurrutia (1903)	28 Russell Banks (1940) Byrd Baylor (1924) Maxim Gorky (1868) Teresa of Avila (1515) Mario Vargas Llosa (1936)
29 Alexander Chalmers (1759) Utpal Dutt (1929) Judith Guest (1936) Ernst Jünger (1895) Ricardo Sánchez (1941)	30 Mary Whiton Calkins (1863) Melanie Klein (1882) Moses Maimonides (1135) Sean O'Casey (1880) Anna Sewell (1820)	31 René Descartes (1596) Mary Abigail Dodge (1833) Octavio Paz (1914) Marge Piercy (1936) Judith Rossner (1935?)	<p>Let us know peace. For as long as the moon shall rise, For as long as the rivers shall flow, For as long as the sun will shine, For as long as the grass shall grow, Let us know peace. <i>Cheyenne Prayer</i></p>			

Loving Literacy

Good words are worth much, and cost little. **George Herbert** (b. 4/3/1593)

I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories.

Washington Irving (b. 4/3/1783)

Language. I loved it. . . . I never did find a voice I didn't find wonderful and beautiful. **Maya Angelou** (b. 4/4/1928)

Few [are] too young, and none too old, to make the attempt to learn.

Booker T. Washington (b. 4/5/1856)

I'm widest awake as a writer doing something new, engaged in a process I'm not sure I can finish, generating at the edge of my powers. Some people bungee jump; I write. **Barbara Kingsolver** (b. 4/8/1955)

The words were living things to her. She sensed them bestriding the air and charging the room with strong colors. **Paule Marshall** (b. 4/9/1929)

A book always has a trajectory of its own. It takes you places you did not intend to go and leaves you with thoughts and ideas different from those you had when you began. **David Halberstam** (b. 4/10/1934)

Our liberty depends on freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost. **Thomas Jefferson** (b. 4/13/1743)

I cannot remember a time when I was not in love with them—with the books themselves, cover and binding and the paper they were printed on, with their smell and weight and with their possession in my arms, captured and carried off to myself. **Eudora Welty** (b. 4/13/1909)

Read—read—read *much*. Read everything. **Henry James** (b. 4/15/1843)

If you can't annoy somebody, there's little point in writing. **Kingsley Amis** (b. 4/16/1922)

Never lend books, for no one ever returns them; the only books I have in my library are books that other folk have lent me. **Anatole France** (b. 4/16/1844)

Since we are destined to live out our lives in the prison of our minds, our one duty is to furnish it well. **Peter Ustinov** (b. 4/16/1921)

Did you ever stop to think that a writer will spend three years, or many more, on a book that the average reader will skim through in a few hours? **Ellen Glasgow** (b. 4/22/1873?)

I have rewritten—often several times—every word I have ever published. My pencils outlast their erasers. **Vladimir Nabokov** (b. 4/22/ or 4/23/1899)

I don't think there's a single truth to a historical event, but rather multiple truths that historians and novelists deliver to us. **Charles (Richard) Johnson** (b. 4/23/1948)

Literature is a unique resource that articulates and preserves a people's culture.

Coretta Scott King (b. 4/27/1927)

Only after the writer lets literature shape her can she perhaps shape literature.

Annie Dillard (b. 4/30/1945)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

4/1–31/2009: National Poetry Month.

4/3/2009: Ram Navami, Hindu, celebrating the birth of Rama, an incarnation of the deity Vishnu; the 24,000-stanza *Ramayana* tells of Rama's heroism.

4/5/2009: Palm Sunday, Christian, first day of "Holy Week."

4/6/1830: Joseph Smith founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons).

4/7/2009: Mahavira Jayanti, Jain, celebrating the birth of Mahavira, the 24th *Tirthankar* (enlightened person and teacher), who founded modern Jainism.

4/8–15/2009 (sundown 4/8 through sundown the following 4/15): Passover (Pesach), celebrating the Jewish people's escape from slavery in Egypt.

4/9/2009: Memorial of Christ's death, sole holy day of Jehovah's Witnesses.

4/9–11/2009: Theravada Buddhist New Year.

4/10/2009: Good Friday, Christian, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus.

4/11/1968: President L. B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which "prohibits discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion, or national origin" in "the sale, rental, and financing of housing."

4/12/2009: Easter, the key Christian holy day, celebrating Jesus's resurrection.

4/13/2009: Baisakhi (Vaisakhi), Sikh New Year, celebrating the birth of Guru Gobind Singh (born 12/22/1666, solar calendar), who founded the "Khalsa" (the Sikh brotherhood) in 1699.

4/12–18/2009: National Library Week.

4/16/1963: While being jailed for his protest against segregation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," admonishing his fellow clerics, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

4/17/2009: Holy Friday, Orthodox Christian, honoring the crucifixion of Jesus.

4/18/2009: Sikh, birthdays of the second and the ninth Sikh gurus.

4/19/2009: Easter, Orthodox Christian, celebrating Jesus's resurrection.

4/20–21/2009 (sundown Monday through sundown Tuesday): Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day; a day within the period of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising against Nazi oppression.

4/20–05/02/2009 (starting at sundown and continuing for 12 days): Ridvan, Baha'i's most important festival, celebrating Baha'ullah's declaration that he was "God's messenger for this age," foretold by the prophet Báb.

4/22/2009: Earth Day, affirming the caregiving and stewardship responsibilities of all who reside on Earth.

4/30–5/1/2009: Walpurgis, Norse festival honoring Odin's death to go receive the knowledge of the runes, before his return to life at daylight. Beltane, Celtic and Wiccan, celebrating creativity and procreativity.

April, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Samuel R. Delany (1942) Sophie Germain (1776) William Harvey (1578) Abraham Maslow (1908) Edmond Rostand (1868)	2 Hans C. Andersen (1805) Melba (Joyce) Boyd (1950) Giovanni Casanova (1725) Max Ernst (1891) Émile Zola (1840)	3 Jane Goodall (1934) George Herbert (1593) Washington Irving (1783) Henry Luce (1898) Harriet Spofford (1835)	4 Maya Angelou (1928) Marguerite Duras (1914) Gloria Rolando (1953) Robert Sherwood (1896) "Bettina" von Arnim (1785)
5 Arthur Hailey (1920) Thomas Hobbes (1588) Chandler Owen (1889) Algernon Swinburne (1837) Booker Washington (1856)	6 John Pepper Clark (1935) André Dacier (1651) James Mill (1773) Lincoln Steffens (1866) James Dewey Watson (1928)	7 Charles Burney (1726) Gabriela Mistral (1889) William Trotter (1872) Walter Winchell (1897) William Wordsworth (1770)	8 Oscar Zeta Acosta (1936) Albion Bacon (1865) Johann Günther (1695) Trina Hyman (1939) Barbara Kingsolver (1955)	9 Charles Baudelaire (1821) Paule Marshall (1929) Adela Nicolson (1865) Paul Robeson (1898) Waters Turpin (1910)	10 Angélico Chávez (1910) David Halberstam (1934) William Hazlitt (1778) Joseph Pulitzer (1847) Lew Wallace (1827)	11 Ellen Goodman (1941) Percy Lavon Julian (1899) Margaret of Navarre (1492) Leo Rosten (1908) Mark Strand (1934)
12 Alan Ayckbourn (1939) Horace R. Cayton, Jr. (1903) Beverly Cleary (1916) Jan Tinbergen (1903) Scott Turow (1949)	13 Lucha Corpi (1945) Seamus Heaney (1939) Nella Larsen (1891) Thomas Jefferson (1743) Eudora Welty (1909)	14 James Branch Cabell (1879) Christiaan Huygens (1629) Anne Sullivan (1866) Edward Tolman (1886) Arnold J. Toynbee (1889)	15 Leonardo da Vinci (1452) Heloise (1951) Henry James (1843) Guru Nanak Dev Ji (1469) A. Philip Randolph (1889)	16 Kingsley Amis (1922) William Chambers (1800) Anatole France (1844) Hans Sloane (1660) John Synge (1871)	17 Susan A. F. Cooper (1813) Isak Dinesen (1885) Cynthia Ozick (1928) Thornton Wilder (1897) Leonard Woolley (1880)	18 Clarence Darrow (1857) Richard H. Davis (1864) George H. Lewes (1817) Thomas Middleton (1580) Leopold Stokowski (1882)
19 Duygu Asena (1946) J. Echezagay y Eizaguirre (1832) Lani Guinier (1950) Etheridge Knight (1931) Sarah K. Knight (1666)	20 Pietro Aretino (1492) Agnes Chase (1869) Adolf Hitler (1889) Philippe Pinel (1745) Carrie Mae Weems (1953)	21 Josh Billings (1818) Charlotte Brontë (1816) Friedrich Froebel (1782) John Mortimer (1923) Bankole Omotoso (1943)	22 Benjamin Brawley (1882) Paula Fox (1923) Ellen Glasgow (1873?) Immanuel Kant (1724) (Madame) de Staël (1766)	23 Charles R. Johnson (1948) Jorge M. V. Lima (1895) Ngaio Marsh (1899) Max Planck (1858) William Shakespeare (1564)	24 Mumia Abu-Jamal (1954) Sue Grafton (1940) Evaline Ness (1911) Robert Penn Warren (1905) Benjamin Whorf (1897)	25 Muhammad Abdullah (1918) Walter de la Mare (1873) John Keble (1792) Maud Hart Lovelace (1892) Claude Mauriac (1914)
26 John Audubon (1785) Cathleen Black (1944) Lee B. Hopkins (1938) Anita Loos (1893) Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889)	27 Ludwig Bemelmans (1898) Jessie Fauset (1882) Edward Gibbon (1737) August Wilson (1945) Mary Wollstonecraft (1759)	28 Margaret Just Butcher (1913) Lois Duncan (1934) Kurt Gödel (1906) Chukwuemeka Ike (1931) Harper Lee (1926)	29 William R. Hearst (1863) Yusef Komunyakaa (1947) Henri Poincaré (1854) Tey Diana Rebolledo (1937) Rafael Sabatini (1875)	30 Annie Dillard (1945) Carl Gauss (1777) Jaroslav Hašek (1833) John C. Ransom (1888) Alice B. Toklas (1877)		

Loving Literacy

Every writer I know has trouble writing. **Joseph Heller** (b. 5/1/1923)

Writers, if they are worthy of that jealous designation, do not write for other writers. They write to give reality to experience. **Archibald MacLeish** (b. 5/7/1892)

The poems I've written which I've feared no one could really understand are the poems that people respond to most. **May Sarton** (b. 5/3/1912)

No two people read the same book. **Edmund Wilson** (b. 5/8/1895)

For several days after my first book was published I carried it about in my pocket, and took surreptitious peeps at it to make sure the ink had not faded.

James Barrie (b. 5/9/1860)

Definition of a classic: a book everyone is assumed to have read and often thinks they have. **Alan Bennett** (b. 5/9/1934)

I find it impossible to write about dumb people. **Stanley Elkin** (b. 5/11/1930)

Writers should be read—but neither seen nor heard.

Daphne du Maurier (b. 5/13/1907)

Most people don't realize that writing is a craft. You have to take your apprenticeship in it like anything else. **Katherine Anne Porter** (b. 5/15/1890)

I wanted to choose words that even you / would have to be changed by.

Adrienne Rich (b. 5/16/1929)

There are two motives for reading a book: one, that you enjoy it; the other, that you can boast about it. **Bertrand Russell** (b. 5/18/1872)

My alma mater was books, a good library. **Malcolm X** (b. 5/19/1925)

Next o'er his books his eyes began to roll, / In pleasing memory of all he stole.

Alexander Pope (b. 5/21/1688)

It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own. **Arthur Conan Doyle** (as Sherlock Holmes) (b. 5/22/1859)

There is a loving way with words and an unloving way. And it is only with the loving way that the simplicity of language becomes beautiful.

Margaret Wise Brown (b. 5/23/1910)

If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.

* * * 'Tis the good reader that makes the good book.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (b. 5/25/1803)

When I was a child I loved to read. . . . Books brought me the greatest satisfaction.

Jamaica Kincaid (b. 5/25/1949)

No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.

Mary Wortley Montagu (baptized 5/26/1689)

You shouldn't pay very much attention to anything writers say. They don't know why they do what they do. **John Barth** (b. 5/27/1930)

My poetry, I should think, has become the way of my giving out what music is within me. **Countee Cullen** (b. 5/30/1903)

The dirtiest book of all is the expurgated book. **Walt Whitman** (b. 5/31/1819)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

4/30–5/1/2009 (sundown 4/30 through sundown 5/1): Walpurgis, Norse.

Beltane, Celtic and Wiccan. (See 4/30/2009).

5/4/1961: The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) started its Freedom Riders project, in which black and white students volunteered to integrate interstate buses throughout the South. By the end of the summer, more than 1,000 volunteers had participated in the project.

5/4/1930: Gandhi notified India's British Viceroy that he planned to return to the Indian seashore to raid a British salt works there: "It would be cowardly on my part not to invite you to . . . give the victims an opportunity for greater and greater suffering . . . success is the certain result of suffering of the extremist character, voluntarily undergone." The British arrested and imprisoned Gandhi before he could stage the raid. As other *satyagrahis* (nonviolent resisters) marched toward the seashore, they, too, were brutally arrested and imprisoned. United Press's Webb Miller reported, "Not one of the marchers even raised an arm to fend off the blows. . . . Those struck down fell sprawling, unconscious or writhing in pain with fractured skulls or broken shoulders. . . . The survivors without breaking ranks silently and doggedly marched on until struck down." Many further nonviolent resistance actions followed, during which police assaulted, maimed, and even killed some of the satyagrahis. Despite arresting and imprisoning . 60,000 protesters, India's British rulers were overthrown August, 1947.

5/8 or 5/9/2009: Visakha Bucha (5/8, Thailand), or Vesak (aka Visakah Puja, 5/9, India), celebrating Buddha's birth, also his enlightenment and death.

5/10/2009: Mother's Day, celebrating mothers' nurturing, unconditional love.

5/11–05/17/2009: National Children's Book Week, promoted by the Children's Book Council — relish reading enjoyable books to young ones.

5/16/1763: Biographer's Day, the day James Boswell met Samuel Johnson.

5/17/1954: U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled on *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*, overturning the 1896 "separate but equal" segregation doctrine established by the notorious *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

5/22/1844: Báb's declaration, Baha'i. Báb foretold the coming arrival of the Baha'u'llah, who founded the Baha'i faith.

5/25/2009: Memorial Day, commemorating the sacrifices of those who are killed, maimed, or otherwise damaged or harmed by war.

5/28–29/2009 (sundown Thursday through sundown Friday): Shavuot, celebrating the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people; when Moses descended from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments.

5/31/2009: Christian Pentecost, aka Whitsun Day, the 50th day from Easter (6/7/2009, Orthodox Pentecost), linked to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot; celebrates the Holy Spirit's descent on Jesus's disciples, enabling them to communicate in the languages of many people.

May, 2009

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<p>We shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not take up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more. <i>Jewish Scriptures, Old Testament of the Bible, Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3</i></p>					1	2
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Septima P. Clark (1898) Niccolò Machiavelli (1469) May Eleanor Sarton (1912) Dodie Smith (1896)	Robin Cook (1940) Thomas H. Huxley (1825) Jane Jacobs (1916) Agustín Yañez (1904)	Nellie Bly (1867) Leo Lionni (1910) Karl Marx (1818) Douglas T. Ward (1930)	Martin R. Delany (1812) Sigmund Freud (1856) Orson Welles (1915) Theodore H. White (1915)	Angela Carter (1940) Nonny Hogrogian (1932) Fenton Johnson (1888) Rabindranath Tagore (1861)	Peter Benchley (1940) Beth Henley (1952) Thomas Pynchon (1937) Gary Snyder (1930)	Eleanor Estes (1906) David Gergen (1942) Joy Harjo (1951) José Ortega y Gasset (1883)
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Jayne Cortez (1936) Ariel Durant (1898) Jean Mairat (1604) Benito Pérez Galdós (1843)	Edward Brathwaite (1930) Isaac D'Israeli (1766) Richard Feynman (1918) Joanne Oppenheim (1934)	Dorothy Hodgkin (1910) Edward Lear (1812) Farley Mowat (1921) Albert L. Murray (1916)	Alphonse Daudet (1840) Daphne du Maurier (1907) Norma Klein (1938) Stevie Wonder (1950)	François de Callières (1645) José S. Chocano (1875) Timothy Dwight (1752) Maria Fornés (1930)	L. Frank Baum (1856) Giselle Fernandez (1961) Katherine A. Porter (1890) Alvin Poussaint (1934)	F. Cabeza de Baca (1898) Anne McCormick (1881) Adrienne Rich (1929) Studs Terkel (1912)
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Eloise Greenfield (1929) Robin Maugham (1916) Alfonso Reyes (1889) Robert Surtees (1803?)	Dantès Bellegarde (1877) Paul Gascoigne (c. 1525) Lillian Hoban (1925) Bertrand Russell (1872)	Nora Ephron (1941) Tom Feelings (1933) Lorraine Hansberry (1930) Malcolm X (1925)	Margery Allingham (1904) Honoré de Balzac (1799) Lydia Cabrera (1900) John Stuart Mill (1806)	Regina Anderson (1901) Alexander Pope (1688) Marguerite Ross-Barnett (1942) Vicki Ruiz (1955)	Arthur Conan Doyle (1859) Arnold Lobel (1933) Vance Packard (1914) Giuseppe Parini (1729)	Margaret Wise Brown (1910) Margaret Fuller (1810) Carolus Linnaeus (1707) Scott O'Dell (1898)
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Bob Dylan (1941) Lillian Gilbreth (1878) Ynes Mexia (1870) Arthur Wing Pinero (1855) Helen Taussig (1898)	Joanne M. Braxton (1950) Ralph W. Emerson (1803) Jamaica Kincaid (1949) Robert Ludlum (1927) Joyce Carol Thomas (1938)	Abd al-Qadir (1807) Edmond Goncourt (1822) Richard Lederer (1938) Charles d'Orléans (1391) Robert M. Yerkes (1876)	Rachel Carson (1907) John Cheever (1912) Elizabeth Haldane (1862) Dashiell Hammett (1894) Julia Ward Howe (1819)	Cyril V. Briggs (1888) Ian Fleming (1908) Lizzie Black Kander (1858) May Swenson (1919) Patrick White (1912)	G. K. Chesterton (1874) Paul Ehrlich (1932) Jane Grant (1895) Ronald Milner (1938) T. H. White (1906)	Countee Cullen (1903) Pierre Janet (1859) Josephine Peabody (1874) Millicent Selsam (1912) Cornelia Skinner (1901)
31	<p>Be charged with peace and joy, and scatter them wherever you are and wherever you go. Be a blazing fire of truth, be a beautiful blossom of love, and be a soothing balm of peace. With your spiritual light, dispel the darkness of ignorance, dissolve the clouds of discord and war, and spread goodwill, peace, and harmony among the people. <i>The Great Sufi</i></p>					
Rudolphus Agricola (1443) Elizabeth Coatsworth (1893) Walt Whitman (1819) Judith Wright (1915) Al Young (1939)						

Loving Literacy

There should be no distinction between what we write down and what we really know. **Allen Ginsberg** (b. 6/3/1926)

Live always in the best company when you read. **Sydney Smith** (b. 6/3/1771)

If I knew what the meanings of my books were, I wouldn't have bothered to write them. **Margaret Drabble** (b. 6/5/1939)

One writes to make a home for oneself, on paper, in time, in others' minds. **Alfred Kazin** (b. 6/5/1915)

Words do wonderful things. They sound purr. They can urge, they can wheedle, whip, whine. They can sing, sass, singe. They can churn, check, channelize. They can be a hup, 2, 3, 4. They can forge a fiery army out of a hundred languid men. **Gwendolyn Elizabeth Brooks** (b. 6/7/1917)

A poem is a way of capturing a moment. **Nikki Giovanni** (b. 6/7/1943)

When you're writing a book, you're in it, and it isn't until you have finished it and see it as a book . . . that you step back and think, what was I doing?
Sara Paretsky (b. 6/8/1947)

I don't know exactly how it's [writing's] done. I let it alone a good deal.
Saul Bellow (b. 6/10/1915)

Books without knowledge of life are useless. **Ben Jonson** (b. 6/11?/1572)

A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. **William Styron** (b. 6/11/1925)

If I read a book that impresses me, I have to take myself firmly in hand before I mix with other people. **Anne Frank** (b. 6/12/1929) Anne's voice tumbled out of the book, so full of life, moods, curiosity, feelings. . . . She was alive again in my mind. **Miep Gies**

Authors before they write should read.
Fanny (née Frances) Burney (b. 6/13/1752)

The final measure of the greatness of all peoples is the amount and standard of the literature and art they have produced. **James Weldon Johnson** (b. 6/17/1871)

Words could incite, soothe, destroy, exorcise, redeem.
Gail Godwin (b. 6/18/1937)

Literature is the one place in any society where, within the secrecy of our own heads, we can hear voices talking about everything in every possible way.
Salman Rushdie (b. 6/19/1947)

Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?
Henry Ward Beecher (b. 6/24/1813)

Literature is my Utopia. Here I am not disfranchised. No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourse of my book-friends. They talk to me without embarrassment or awkwardness. **Helen Keller** (b. 6/27/1880)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

6/1/1660: Mary Dyer was hanged for boldly defying what she called Boston's "wicked law" banishing Quakers, knowing she'd suffer "pain of death" for returning there. Her statue is now honored in Boston's State House.

6/4/1919: The U.S. Congress proposed Amendment XIX to the U.S. Constitution, offering women *suffrage*, the right to vote.

6/10/1963: The U.S. Congress passed the Equal Pay Act, guaranteeing that employers give equal pay for equal work, regardless of the worker's sex.

6/13/1866: The U.S. Congress proposed Amendment XIV to the U.S. Constitution: ". . . All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." In the 1950s and 1960s, much of the civil rights legislation and many of the court cases were based on this crucial amendment.

6/13/1966: The U.S. Supreme court ruled on *Miranda v. Arizona*, ensuring that criminal defendants be advised of their rights against self-incrimination and to consult with an attorney before being questioned by the police.

6/14/2009: All Saints' Day, Orthodox Christian (*cf.* 11/1/2009, Christian).

6/16/2009: Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom, Sikh holy day honoring those who have suffered for their faith.

Bloomsday, on which all the events of James Joyce's *Ulysses* took place.

6/21/2009: Father's Day, celebrating a father's love and care for his children.

First Day of Summer, aka Midsummer, the longest day of the year in the Northern hemisphere, when the sun carries the longest north of the equator.

Litha, Wiccan celebration of the Summer Solstice, said to be a time when fairies abundantly and playfully rejoice, as described in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Alban Heruin, Druid, highlighting a sense of humor. 6/21/1998: Druids were once again allowed to celebrate their holy day at Stonehenge.

6/19/2009: Sacred Heart of Jesus feast day, Christian celebration of Jesus's love for all of humankind.

6/25/1938: The U.S. Congress passed the Fair Labor Standards Act, prohibiting "oppressive child labor," setting a national minimum wage, and requiring time-and-a-half overtime pay for overtime work in many jobs.

June, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 James Daugherty (1889) John Drinkwater (1882) Caroline Hentz (1800) John Masefield (1878) Colleen McCullough (1937)	2 Paul Galdone (1914) Anita Lobel (1934) Helen Oxenbury (1938) Cornel West (1953) Dorothy West (1907)	3 Allen Ginsberg (1926) William Hone (1780) Larry McMurtry (1936) Sydney Smith (1771) Torsten Wiesel (1924)	4 Mabel Lucie Attwell (1879) Mary Kingsley (1852) Jacques Romain (1907) N. Santa Cruz (1925) Ruth Westheimer (1928)	5 Ruth Benedict (1887) Margaret Drabble (1939) F. García Lorca (1898) Bill Moyers (1934) Richard Scarry (1919)	6 Verna Aardema (1911) Pierre Corneille (1606) Marian W. Edelman (1939) Maxine Kumin (1925) Aleksandr Pushkin (1799)
7 Virginia Apgar (1909) Elizabeth Bowen (1899) Gwendolyn Brooks (1917) Nikki Giovanni (Jr.) (1943) Deborah Tannen (1945)	8 Francis Crick (1916) George Lamming (1927) Sara Paretsky (1947) Kate Wilhelm (1928) Marguerite Yourcenar (1903)	9 S. N. Behrman (1893) Patricia Cornwell (1956) Weedon Grossmith (1854) Cole Porter (1891?) Bertha von Suttner (1843)	10 Saul Bellow (1915) Grace Mirabella (1930) Terence Rattigan (1911) Maurice Sendak (1928) Edward O. Wilson (1929)	11 Maxine Baca Zinn (1942) Charlotte Brown (1883) Athol Fugard (1932) (Violet Martin) "Ross" (1862) Anne N. Royall (1769)	12 Djuna Barnes (1892) Brigid Brophy (1929) Anne Frank (1929) Harriet Martineau (1802) Johanna Spyri (1827)	13 Luis Alvarez (1911) Fanny Burney (1752) Latoya Hunter (1978) Dorothy Sayers (1893) William Butler Yeats (1865)
14 John Bartlett (1820) Jerzy Kosinski (1933) Che Guevara (1928) Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811) John Edgar Wideman (1941)	15 Ana Castillo (1953) Erik Erikson (1902) Kobayashi Issa (1763) Ramón Lopez Velarde (1888) Herbert Simon (1916)	16 Marita Bonner (1899) Lucy Dawidowicz (1915) Mary K. Goddard (1736?) Joyce Carol Oates (1938) José P. Rizal (1861)	17 John Hersey (1914) James W. Johnson (1871) Louis Peterson (1922) Carl Van Vechten (1880) John Wesley (1703)	18 Gail Godwin (1937) "Corky" Gonzales (1928) Pat Hutchins (1942) Anna Lenngren (1754) Ellesee Southerland (1943)	19 Thomas Fuller (1608) Sutton E. Griggs (1872) Mari-Luci Jaramillo (1928) Pauline Kael (1919) Blaise Pascal (1623)	20 Juan Bruce-Novoa (1944) Charles W. Chesnutt (1858) Catherine Cookson (1906) Lillian Hellman (1905?) Charlemae Rollins (1897)
21 Gerald W. Barrax (1933) Arnold Gesell (1880) Robert Kraus (1925) Mary McCarthy (1912) Ann Shockley (1927)	22 Octavia Butler (1947) Katherine Dunham (1910?) Julian Huxley (1887) Harriet Lothrop (1844) Erich Maria Remarque (1898)	23 Anna Akhmatova (1889) Jean Anouilh (1910) Alfred Kinsey (1894) Theodore Taylor (1921) Alan Turing (1912)	24 Ambrose Bierce (1842) John Ciardi (1916) Rebecca Davis (1831) Anita Desai (1937) Ernesto Sábato (1911)	25 George Abbott (1887) Eric Carle (1929) Harriet Mann Miller (1831) Rose Cecil O'Neill (1874) George Orwell (1903)	26 William Broonzy (1893) Pearl S. Buck (1892) Barbara Chase-Riboud (1939) Sarah Pierce (1767) Charlotte Zolotow (1915)	27 Lucille Clifton (1936) Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872) Emma Goldman (1869) Helen Keller (1880) Frank O'Hara (1926)
28 Paul Broca (1824) Maria Goeppert-Mayer (1906) Mark Helprin (1947) Luigi Pirandello (1867) Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712)	29 Stokely Carmichael (1941) Giacomo Leopardi (1798) Virginia Pope (1885) A. de Saint-Exupéry (1900) James Van Der Zee (1886)	30 John Gay (1685) Mollie Hunter (1922) Eleanor F. Lattimore (1904) David McPhail (1940) Czeslaw Milosz (1911)	<p>May there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on earth. May the waters be appeasing. May herbs be wholesome and may trees and plants bring peace to all. May all beneficent beings bring peace to us. May thy wisdom spread peace all through the world. May all things be a source of peace to all and to me.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Hindu prayer</i></p>			

Loving Literacy

A book ought to be an icepick to break up the frozen sea within us. **Franz Kafka** (b. 7/3/1883)

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

Tom Stoppard (b. 7/3/1937)

The greatest possible mint of style is to make the words absolutely disappear into the thought. **Nathaniel Hawthorne** (b. 7/4/1804)

When I was about eight, I decided that the most wonderful thing, next to a human being, was a book. **Margaret Walker** (b. 7/7/1915)

I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves. **Anna Quindlen** (b. 7/8/1953)

The whole world opened to me when I learned to read. **Mary McLeod Bethune** (b. 7/10/1875)

No one can write decently who is distrustful of the reader's intelligence, or whose attitude is patronizing. **E. B. White** (b. 7/11/1899)

Not that the story need be long, but it will take a long while to make it short.

Henry David Thoreau (b. 7/12/1817)

Idiom is larger than geography; it is the hot breath of a people. **Mari Evans** (b. 7/16/1923)

We raked books off the shelves by the dozen and hauled them along on picnics, to haylofts, up oak trees, to bath and to bed. **Kathleen Norris** (b. 7/16/1880)

Masterpieces are no more than the shipwrecked flotsam of great minds.

Marcel Proust (b. 7/10/1871)

In a very real sense, people who have read good literature have lived more than people who cannot or will not read. **S. I. Hayakawa** (b. 7/18/1906)

Talent is helpful in writing, but guts are absolutely necessary. **Jessamyn West** (b. 7/18/1902?)

Mastery of language affords remarkable power. **Frantz Fanon** (b. 7/20/1925)

I have tried simply to write the best I can; sometimes I have good luck and write better than I can. **Ernest Hemingway** (b. 7/21/1899)

When a book, any sort of book, reaches a certain intensity of artistic performance it becomes literature. That intensity may be a matter of style, . . . or half a dozen other things. **Raymond Chandler** (b. 7/23/1888)

Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant, interesting. **Aldous Huxley** (b. 7/26/1894)

The writer who aims at producing the platitudes which are "not for an age but for all time" has his reward in being unreadable in all ages.

George Bernard Shaw (b. 7/26/1856)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

7/2/1964: President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, which "prohibits discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion, or national origin" and empowers the federal government to enforce desegregation in states.

7/5/1948: The United Kingdom started operating the National Health Service (NHS) in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, publicly funding health care and providing most services free to all residents of the U.K.

7/5/2009: Birthday of 6th Sikh guru, Har Gobind (6/19/1595, solar calendar).

7/7/2009: Asalha Puja, commemorating Buddha's first sermon, as well as his founding of the Buddhist *sangha*, religious community.

7/8/1777: The Vermont Republic's constitution abolished slavery, the first of the U.S. states to do so: "Chapter I. a Declaration of the Rights of the Inhabitants of the State of Vermont. I. That all men are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety. Therefore, no male person, born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person, as a servant, slave or apprentice, after he arrives to the age of twenty-one Years, nor female, in like manner, after she arrives to the age of eighteen years, unless they are bound by their own consent, after they arrive to such age, or bound by law, for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like.

7/9/1850: Martyrdom (execution) of the Báb, Baha'i.

7/13–15/2009: Ulamban, aka Odon, Japanese Buddhist honoring of a reunion between family ancestors and living family members

7/15/1834: A Royal Decree definitively abolished the Spanish Inquisition.

7/18–19/2009 (sundown Saturday through sundown Sunday): Lailat al Miraj (Shab-e-Miraj), celebrating Muhammad's one-night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem to heaven, where he met with the prophets and with Allah (God); children are invited to the mosque for storytelling, prayer, and treats.

7/19–20/1848: A "convention to discuss the condition and rights of women" was held at Seneca Falls, NY, the first U.S. women's rights convention; led by abolitionist reformers, e.g., Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.

7/23/1656: Birthday of 8th Sikh guru, Har Krishan (7/6/1656, solar calendar).

7/23/1892: Birthday of Haile Selassie I, Rastafarian.

7/24/1846: Henry David Thoreau was jailed for refusing to pay his delinquent poll taxes, which he asserted were used to support slavery and the slavery-induced Mexican War. Soon after, he wrote his *On Civil Disobedience*.

7/24/1847: Pioneer Day, when the first Mormon (Church of Latter Day Saints) settlers reached Salt Lake City, Utah.

7/30/2009: Tisha B'av, Jewish, mourning numerous Jewish tragedies.

July, 2009

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<p>The ultimate lesson all of us have to learn is unconditional love. <i>Elisabeth Kübler-Ross</i> (b. 7/8/1926)</p>			<p>1</p> <p>James M. Cain (1892) Susan Glaspell (1882) "George Sand" (1804) Jean Stafford (1915) Walter F. White (1893)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Ed Bullins (1935) Jean C. George (1919) Hermann Hesse (1877) Maria Hinojosa (1961) Richard Nugent (1906)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Dave Barry (1947) M. F. K. Fisher (1908) Charlotte P. Gilman (1860) Franz Kafka (1883) Gertrude Mossell (1855)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cristina Garcia (1958) Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804) Ann Landers & "Abby" Van Buren (1918) Neil Simon (1927)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Jesse Max Barber (1878) George Borrow (1803) Jean Cocteau (1889) Naomi Madgett (1923) Ernst Mayr (1904)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bessie Head (1937) V. von Heidenstam (1859) Dhan Gopal Mukerji (1890) Gwyn Thomas (1913) Alexander Wilson (1766)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Camillo Golgi (1843?) Robert A. Heinlein (1907) Helene Johnson (1906) Nettie Maria Stevens (1861) Margaret Walker (1915)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Gwendolyn Bennett (1902) Alfred Binet (1857) Jean de la Fontaine (1621) Shirley Ann Grau (1929) Anna Quindlen (1953)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Franz Boas (1858) Barbara Cartland (1901) June Jordan (1936) Dean Koontz (1945) Oliver Sacks (1933)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Judie Angell (1937) E. Clerihew Bentley (1875) Jean Kerr (1923) Alice Munro (1931) Marcel Proust (1871)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Harold Bloom (1930) Thomas Bowdler (1754) L. de Gongora y Argote (1561) Patricia Polacco (1944) E. B. White (1899)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Claude Bernard (1813) Bill Cosby (1937?) Pablo Neruda (1904) Lucy Fitch Perkins (1865) Henry D. Thoreau (1817)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Marcia Brown (1918) Ashley Bryan (1923) John Clare (1793) Beatrix Gardner (1933) Wole Soyinka (1934)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Gertrude Bell (1868) Natalia Ginzburg (1916) Woody Guthrie (1912) Peggy Parish (1927) Politian (1454)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Thomas Bulfinch (1796) Dorothy Fields (1905) Clement C. Moore (1779) Iris Jean Murdoch (1919) Maggie Lena Walker (1867)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Arnold Adoff (1935) Mary Baker Eddy (1821) Mari Evans (1923) Assata Shakur (1947) Ida B. Wells (1862)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Shmuel Agnon (1888) Erle S. Gardner (1889) Karla Kuskin (1932) Frank Snowden (1911) Christina Stead (1902)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Laurence Housman (1865) Thomas S. Kuhn (1922) Margaret Laurence (1926) Kelly Miller (1863) Jessamyn West (1902?)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>A. J. Cronin (1896) Alice D. Nelson (1875) Herbert Marcuse (1898) Eve Merriam (1916?) Rosalyn Yalow (1921)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Henry L. Dumas (1934) Frantz Fanon (1925) Edmund Hillary (1919) (Sir) Richard Owen (1804) Petrarch (1304)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Hart Crane (1899) Buchi Emecheta (1944) Ernest Hemingway (1899) Mónica Lozano (1956) Diana R. Trilling (1905)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Stephen V. Benét (1898) S. E. Hinton (1948) Gregor Mendel (1822) Amy Vanderbilt (1908) Margery Williams (1881)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Lisa Alther (1944) Raymond Chandler (1888) Patricia Coombs (1926) Robert Quackenbush (1929) Quincy Troupe (1943)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Kenneth B. Clark (1914) Alexander Dumas (<i>père</i>) (1802) Zelda Fitzgerald (1900?) Robert Graves (1895) Charles S. Johnson (1893)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>R. Arévalo Martínez (1884) Maria W. Chapman (1806) Rosalind Franklin (1920) Ruth Krauss (1901?) Akinari Ueda (1734)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Austin C. Clarke (1934) Steven Cosgrove (1945) Aldous Huxley (1894) Carl Jung (1875) George B. Shaw (1856)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hillaire Belloc (1870) Thomas Campbell (1777) Alexander Dumas (<i>fils</i>) (1824) Elizabeth Hardwick (1916) Bharati Mukherjee (1940)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>John Ashbery (1927) Natalie Babbitt (1932) Karl Popper (1902) Beatrix Potter (1866) Manoel R. Querino (1851)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Chester Himes (1909) Stanley Kunitz (1905) Don Marquis (1878) Booth Tarkington (1869) José Manuel Valdés (1767)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Emily Brontë (1818) Elizabeth Haynes (1883) Samuel Rogers (1763) Giorgio Vasari (1511) Jose A. Villarreal (1924)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Lynne Reid Banks (1929) John Canton (1718) Primo Levi (1919) Ndabaningi Sithole (1920) Mary Walcott (1860)</p>	

Loving Literacy

Events, not books should be forbid. **Herman Melville** (b. 8/1/1819)

Let us secure not such books as people want, but books just above their wants, and they will reach up to take what is put out for them. **Maria Mitchell** (b. 8/1/1818)

You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, or who had ever been alive. **James Baldwin** (b. 8/2/1924)

You can lie to your wife or your boss, but you cannot lie to your typewriter. Sooner or later you must reveal your true self in your pages. **Leon Uris** (b. 8/3/1924)

The poet's pleasure in finding ingenious ways to enclose her secrets should be matched by the reader's pleasure in unlocking and revealing these secrets. **Diane Wakoski** (b. 8/3/1937)

[My poetry is] a way of coming to grips with reality . . . of discovery . . . of solving for the unknowns. **Robert Hayden** (b. 8/4/1913)

Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds. **Percy Bysshe Shelley** (b. 8/4/1792)

A people's literature is the great text-book for real knowledge of them. **Edith Hamilton** (b. 8/12/1867)

Talk of the happiness of getting a great prize in the lottery! What is that to the opening of a box of books! **Robert Southey** (b. 8/12/1774)

The only thing I was fit for was to be a writer, and this notion rested solely on my suspicion that I would never be fit for any real work, and that writing didn't require any. **Russell Baker** (b. 8/14/1925)

There is no denying the fact that writers should be read but not seen. **Edna Ferber** (b. 8/15/1885?)

Provoking, isn't it? that when one is most in need of sensible words, one finds them not. **Charlotte L. Forten Grimké** (b. 8/17/1837?)

Hiring someone to write your autobiography is like hiring someone to take a bath for you. **Mae West** (b. 8/17/1892?)

Poets aren't very useful. / Because they aren't consumeful or very produceful. **Ogden Nash** (b. 8/19/1902)

I have always come to life after coming to books. **Jorge Luis Borges** (b. 8/24/1889)

Just remember that reading is an art, and it is under just as much threat as writing. So please keep at it. **Martin Amis** (b. 8/25/1949)

The only fence against the world is a thorough knowledge of it. **John Locke** (b. 8/29/1632)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

8/1–2/2009: Lammas, Christian, celebrating first fruits with baked bread, adapted from the Wiccan harvest celebration of Lughnasadh.

8/4–5/2009: Lailat al Bara'at (sundown Tuesday through sundown Wednesday), Muslim. Sunni, aka Mid-Sha'ban, commemorating the saving of Noah's followers from the great deluge, sometimes called "Night of Emancipation." Shi'a, the birthdate of Imam al-Mahdi, believed to be the final Shi'a Imam, as well as the Mahdi, who will bring justice to the world.

8/5/2009: Raksha Bandhan (aka Rakhi), Hindu, celebrating the sister-brother relationship and the "bond of protection" between siblings.

8/14/2009: Krishna Janmashtami, Hindu, celebrating the birth of Krishna, 8th incarnation of Vishnu; women trace rice-flour-paste imprints of children's feet outside their homes, to symbolize Krishna's safe entry into foster care.

8/17/2009 (continuing for 8–10 days): Paryushana, Jain, key holy days celebrated by intensive fasting, repentance, and introspective reflection.

8/19/2009: Jamshedi Noruz, Zoroastrian New Year on Shenshai calendar.

8/21–9/20/2009: Ramadan (sundown 8/21 through sundown 9/20), lunar month commemorating Muhammad's receiving of the Qur'an's divine revelation; celebrated through charity, worshipful introspection, and compassion; a time to strengthen family and community ties.

8/22/1978: The U.S. Congress proposed the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, enabling District of Columbia citizens to participate fully in creating national legislation. It was never ratified.

8/23/2009 (and lasting for up to 10 days): Ganesh Chaturthi, Hindu, celebrating when the deity Ganesha appears on earth to all devotees.

8/24/2009: Khordad Sal, Zoroaster's birthday, Shenshai calendar (*cf.* 3/26)

8/28/1963: At the March on Washington, about 200,000 people heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., say, "We . . . remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. . . Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. . . In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. . . we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. . . even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' . . ."

8/29/1962: The U.S. Congress proposed Amendment XXIV, to eliminate the poll tax intended to prevent poor folks, especially African Americans, from voting. (Ratified 1/23/1964.)

August, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Because we all share this small planet earth, we have to learn to live in harmony and peace with each other and with nature. . . . we must share the good fortune that we enjoy. I speak to you as just another human being; as a simple monk. If you find what I say useful, then I hope you will try to practise it. . . . When we feel love and kindness towards others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace.</p> <p><i>Fourteenth Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso, b. 7/1/1935), Tibetan Buddhist (from his 1989 Nobel Lecture)</i></p>						1
2 Isabel Allende (1942) James A. Baldwin (1924) Ethel M. Dell (1881) Philippa Duke Schuyler (1931)	3 H. ibn Ali Bourguiba (1903) P. D. James (1920) Leon Uris (1924) Diane Wakoski (1937)	4 Robert Hayden (1913) Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792) Helen Thomas (1920) Susanna Wright (1697)	5 Mary Ritter Beard (1876) John Eliot (1604) Jacquetta Hawkes (1910) Guy de Maupassant (1850)	6 Lorna Cervantes (1954) Shirley Ann Jackson (1946) Susie Taylor (1848) "Dora" Wordsworth (1804)	7 Betsy Byars (1928) Paulina Davis (1813) Ernesto Galarza (1905) Excilia Saldaña (1946)	8 Alurista (1947) Jan Pienkowski (1936) Marjorie K. Rawlings (1896) Sara Teasdale (1884)
9 Patricia McKissack (1944) John Oldham (1653) Jean Piaget (1896) Izaak Walton (1593)	10 Jorge Amado (1912) Anna Julia Cooper (1858?) Beverly Lowry (1938) Era Bell Thompson (1906)	11 Enid Blyton (1897) Louise Bogan (1897) Alex Haley (1921) Carl T. Rowan (1925)	12 Katherine Lee Bates (1859) Edith Hamilton (1867) Walter Dean Myers (1937) Robert Southey (1774)	13 Anders Ångström (1814) William Caxton (1415?) Joycelyn Elders (1933) George Grove (1820)	14 Molefi Asante (1942) Russell Baker (1925) Ernest Everett Just (1883) Danielle Steel (1947)	15 Julia Child (1912) Gerty Cori (1896) Edna Ferber (1885?) (Sir) Walter Scott (1771)
16 Beatrice de Regniers (1914) Jean de La Bruyère (1645) Louis E. Lomax (1922) Wallace Thurman (1902) Wyatt Tee Walker (1929)	17 Pierre de Fermat (1601) Marcus Garvey (1887) Archibald Grimké (1849) Charlotte Grimké (1837?) Mae West (1892?)	18 Brian Aldiss (1925) Paula Danziger (1944) Meriwether Lewis (1774) Elsa Morante (1918) Alain Robbe-Grillet (1922)	19 James G. Cozzens (1903) John Dryden (1631) Mary Belle Harris (1874) Joaquim Nabuco (1849) Ogden Nash (1902)	20 Thomas Corneille (1625) Edgar A. Guest (1881) Maria Louise Pool (1841) Salvatore Quasimodo (1901) Roger Sperry (1913)	21 Aubrey Beardsley (1872) X. J. Kennedy (1929) Caroline Leigh (1926) Robert Stone (1937) Melvin Van Peebles (1932)	22 Ray Bradbury (1920) Kung Tzu-chen (1792) Dorothy Parker (1893) E. Annie Proulx (1935) Beatus Rhenanus (1485)
23 Jose A. Burciaga (1940) Erlinda B. Gonzales (1942) Constant Lambert (1905) Arnold Toynbee (1852) Sarah Whiting (1847)	24 Max Beerbohm (1872) Jorge Luis Borges (1889) A. S. Byatt (1936) Oscar Hijuelos (1951) Jean Rhys (1894)	25 Kjeld Abell (1901) Martin Amis (1949) Bret Harte (1836) Bill Nye (1850) Sherley A. Williams (1944)	26 Julio Cortázar (1914) Earl Derr Biggers (1884) Barbara Ehrenreich (1941) Zona Gale (1874) Antoine Lavoisier (1743)	27 Confucius (551 B.C.) Theodore Dreiser (1871) Nancy Friday (1938) Georg Hegel (1770) Amado Nervo (1870)	28 Rita Dove (1952) Roger Duvoisin (1904) Johann von Goethe (1749) Phyllis Krasilovsky (1926) Roger Tory Peterson (1908)	29 Anna Ella Carroll (1815) René Depestre (1926) Oliver Holmes (Sr.) (1809) John Locke (1632) Maurice Maeterlinck (1862)
30 Virginia Lee Burton (1909) Donald Crews (1938) Laurent de Brunhoff (1925) Mary W. Shelley (1797)	31 Eldridge Cleaver (1935) Maria Montessori (1870) Daniel Schorr (1916) Elizabeth S. P. Ward (1844)	<p>Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.</p> <p><i>Ephesians 4:31-32</i></p>				

Loving Literacy

I had once tried to write, had once reveled in feeling, had let my crude imagination roam, but the impulse to dream had been slowly beaten out of me by experience. Now it surged up again and I hungered for books, new ways of looking and seeing. **Richard Wright** (b. 9/4/1908)

A writer's ambition should be to trade a hundred contemporary readers for ten readers in ten years' time and one reader in a hundred years' time.

Arthur Koestler (b. 9/5/1905)

I can make you spend hours finding out about somebody that you would not invite to your dining table. **David Henry Bradley** (b. 9/7/1950)

I love smooth words, like gold-enameled fish / Which circle slowly with a silken swish. **Elinor Wylie** (b. 9/7/1885)

Literature is the art of writing something that will be read twice; journalism what will be grasped at once. **Cyril Connolly** (b. 9/10/1903)

The novel is the highest example of subtle interrelatedness that man has discovered. **D. H. (David Herbert) Lawrence** (b. 9/11/1885)

There are no dull subjects. There are only dull writers.

H. L. (Henry Louis) Mencken (b. 9/12/1880)

I think the whole glory of writing lies in the fact that it forces us out of ourselves and into the lives of others. **Sherwood Anderson** (b. 9/13/1876)

It took me fifteen years to discover I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous. **Robert Benchley** (b. 9/15/1889)

It was clear that the books owned the shop rather than the other way about.

Everywhere they had run wild and taken possession of their habitat.

Agatha Christie (b. 9/15/1890)

In literacy lay freedom for the black slave. **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** (b. 9/16/1950)

The greatest part of a writer's time is spent in reading, in order to write; a man will turn over half a library to make one book. **Samuel Johnson** (b. 9/18/1709)

There is nothing so important as the book can be.

Maxwell E. Perkins (b. 9/20/1884)

I'm sorry that I have written you a five-page letter. I didn't have time to write a one-page letter. **Philip Dormer Stanhope Chesterfield** (b. 9/22/1694)

This is part of the writer's calling: to look at our potentialities.

Alexis Deveau (b. 9/24/1948)

Read, read, read. Read everything—trash, classics, good and bad, and see how they do it. **William Faulkner** (b. 9/25/1897)

It is poetry that changes everything. **bell hooks** (b. 9/25/1952?)

There are men that will make you books and turn 'em loose into the world with as much dispatch as they would do a dish of fritters.

Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (b. 9/29?/1547)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

9/1/2009: Ecclesiastical year starts, Orthodox Christian.

9/7/2009: Labor Day, honoring the labor of all workers, as well as the labor movement, the labor unions, and other labor organizations.

9/8/2009: Birth of Jesus's mother Mary, Orthodox Christian, Roman Catholic.

9/11/2001: Religious and Cultural Tolerance Day, commemorating the suffering and grief wrought by hatred and intolerance.

9/15–16/2009 (sundown Tuesday through sundown Wednesday): Lailat al Qadr, Muslim, commemorating the night when the entire Qur'an was first communicated to the prophet Muhammad.

9/15/1963: Racial Harmony Day, commemorating the horrors of racism when four little girls were killed by a bomb that exploded in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

9/17/1787: The U.S. Congress adopted the U.S. Constitution.

9/18–20/2009 (sundown Friday through sundown Sunday): Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year, a time for devout Jews to look inward, to acknowledge their own transgressions, to resolve to live more righteously, and to offer forgiveness to others.

9/19/2009: Navaratri, Hindu, a 9-night festival of dance and worship of 3 aspects of the supreme goddess and divine mother. 1st 3 nights: devoted to Durga, attacking vices and impurities; 2nd 3: to Lakshmi, celebrating spiritual and material wealth; 3rd 3: to Saraswati, rejoicing in wisdom.

9/20–23/2009 (sundown Sunday through sundown Wednesday): Eid al-Fitr, Muslim, marking the end of Ramadan, a time of forgiveness and fellowship, of appreciating one's own good fortune, and of sharing one's good fortune with others.

9/22/2009: First Day of Autumn, Fall Equinox, Wiccan Mabon celebration of thanksgiving; the Goddess manifests as the Bountiful Mother of harvests.

9/24–25/1957: Under the protection of federal troops, nine courageous black students successfully entered Little Rock's formerly all-white Central High School. After many other setbacks, Little Rock's public schools opened as a fully integrated school system in the fall of 1959.

9/24/1965: President L. B. Johnson issued Executive Order 11246, requiring government contractors to "take affirmative action" to counteract prior discriminatory practices in all aspects of employment, including hiring.

9/27–28/2009 (sundown Sunday through sundown Monday): Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, considered the holiest day of the Jewish calendar; a time to seek forgiveness from God and from one another, and to atone for past misdeeds; devout Jews greet one another with the blessing, "May you be inscribed in the Book of Life."

September, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Edgar R. Burroughs (1875) Anna B. Comstock (1854) Karl August Folkers (1906) Rosa Guy (1925?) Lily Tomlin (1939)	2 Cleveland Amory (1917) Allen Drury (1918) Estebán Echeverría (1805) Lucretia P. Hale (1820) Giovanni Verga (1840)	3 Aliko (Brandenberg) (1929) Annie E. Delany (1891?) Marguerite Higgins (1920) Sarah Orne Jewett (1849) Alison Lurie (1926)	4 Katherine Biddle (1902) Syd Hoff (1912) Lewis Latimer (1848) Mary Renault (1905) Richard Wright (1908)	5 Tomaso Campanella (1568) Cathy Guisewhite (1950) Arthur Koestler (1905) Larry Neal (1937) Frank G. Yerby (1916)
6 Jane Addams (1860) Catharine Beecher (1800) Zelia Nuttall (1857) Joel Augustus Rogers (1883) Felix Salten (1869)	7 Louise Bennett (1919) Jean Hutson (1914) August Kekulé (1829) Edith Sitwell (1887) Elinor Wylie (1885)	8 Ludovico Ariosto (1474) Ann Beattie (1947) Jack Prelutsky (1940) Esther Rome (1945) Jon Scieszka (1954)	9 Mary Hunter Austin (1868) Delilah Beasley (1872) Sarah Douglass (1806) Sonia Sanchez (1934) Leo Tolstoy (1828)	10 Stephen Jay Gould (1941) H. D. (Hilda Doolittle) (1886) Georgia D. Johnson (1877) Mary Oliver (1935) Thomas Sydenham (1624)	11 Joanna Baillie (1762) "O. Henry" (1862) Mary Lease (1850) Jessica Mitford (1917) Pierre de Ronsard (1524)	12 Amílcar Cabral (1924) Irene (Joliot-)Curie (1897) Kristin Hunter (1931) Alfred A. Knopf (1892) H. L. Mencken (1880)
13 Oscar Arias Sanchez (1941) Maria L. Baldwin (1856) Andrew F. Brimmer (1926) Alain Locke (1886?) Mildred D. Taylor (1943)	14 William Armstrong (1914) A. von Humboldt (1769) Kate Millett (1934) Margaret Sanger (1883?) John Steptoe (1950)	15 Tomie de Paola (1934) Claude McKay (1890?) Anne Moody (1940) Nancy G. Prince (1799) Theodore Ward (1902)	16 Henry L. Gates, Jr. (1950) Karen Horney (1885) John Knowles (1926) H. A. Rey (1898) Frans E. Sillanpää (1888)	17 Elizabeth Enright (1909) Ken Kesey (1935) Agostinho Neto (1922) F. Quevedo y Villegas (1580) Mary Stewart (1916)	18 Agnes De Mille (1905) Samuel Johnson (1709) Laura Villela Sabia (1916) Anna D. Smith (1950) Joseph Story (1779)	19 Sarah Delany (1889?) William Golding (1911) James S. Haskins (1941) Penelope Mortimer (1918) Arthur Rackham (1867)
20 Judith Baca (1946) Maxwell E. Perkins (1884) Upton Sinclair (1878) "Stevie" (Florence Margaret) Smith (1902)	21 James Forten (Sr.) (1766) Stephen King (1947) Marsha Norman (1947) H. G. Wells (1866) Taro Yashima (1908)	22 Philip Chesterfield (1694) Julianne Malveaux (1953) Alice Meynell (1847) Esphyr Slobodkina (1908) Fay Weldon (1931)	23 Euripides (c. 480 B.C.) George Jackson (1941) John Avery Lomax (1875?) Mary E. C. Terrell (1863) Victoria Woodhull (1838)	24 Alexis Deveau (1948) Frances Harper (1825) Severo Ochoa (1905) Jessie Smith (1930) Horace Walpole (1717)	25 Fannie F. Andrews (1867) William Faulkner (1897) Felicia Hemans (1793) "bell hooks" (1952) William Rossetti (1829)	26 Charles Bradlaugh (1833) T. S. Eliot (1888) Martin Heidegger (1889) Ivan Pavlov (1849) Ellen Tarry (1906)
27 Louis Auchincloss (1917) George Cruikshank (1792) Louis Johnson (1924) Myrtle Reed (1874) Bernard Waber (1924)	28 James E. Campbell (1867) Prosper Mérimée (1803) David Walker (1785) Kate Douglas Wiggin (1856) Frances Willard (1839)	29 Stan Berenstain (1923) Colin Dexter (1930) Enrico Fermi (1901) Elizabeth Gaskell (1810) Konraty F. Ryleyev (1795)	30 Truman Capote (1924) Edgar d'Aulaire (1898) Laura Esquivel (1950) Alvin Tresselt (1916) Elie Wiesel (1928)			

Loving Literacy

Poetry is an effort to express the unexpressable in terms of the unforgettable.

Louis Untermeyer (b. 10/1/1885)

I didn't invent the world I write about—it's all true. **Graham Greene**
(b. 10/2/1904)

Books . . . are all I have, . . . and I live with them constantly. **Wallace Stevens**
(b. 10/2/1879)

Always there should be books—chosen more to divert than to strain the reader's attention. **Emily Post** (b. 10/3/1873?)

A writer is someone who writes, that's all. You can't stop it; you can't make yourself do anything else but that. **Gore Vidal** (b. 10/3/1925)

Publishing is a very mysterious business. It is hard to predict what kind of sale or reception a book will have, and advertising seems to do very little good.

Thomas Wolfe (b. 10/3/1900)

Writing, which is my form of celebration and prayer, is also my way of inquiry.

Diane Ackerman (b. 10/7/1948)

As I stared at the books, I suddenly understood that I didn't know a hell of a lot about anything. What it was that seemed to move me then was that learning was *important*. **Amiri Baraka** (b. 10/7/1934)

Great writers leave us not just their words, but a way of looking at things.

Elizabeth Hall Janeway (b. 10/7/1913)

A man is a fool not to put everything he has, at any given moment, into what he is creating. . . . It's a matter of just sitting down and working. I have never had the problem of a writing block. **Frank Herbert** (b. 10/8/1920)

Good writing excites me, and makes life worth living.

Harold Pinter (b. 10/10/1930)

Writing is a labor of love and also an act of defiance, a way to light a candle in a gale wind. **Alice Childress** (b. 10/12/1916?)

Isn't it a joy—there is hardly a greater one—to find a new book, a living book, and to know that it will remain with you while life lasts? **Katherine Mansfield** (b. 10/14/1888)

A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say. **Italo Calvino**
(b. 10/15/1923)

Reading, to me, is simply the expansion of one's mind to include some people whom you just didn't get to meet before. **Ntozake Shange** (b. 10/18/1948)

I was born with the impression that what happened in books was much more reasonable, and interesting, and real, in some ways, than what happened in life.

Anne Tyler (b. 10/25/1941)

When I get a little money, I buy books; and if any is left, I buy food and clothes.

Desiderius Erasmus (b. 10/26–27/1466?)

Love the words. **Dylan Marlais Thomas** (b. 10/27/1914)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

10/1/1962: Despite eruptions of violence, James Meredith became the first African-American student to enroll in the University of Mississippi.

10/02–10/09/2009 (sundown Friday through sundown the following Friday): Sukkot, Jewish, commemorating the 40 years the Israelites spent living in huts as they wandered in the desert after their escape from Egypt.

10/4/2009: St. Francis Day, Christian, celebrating the life of St. Francis; the blessing of domestic animals and an appreciation of the natural world

10/5/2005: Many states (e.g., MI, NE, NY, AK, NJ, MN [1999]) and cities (e.g., Philadelphia) proclaimed Raoul Wallenberg Day, commemorating 10/5/1981, when Wallenberg became the second person awarded honorary U.S. citizenship. A Swedish diplomat, he had saved about 100,000 Hungarian Jews and resisters to Nazism from Nazi persecution during WWII. Canada awarded him Canadian citizenship, too; it honors Raoul Wallenberg Day on 1/17, the day in 1945 when he “disappeared.”

10/9/2009: Birthday of Guru Ram Das (9/24/1534, solar calendar), Sikh.

10/10–10/11/2009 (sundown Saturday through sundown Sunday): Simchat Torah, Jewish, rejoicing in the readings of the Torah, marking the end of one annual cycle of Torah readings (the last section of Deuteronomy) and the beginning of the next year's readings (the first section of Genesis); considered one of the most joyful days in the Jewish calendar.

10/12/1492: Columbus Day, Indigenous People's Day, and Dia de la Raza (Day of the People), commemorating the arrival of Europeans in culturally rich and often tragically welcoming Native America.

10/16/2009: Dictionary Day, celebrating the 1758 birth of U.S. lexicographer Noah Webster.

10/17/2009 (and lasting for 5 days and nights): Diwali, Hindu, Jain, and Sikh “Festival of Lights,” the lighting of lamps to celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of hope over despair; considered one of the most popular Hindu holidays. 10/17/1619: the release from prison of the sixth Sikh guru, along with 52 princes who followed him, commemorated by Sikhs.

10/20/1819: Birth of the Báb, né Siyyid (or Mirza) Al-Muhammad, the founder of Babism, which preceded and is central to the Baha'i faith, which also incorporates Muslim, Judaic, and Christian beliefs.

10/24/1945: United Nations Day; countries of the world founded the United Nations, in the hope of promoting world peace and justice.

10/31/1517: Martin Luther nailed his theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, questioning Catholic Church practices and Papal authority.

10/31/2009: Samhain, Celtic Feast of the Dead, sometimes also celebrated as Celtic New Year. Adapted to the Christian holy day of Halloween, or All Hallow's Eve, the evening before All Saints (Hallows) Day.

October, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Let us follow the path of goodness for all times, Let us be charitable to one another. Let us not kill or be violent with one another. Let us know and appreciate the points of view of others. And let us unite. <i>Hindu Prayer</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p>Faith Baldwin (1893) Jerome Bruner (1915) Jimmy Carter (1924) John B. Russwurm (1799) Louis Untermeyer (1885)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Hannah Adams (1755) Patrick Geddes (1854) Graham Greene (1904) Wallace Stevens (1879) Nat Turner (1800)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>T. Thomas Fortune (1856) James Herriot (1916) Emily Post (1873?) Geraldine Trotter (1872) Gore Vidal (1925)</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Jackie Collins (1937) Munro Leaf (1905) Bernice J. Reagon (1942) Donald J. Sobol (1924) Alvin Toffler (1928)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Peter Ackroyd (1949) Denis Diderot (1713) Louise Fitzhugh (1928) Václav Havel (1936) Gene Zion (1913)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Richard Dedekind (1831) Caroline Gordon (1895) Thor Heyerdahl (1914) Rebecca Lobo (1973) Victoria Spivey (1906)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Diane Ackerman (1948) Amiri Baraka (1934) Alice Dalgliesh (1893) Elizabeth Janeway (1913) Thomas Keneally (1935)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Frank Herbert (1920) Mary Pennington (1872) John Cowper Powys (1872) Faith Ringgold (1930) R. L. Stine (1943)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mary Ann S. Cary (1823) Bruce Catton (1899) John Lennon (1940) Tadeusz Rozewicz (1921) Léopold Senghor (1906)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Frederick Barthelme (1943) James Clavell (1924) James Marshall (1942) Harold Pinter (1930) Ken Saro-Wiwa (1941)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Carlos Arniches (1866) Russell Freedman (1929) Harriet Hawes (1871) Elmore Leonard (1925) Ethel Mannin (1900)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Alice Childress (1916?) William Cobb (1904) Dick Gregory (1932) Joyce A. Ladner (1943) Ann Petry (1908?)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Arna Bontemps (1902) Lenny Bruce (1926?) "Herblock" (1909) Saunders Redding (1906) Askia M. Touré (1938)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hannah Arendt (1906) e. e. cummings (1894) Miles Franklin (1879) Lois Lenski (1893) Katherine Mansfield (1888)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>John K. Galbraith (1908) Helen Hunt Jackson (1830) Marie Stopes (1880) Virgil (70 B.C.) P. G. Wodehouse (1881)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Robert Ardrey (1908) Günter Grass (1927) Eugene O'Neill (1888) Noah Webster (1758) Oscar Wilde (1854)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Lerone Bennett (Jr.) (1928) Elinor Glyn (1864) Jupiter Hammon (1711?) Arthur Miller (1915) Nathanael West (1903?)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Mamie Phipps Clark (1917) Fannie Hurst (1889) Terry McMillan (1951) Ntozake Shange (1948) Wendy Wasserstein (1950)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Renata Adler (1938) Miguel Asturias (1899) Johnnetta B. Cole (1936) Edward Emberley (1931) Lewis Mumford (1895)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Frederic Bartlett (1886) Art Buchwald (1925) John Dewey (1859) Crockett Johnson (1906) Robert Pinsky (1940)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Florence Ai Ogawa (1947) Samuel Coleridge (1772) Carrie Fisher (1956) Ursula Le Guin (1929) Ahmos Zu-Bolton, III (1935)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ivan Bunin (1870) Julie Dash (1952) Abigail S. Duniway (1834) Doris Lessing (1919) John Reed (1887)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>John Russell Bartlett (1805) Michael Crichton (1942) Marjorie Flack (1897) Pierre Larousse (1817) Anita Roddick (1942)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sara J. B. Hale (1788) Moss Hart (1904) A. v. Leeuwenhoek (1632) Denise Levertov (1923) Bruno Munari (1907)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Carolyn Bailey (1875) Eduardo Barrios (1884) John Berryman (1914) Thomas Macaulay (1800) Anne Tyler (1941)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>John Arden (1930) Edward Brooke, III (1919) Steven Kellogg (1941) Beryl Markham (1902) C. P. Scott (1846)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Enid Bagnold (1889) Ruby Dee (1927) Desiderius Erasmus (1466?) Maxine H. Kingston (1940) Dylan Thomas (1914)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ayi Kwei Armah (1939?) Anna Dickinson (1842) Auguste Escoffier (1846) Ishikawa Takuboku (1885) Evelyn Waugh (1903)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>James Boswell (1740) Jean Giraudoux (1882) Othniel C. Marsh (1831) Bill Mauldin (1921) Guillermo Valencia (1873)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Rudolf A. Anaya (1937) Gertrude Atherton (1857) Robert A. Caro (1935) Elizabeth Roberts (1881) Irma Rombauer (1877)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Natalie C. Barney (1876) John Evelyn (1620) Mary E. W. Freeman (1852) John Keats (1795) Katherine Paterson (1932)</p>

Loving Literacy

It has been said that writing comes more easily if you have something to say.

Sholem Asch (b. 11/1/1880)

I don't make jokes—I just watch the government and report the facts. **Will Rogers** (b. 11/4/1879)

Those who write clearly have readers; those who write obscurely have commentators. **Albert Camus** (b. 11/7/1913)

I hoard books. They are people who do not leave. **Anne Sexton** (b. 11/9/1928)

I wrote the scenes . . . by using the same apprehensive imagination that occurs in the morning before an afternoon's appointment with my dentist.

John P. (Phillips) Marquand (b. 11/10/1893)

Bad books are about things the writer already knew before he wrote them.

Carlos Fuentes (b. 11/11/1928)

This is what I find most encouraging about the writing trades: They allow mediocre people who are patient and industrious to revise their stupidity, to edit themselves into something like intelligence.

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. (b. 11/11/1922)

Any writer overwhelmingly honest about pleasing himself is almost sure to please others. **Marianne Moore** (b. 11/15/1887)

Poetry is where the language is renewed. **Margaret Eleanor Atwood** (b. 11/18/1939)

Writing is making sense of life. **Nadine Gordimer** (b. 11/20/1923)

Language is very difficult to put into words. **Voltaire** (b. 11/21/1694)

I easily sink into mere absorption of what other minds have done, and should like a whole life for that alone. **George Eliot (néé Mary Ann Evans)** (b. 11/22/1819)

Authors who please everyone at once are quickly exhausted. **André Gide** (b. 11/22/1869)

I am as interested in *how* things are said as I am in what is said.

Gayl Jones (b. 11/23/1949)

It's not the answer that enlightens, but the question.

Eugène Ionesco (b. 11/26/1912)

Most people like reading about what they already know.

Nancy Mitford (b. 11/28/1904)

That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with profit.

(Amos) Bronson Alcott (b. 11/29/1799)

No matter how true I believe what I am writing to be, if the reader cannot also participate in that truth, then I have failed. **Madeleine L'Engle** (b. 11/29/1918)

Personally I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.

Winston Churchill (b. 11/30/1874)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

11/1/1919: California ratified Amendment XIX, extending suffrage to women.

11/1/2009: Samhain (starting at sundown the previous evening), Wiccan, celebrating the dark season.

All Saints Day (All Hallows Day), Christian, honoring all saints, known and unknown.

National Author's Day.

11/2/2009: All Souls Day, Christian, honoring the deceased.

11/2/2009: Coronation Day, Rastafarian, celebrating the 1930 coronation of the divine Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie.

11/3/2009: Election Day in many U.S. locations.

11/4/1995: An extremist Israeli radical assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, outraged that Rabin had signed the Oslo Peace Accords.

11/7/1693: King Carlos II of Spain proclaimed his promise of freedom to any English slaves who escaped to Florida. In October 1687, Florida's Governor Cendoya had already freed 11 fugitive slaves who arrived there. Afterward, hundreds of English slaves fled *south* to freedom in Florida.

11/9/1999: The U.S. Congress awarded its Gold Medal to the Little Rock Nine: Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Terrence Roberts, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Minnijean Brown, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed, and Melba Pattillo Beals.

11/12/2009: Birthday of Baha'u'llah, the Baha'i Messiah and teacher.

11/15/2009: Shichigosan (seven, *shichi*; five, *go*; three, *san*), Shinto, a day of thanksgiving for young children (ages 3, 5, 7).

11/24/1675: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur, ninth Sikh guru and champion of religious freedom.

11/24/1859: Charles Darwin published *On the Origin of Species by Natural Selection, or The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life* (printed 10/1/1859); booksellers had bought every copy 2 days earlier.

11/25–11/26/2009 (sundown Wednesday through sundown Thursday): Waqf al Arafa, Muslim, when Hajji pilgrims and other Muslims pray for forgiveness and mercy. Day of the Covenant, Baha'i, celebrating the covenant given to the faithful in Baha'u'llah's last will and testament.

11/26/2009: Thanksgiving, U.S. traditional day of gathering with family and friends to appreciate and cherish our own bounties and privileges.

11/26–11/30/2009 (sundown Thursday through sundown Monday): Eid al-Adha, Muslim, the final celebration of the *hajj* (pilgrimage) to Mekkah, commemorating Abraham's devotion and faithful sacrifice to God.

11/27–11/28/2009 (sundown Friday through sundown Saturday): Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha, the son of Baha'u'llah, Baha'i.

11/29/2009: First Sunday of Advent, anticipating the arrival of Christmas.

November, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Sholem Asch (1880) Margaret T. Burroughs (1917) Stephen Crane (1871) Naomi Mitchison (1897) Nicholasa Mohr (1938?)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>George Boole (1815) Michelle Cliff (1946) Odysseus Elytis (1911) Shere Hite (1942) Georges Sorel (1847)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Karl Baedeker (1801) Gyo Fujikawa (1908) Lucan (39) André Malraux (1901) Evelyn Nieves (1959)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ciro Alegria (1909) Walter Cronkite (1916) G. E. Moore (1873) Will Rogers (1879) Alex Shoumatoff (1946)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Will Durant (1885) Anna Leonowens (1834) Hans Sachs (1494) Ida M. Tarbell (1857) Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Colley Cibber (1671) James Jones (1921) Cesare Lombroso (1836) Mike Nichols (1931) Harold W. Ross (1892)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Albert Camus (1913) Marie Curie (1867) Margaret Leech (1893) Konrad Lorenz (1903) Ruth Pitter (1897)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Horace Mann Bond (1904) Dorothy Day (1897) Margaret Mitchell (1900) Hermann Rorschach (1884) Bram Stoker (1847)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Benjamin Banneker (1731) Allama M. Iqbal (1877) Florence Sabin (1871) Carl Sagan (1934) Anne Sexton (1928)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>M. Cota-Cárdenas (1941) Oliver Goldsmith (1730) William Hogarth (1697) Martin Luther (1483) Mabel Todd (1856)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Gordon Allport (1897) Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1821) Shirley G. Du Bois (1904) Carlos Fuentes (1928) Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. (1922)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Baha'u'llah (1817) Tracy Kidder (1945) Marjorie Sharmat (1928) Elizabeth C. Stanton (1815) Ben Travers (1886)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Augustine of Hippo (354) Wanda Coleman (1946) Mary Kingsley (1862) Arnold Rampersad (1941) C. Vann Woodward (1908)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Astrid Lindgren (1907) Charles Lyell (1797) Miska Miles (1899) William Steig (1907) Taha Hussein (1889)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sara J. Baker (1873) Richmal Crompton (1890) David McCord (1897) Marianne Moore (1887) Daniel Pinkwater (1941)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chinua Achebe (1930) Jean Fritz (1915) Paula Giddings (1947) W. C. Handy (1873) George S. Kaufman (1889)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Jean d'Alembert (1717) Eliza Farnham (1815) Shelby Foote (1916) August F. Möbius (1790) Auberon Waugh (1939)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Margaret Atwood (1939) "Dorothy Dix" (1861) George Gallup (1901) Elizabeth Gilmer (1870) Howard Thurman (1900)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>William Attaway (1911) Dick Cavett (1936) Lyda M. Merrick (1890) Sharon Olds (1942) Francis Whipper (1845)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Thomas Chatterton (1752) Alistair Cooke (1908) Nadine Gordimer (1923) Selma Lagerlöf (1858) Pauli Murray (1910)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Beryl Bainbridge (1932?) Tina Brown (1953) Marilyn French (1929) Elizabeth Speare (1908) "Voltaire" (1694)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Abigail Adams (1744) Hoagy Carmichael (1899) Abby Morton Diaz (1821) "George Eliot" (1819) André Gide (1869)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Trudy D. Haynes (1926) Gayl Jones (1949) Helen Reid (1882) Marie Van Vorst (1867) Maurice Zolotow (1913)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Margaret Anderson (1886?) Frances H. Burnett (1849) Dale Carnegie (1888) Carlo Collodi (1826) Baruch Spinoza (1632)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ba Jin (1904) Marc Brown (1946) Helen Santmyer (1895) Lewis Thomas (1913) Lope de Vega (1562)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>William Cowper (1731) Sarah M. Grimké (1792) Charles M. Schulz (1922) Eric Sevareid (1912) Mary Walker (1832)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>James Agee (1909) Barbara Brandon (1958) Fanny Kemble (1809) Elsie Crews Parsons (1875) José Asunción Silva (1865)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>William Blake (1757) Friedrich Engels (1820) Carol Gilligan (1936) Claude Lévi-Strauss (1908) Nancy Mitford (1904)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Louisa May Alcott (1832) Jean-Martin Charcot (1825) Christian Doppler (1803) Madeline L'Engle (1918) C. S. Lewis (1898)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Angela Brazil (1868) Shirley Chisholm (1924) L. M. Montgomery (1874) Jonathan Swift (1667) Margot Zemach (1931)</p>	<p>Gracious Lady, Mother of all that lives, We call out to you to guide all of your children. Bless our eyes, that we may see each other with love. Bless our ears, that we may hear each other with understanding. Bless our mouths, that we may speak to each other with compassion. Bless our hands, that they may heal, not harm. Bless our feet, that we may walk beside each other in peace. <i>Wiccan prayer</i></p>				

Loving Literacy

Of all books, novels, which the Muses should love, make a serious claim on our compassion. **Joseph Conrad** (b. 12/3/1857)

The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them.

Samuel (“Erewhon”) Butler (b. 12/4/1835)

The best effect of any book is that it excites the reader to self-activity.

Thomas Carlyle (b. 12/4/1795)

I write entirely to find out what I’m thinking, what I’m looking at, what I see and what it means. What I want and what I fear. **Joan Didion** (b. 12/5/1934)

Every good story . . . must leave in the mind of the sensitive reader an intangible residuum of pleasure. **Willa Cather** (b. 12/7/1873)

The secret of all good writing is sound judgment. **Horace** (b. 12/8/65 B.C.)

The devoted writer of humor must continue to try to come as close to the truth as he can, even if he gets burned in the process. **James Grover Thurber** (b. 12/8/1894)

A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit. **John Milton** (b. 12/9/1608)

If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know that is poetry.

Emily Elizabeth Dickinson (b. 12/10/1830)

Writing is a dog’s life, but the only life worth living. **Gustave Flaubert** (b. 12/12/1821)

No author is a man of genius to his publisher. **Heinrich Heine** (b. 12/13/1797)

I put the poem on paper by sense and touch, much like a blind person fumbling in the dark for light. **Carolyn M. Rodgers** (b. 12/14/1945)

Literature is the last banquet between minds. **Edna O’Brien** (b. 12/15/1930?)

Breathe-in experience, breathe-out poetry. **Muriel Rukeyser** (b. 12/15/1913)

It is very worthwhile to be tormented for two or three years of one’s life, for the sake of being able to read all the rest of it. **Jane Austen** (b. 12/16/1775)

The words! I collected them in all shapes and sizes, and hung them like bangles in my mind. **Hortense Calisher** (b. 12/20/1911)

When I want to read a novel I write one. **Benjamin Disraeli** (b. 12/21/1804)

I write books to find out about things. **Rebecca West** (b. 12/21/1892)

Have something to say, and say it as clearly as you can. That is the only secret of style. **Matthew Arnold** (b. 12/24/1822)

Any fool may write a most valuable book by chance, if he will only tell us what he heard and saw with veracity. **Thomas Gray** (b. 12/26/1716)

Writing, like life itself, is a voyage of discovery. **Henry Miller** (b. 12/26/1891)

In the case of books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you. **Mortimer Adler**

(b. 12/28/1902)

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind. **Rudyard Kipling** (b. 12/30/1865)

Celebrating Liberty, Courage, and Harmony

12/1/1955, Montgomery, Alabama: Rosa Parks defied legal segregated busing.

12/21/1956: The Montgomery Bus Boycott achieved bus desegregation.

12/6/2009: St. Nicholas Day, Christian saint who gave gifts to Dutch children.

12/8/2009: Bodhi Day, commemorating Siddhartha Gautama’s enlightenment, becoming the Buddha (“Awakened One”) and experiencing Nirvana.

12/10/1948: Human Rights Day; the United Nations proclaimed the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, observing that “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.”

12/11–12/19/2009 (sundown 12/11 through sundown 12/19): Hanukkah, celebrating rebellion against oppression and a miracle of hope and faith.

12/12/2009: Advent, Orthodox Christian.

Appearance of the Virgen de Guadalupe, Mexican Christian

12/15/1791: Ratification of the U.S. Bill of Rights, e.g., I. “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

12/18/2009: Al Hijra, Muslim New Year, commemorating when Mohammed migrated from Mecca to Medina, to establish a community of Islam.

12/21/2009: Winter Solstice, Wiccan, celebrating the longest night of the year. Asatru (celebrated for 12 nights), key Norse Yule celebration of the New Year; ancient Norse and Germanic children left their boots (filled with hay and sugar) by the hearth on Solstice Eve; Odin left them gifts in exchange.

12/23/2001: Human Light Day, when humanists celebrate “a future in which all people can identify with each other, behave with the highest moral standards, and work together toward a happy, just and peaceful world.”

12/24–12/25/2009: Christmas Eve (12/24) and Christmas Day (12/25), celebrating the birth of baby Jesus, a time of giving and forgiving.

12/26/2009: Zarathosht Diso, Zoroastrian commemoration of the death of the prophet Zarathustra. Boxing Day, Christian, celebrating charitable giving.

12/26/2009–01/01/2010: Kwanzaa (since 1966), celebrating *Umoja* (unity), *Kujichagulia* (self-determination), *Ujima* (collective responsibility), *Ujamaa* (cooperative economics), *Nia* (purpose), *Kuumba* (creativity), and *Imani* (faith).

12/26–12/27/2009 (sundown Saturday through sundown Sunday): Ashura. Muslim, honoring Abraham’s birthday and the day Mecca’s Kaba’a was built. Shi’a Muslim, Martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali, Muhammad’s grandson.

12/28/2009: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Christian, honoring familial love.

12/31/2009: New Year’s Eve, western solar-calendar tradition.

December, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Woody Allen (1935) Christine Ladd-Franklin (1847) Berta V. Scharrer (1906) Rex Stout (1886) Paulette C. White (1948)	2 Sissela Bok (1934) Juana de la Cruz (1648) Nikos Kazantzákis (1885?) David Macaulay (1946) Charles Harris Wesley (1891)	3 Joseph Conrad (1857) Anna Freud (1895) Mary Lamb (1764) John von Neumann (1903) Ellen H. S. Richards (1911)	4 Samuel Butler (1835) Thomas Carlyle (1795) Persius (34) Rainer Rilke (1874) A. L. Rowse (1903)	5 Joan Didion (1934) Christina Rossetti (1830) Kate Simon (1912) Calvin Trillin (1935) John A. Williams (1925)
6 William Braithwaite (1878) Ira Gershwin (1896) Libbie H. Hyman (1888) Joyce Kilmer (1886) Osbert Sitwell (1892)	7 Willa Cather (1873) Noam Chomsky (1928) Pearl Cleage (1948) Virginia Kirkus (1893) Constance Skinner (1877)	8 Mary Bateson (1939) Mary Gordon (1949) Horace (65 B.C.) Delmore Schwartz (1913) James Thurber (1894)	9 Joel Chandler Harris (1848) Dolores Ibarruri (1895) John Milton (1608) Dalton Trumbo (1905) Sarah E. Wright (1928)	10 Melvil Dewey (1851) Emily Dickinson (1830) Ada Lovelace (1815) Nelly Sachs (1891) Lucy Wood (1892)	11 Annie J. Cannon (1863) Birago Ismael Diop (1906) Nagib Mahfuz (1911) Grace Paley (1922) Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918)	12 Rachel Crothers (1878) Erasmus Darwin (1731) Gustave Flaubert (1821) John Osborne (1929) Lillian E. Smith (1897)
13 Emily Carr (1871) Marc Connelly (1890) William Hamilton (1730) Heinrich Heine (1797) Laurens Van der Post (1906)	14 Tycho Brahe (1546) Paul Éluard (1895) Shirley H. Jackson (1916?) Nostradamus (1503) Carolyn M. Rodgers (1945)	15 Donald Goines (1937) Kathryn Johnson (1878?) Edna O'Brien (1930?) Muriel Rukeyser (1913) Lazarus L. Zamenhof (1859)	16 Jane Austen (1775) Arthur C. Clarke (1917) Marie Hall Ets (1893) Margaret Mead (1901) (Jorge) Santayana (1863)	17 Erskine Caldwell (1903) Deborah S. Gannett (1760) William Safire (1929) Harriet Upton (1853) John G. Whittier (1807)	18 Stephen Biko (1946) Ossie Davis (1917) Gladys R. H. Dick (1881) "Saki" (1870) Charles Wesley (1707)	19 Eve Bunting (1928) Margaret Livermore (1820) Su Dongpo (c. 1036) Eleanor Porter (1868) Carter G. Woodson (1875)
20 Hortense Calisher (1911) Sandra Cisneros (1954) Susanne Langer (1895) William C. Nell (1816) William J. Wilson (1935)	21 Heinrich Böll (1917) Gertrude B. Lane (1874) Mary Virginia Terhune (1830) Rebecca West (1892) Frank Zappa (1940)	22 Sara Coleridge (1802) Andrew Huxley (1917) James Amos Porter (1905) Kenneth Rexroth (1905) Edwin A. Robinson (1869)	23 Avi (Wortis) (1937) Robert Bly (1926) J-F. Champollion (1790) Harriet Monroe (1860) Joseph Smith (1805)	24 Fernan Caballero (1796) Elizabeth Chandler (1807) Mary Higgins Clark (1931) Juan Ramón Jiménez (1881) Ignatius of Loyola (1491)	25 Carlos Castañeda (1925) William Demby (1922) Benjamin Tanner (1835) Lila A. Wallace (1889) Dorothy Wordsworth (1771)	26 Charles Babbage (1792) Thomas Gray (1716) David Sedaris (1956) Jean Toomer (1894) Mao Zedong (1893)
27 Ingri d'Aulaire (1904) Meg Greenfield (1930) Johannes Kepler (1571) Charles Olson (1910) Louis Pasteur (1822)	28 Pio Baroja y Nessi (1872) Arthur Eddington (1882) Emily Cheney Neville (1919) Manuel Puig (1932) Catharine Sedgwick (1789)	29 Joaquín Acosta (1799?) Molly Bang (1943) Ovid Densusianu (1873) Jean Sénac (1926) Robert C. Weaver (1907)	30 Paul Bowles (1910) L. P. Hartley (1895) Rudyard Kipling (1865) Sara Lidman (1923) Mercer Mayer (1943)	31 Pamela Bianco (1906) Hung Shen (1894) Clarence Major (1936) Giovanni Pascoli (1855) Andreas Vesalius (1514)		

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