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## Chapter 1 : The Idiot's Guide to Dealing With Idiots

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You probably fancy yourself a knight in shining armor or a lady of high romance. Well, listen up, readers! I am commissioned to prepare you for the Holy War. If you have a weak stomach, put this book back on the shelf and back out now. If you have the guts, turn the page, and enter boot camp. No subject is more compelling or more interesting. But we have to start with an understanding of the circumstances that gave rise to this earth-shaking event. Why were hundreds of thousands suddenly willing in to embark on a three-thousand-mile trek to save the tomb of Jesus Christ from Arab hands? Why did great multitudes go on the march in , when the Turks had committed no extraordinary act of aggression against Christendom? Why the wild and suicidal assaults on trained armies by peasants, women, and children when their way of life was not at risk? The Grimness of Daily Life The world is filled with strange sights and sounds. The people are smelly and dirty. Their hair is long, matted, and filled with lice. Their teeth are broken and decayed. Their breath is as fetid as a sudden outburst of sewer gas. Their faces are scarred by pox and covered with grime. Their clothesâ€”even the clothes of the noblewomenâ€”are ragged and shabby. Their body odor, unmasked by perfume, is as odiferous as a vat of Limburger cheese in mid-July. And the living conditions are appalling. Even life in a castle is not as good as the grimmest hotel in Vera Cruz. The first castles were constructed at the end of the ninth century, built to defend the people of the manor from barbarian invasions. The castles are cold, dark, and devoid of any comforts. Everything is covered with filth and grime. And the beds are swarming with hundreds of bedbugs that really bite. The food will make you retch. The meat is rancid, undercooked, and indigestible. The bread is covered with mold. A favorite at feasts is a plate of eels boiled in broth, along with helpings of frogs, toads, and snails. The most common meat is pork. Pigs eat the garbage and people eat the pigs. Great sausages, stuffed with blood, are a delight. When you bite into them, the blood spurts from your mouth. Other delicacies are partridges, thrushes, peacocks, and cranes. There are no potatoes, tomatoes, coffee, or tea. Dairy products, except for slabs of green cheese, are uncommon. Salads are unknown and confections are rare. Every Being a woman in the Middle thing is bland. In this world, there is neither sugar nor Ages was not easy. Civil and spice nor anything nice. There are no books so no one reads. An average girl of 17 has been married for three years and has three children. The population levels are incredibly lowâ€”less than a million in England and scarcely six million in France. Everywhere before us stretch dark, impenetrable forests, cutting off the scattered human settlements from each other and making each village a country unto itself. There are no towns, no schools, and no marketplaces. The huts of the peasants are one-room hovels. They have earthen floors, no windows, and a simple hole in the roof through which most of the smoke from the open fire can pass. Children, parents, and grandparents are crowded within the confines of these one-room structures, along with the few farm animals the family might possess. People live, die, have sex, and perform bodily functions in full and open view of one another. There are no amenities. The beds are piles of straw that are infested with fleas and ticks. Christian Chronicles Speaking of sex, people mate like dogs. The woman usually bends over and the man mounts her from behind. Serfdom The peasants have hollow cheeks and bulging eyes. Their stomachs are swollen by starvation. Their bodies are deformed by ricketsâ€”a condition caused by severe malnutrition. Their teeth are green and worn to the gums, attesting to a diet that includes grass as a principal staple. A common disease among these unpleasant and foul-smelling creatures is something called holy fire, caused by moldy rye in the bread. This disease makes the peasants break out in sores, vomit blood and bile, and foam at the mouth like rabid dogs. The forest is filled with wildlifeâ€”deer, boar, bear, pheasant, quailâ€”but the peasants are not permitted to hunt. Such sport is reserved for lords and members of their households. Here in a medieval hamlet at the time of the millennium you have re-entered the age of wood. I know Europe entered the Iron Age around B. But iron, in this year of

C. It must be used for weapons so that the lords can protect the people from brigands, barbarians, and neighboring warlords. When they attempt to use an ox to till the soil, they harness the animal to a wooden plough by wrapping thick cords of leather around its neck. Faced with endemic starvation, many peasants with impunity. But serfs were have become serfs, but it is a harsh bargain: Working for the Lord of the Manor The medieval world is a world without central authority. Lords are constantly at war with other lords. The possibilities for altercation are endless: The lords want to expand their holdings in order to bestow gifts of land or fiefs to loyal vassals and members of their households. But there are other enemies in this world: And there are the barbarians, especially the dreaded Norsemen, who periodically appear to rape, pillage, and loot every manor in Christendom. For this reason, the lords surround themselves with paid or indentured warriors, relatives or friends of relatives, who are bound to them by oaths of fealty. To break an oath is the most serious of sins. It constitutes not only a breach of trust, but also a sacrilege. Oaths and only oaths hold this fragile society together. When the lord goes to war, all his vassals and relatives to the seventh degree are obliged to follow and fight for him for 40 days. There is not a day in the eleventh and twelfth centuries when some part of what is now France is not at war. The feudal aristocracy revolves around the use of the sword, shield, mace, and lance; around the proper fit of helmet and chain-mail hauberk ; around the breeding and selection of war-horses fit to bear armored warriors with speed and agility. The lords and the knights live to kill. These guys love to hunt. Nothing is more entertaining than to spend a day tracking down a wild boar, to bring it to bay, to lay it low with arrows, and to hack off its head with a broadsword. Such game is brought to the castle for feasts. Their low crop yields mean that there is never enough corn or fodder to feed the animals through the winter. They can only keep their cattle until late December when the animals are slaughtered and the people enjoy several days of feasting. At feasts, hunting dogs wander over the long tables for scraps of meat. No one eats with knives and forks. People just rip into the poorly cooked meat with their incredibly dirty fingers and gorge themselves. To express pleasure at a medieval feast, guests belch loudly or expel gas. Neither napkins nor handkerchiefs have been invented. People blow their noses on their shirtsleeves, in their hands, or on the floor. No one at the table gives a thought to the starving peasants in the hovels. Cattle and pigs that are slaughtered at Christmastime have to be rapidly consumed as there is no means of refrigeration or other forms of preservation, such as curing with salt and spices. They could eat the corn that is stored in the shed, but it must be kept to provide seed for the coming year. If they eat it, there will be no chance for future survival. And so, they sit in their hovels and watch their children starve. Warrior Words Knights were originally servants. The word knight comes from the Old English cniht, meaning boy.

## Chapter 2 : The Complete Idiot's Guide to Running by Bill Rodgers

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Right Words for Any Occasion: What to Say and How to Say It for All of Life's Special Moments Marylou Ambrose, Veronica Deisler Penguin, Feb 5, - Self-Help - pages.*

Some came from the video, and others from my own rambling about the video. As this is a bass-centric site, some of this information might be bass-specific. Its used to notate music written below middle C on a piano and is called the F clef because its two dots surround the 4th line, which is E. Lower pitched instruments like trombones, tubas, basses and singers in the bass range read and notate music written in this clef. Bass Guitar for Dummies explains that music notation spells out both the rhythm and notes in music and that low notes are written with the bass clef, which bassists learn to read and play from. It also says that bass sounds one octave lower than the written note and that when piano players read from the same sheet as a bass player, they play their notes an octave higher than the bass. Keys I think that I only have a basic understanding of what a key is. Right now, I think of it as the root note for most of a song. Here are some notes that I pulled from the indexes though: For example, a song based around the C Major scale is in the key of C Major. A song based around the B-flat Major scale is in the key of B-flat Major. That sounds easy enough, until different parts start using different scales! There are 15 major keys. It looks like every note on the fretboard has a major scale associated with it, which can also be used as a key. There are 15 minor keys as well. A minor, A-sharp minor, B-flat minor, etc. When we assign a key signature to a piece of music, its assumed that all the following notes will correspond to that particular key. We can play outside of the key. Some musical styles regularly do this to achieve their sound. Changing keys in a song is called modulating. Intervals An interval is often described as the distance between two notes. Its not a physical count, like how many frets. If a scale has 8 notes, and we call them , its based on the distance between the notes from just those 8 notes. The notes themselves count as well. So, if we move from 1 to 2, its called a 2nd, because we count the 1 and the 2. If we move from 1 to 5, its called a 5th. If you start somewhere else though, then you have to do some math. Moving from 3 to 5 is a 3rd because we count 3, 4 and 5. Moving from 2 to 7 is a 6th because we count 6 notes to get to the 7. Later on, some of those notes get qualities that make them major or minor " which is tied in to counting adding or subtracting, or as they say raising or lowering frets. Look at Do as 1, Re as 2, and so on. Octaves The word octave has a few meanings in music. A scale with 8 notes is called an octave The 8th note of a scale, which should be a repeat of the root note, is called the octave Its basically a reoccurrence of a note either higher or lower on the fretboard, or on whatever a fretboard is called on a piano. ANY E on the entire bass would be considered some kind of higher or lower octave. Its mentioned throughout the text though. An octave requires Bass Guitar for Dummies offers the following notes: One complete scale is an octave. A scale is a series of notes usually 7 different notes starting with a tonal center root and ending with its octave, the 8th note, also the root. Musicians also refer to the entire group of notes including the root and its octave as an octave, just to confuse beginners. A bassist will often play a groove in the lower octave and then add a riff in the higher octave to give a bassline variety and to keep listeners interested. If does tell us that music notation is written on a musical staff and that the musical staff consists of 5 lines and 4 spaces, upon which notes are written. The clef shows whether the notes on the staff are low or high. Low notes are played on bass or on the left side of a piano and high notes are played on a guitar or the right side of a piano. The clef is the first symbol we see at the beginning of a musical staff. Notation written with the drum clef is unique. Instead, each of its lines or spaces refer to a different drum, and the notation is more about rhythm. It says that the treble clef denotes music starting in the exact middle of a piano keyboard, just above middle C. It specifies where the note G is the 2nd line of the musical staff by encircling the 2nd line with the big, round part at the bottom. It also gives examples of higher-pitched instruments whose notation is written using the treble clef. These include trumpets, flutes, clarinets and guitars. Soprano, alto and tenor singers also follow notes written using it. Pitch Just in case anyone was wondering, its really hard to write a blog post with a 3-year old sitting on your desk

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and talking you through the process. On the plus side, I now know exactly what a keyboard, mouse, monitor and speakers look like. Pitches and Clefs, so it looks like this is ground floor material. Pitch is basically how high or low a tone sounds. Its a relative concept â€” a sound is higher or lower than another sound based on direct comparison. In a more structured form, like a musical scale, pitches are actually named and organized based on their sound relative to a base tone called the root. Here are some notes from a few books about pitch:

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mechanics of writing. This part provides the standards for effective communication, too. Part 2, "Under the Grammar Hammer," gets into the nitty-gritty of grammar: This part concludes with a survey of the most common usage dilemmas. Along the way, there are lots of brand-new ways to make it easier for non-native English speakers to learn the basics of English. Part 3, "Usage and Abusage," describes the building blocks of paragraphs: You learn all about prepositional phrases, appositives and appositive phrases, verbal phrases, gerund phrases, and infinitive phrases. This part also covers sentence structure and function, fragments and run-ons, and sentence coordination and subordination. Part 4, "Tools of the Trade," first explores the importance of using all the resources available to writers: Then I give you a complete refresher course in the signposts of our language: This section also covers active and passive voice, conciseness, diction word choice, and levels of language. Part 6, "In Your Write Mind," helps you develop powerful writing strategies that enable you to write successful business and personal communications. This part covers such important writing situations as business and personal letters and e-mail. The glossary of grammar and usage makes it easy for you to pinpoint specific writing issues and get the answers you need—fast! More for Your Money! In addition to all the explanation and teaching, this book contains other types of information to make it even easier for you to master writing and speaking skills. Strictly Speaking Want to dazzle your date? Have some witty chitchat for the next office party? Use these grammar teasers to astound and amaze your friends and enemies alike. You Could Look It Up Like every other skill worth knowing, grammar and usage have their own terminology. These definitions explain all those terms to prevent you from dangling your participles in public. Quoth the Maven t, These are little expert tips that make correct writing easier. Acknowledgments To my long-suffering husband, who endured bologna rather than turkey with his cranberries, stuffing, and gravy. Okay, so I was a little preoccupied with this book to make the turkey. Bologna is a recognized food group. He has always been my strongest supporter and staunchest friend.

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The world is full of them. How hard it is for us, non-idiots, to put up with them. But to get our jobs done, our kids fed, and our pets groomed, we must deal with them. We must tune out the idiots to achieve any kind of sanity or serenity. Here are four ways that have worked for me. I tend to spill my guts to whoever is seated next to me – which is why I have made so many friends on flights between Maryland and Ohio. Obviously, that dude is not going to approve of my I-would-be-a-gonner-without-meds tale. He could very well give me the old furrowed brow to express utter disapproval. At this point, most folks would change gears and go back to talking about the weather or the turbulence ahead. Before the flight is over, I am back to feeling like a pathetic loser who is addicted to antidepressants and at the mercy of an evil empire. When this happens in a dialogue with a close idiot in my life, I take the disapproval very personally and I start to dislike myself. No one, however, can disapprove of you, or furrow the brow, if he has no information to analyze or shred. So if you stop giving the idiot material to bash, he will have to find something else to grate – hopefully, a person, place, or thing that has nothing to do with you or your life. This technique helps me with the idiots I have to see on a regular basis. Visualization essentially gives you some much-needed boundaries to protect yourself from the cannon that could be fired at the next family function. You have to experiment to find the right kind of visualization for you. For example, you could visualize yourself in a bubble, where absolutely nothing can hurt you. Or you can envision the idiot in a bubble. My recent visualization is to imagine that the deemed idiot is made of stone. I really hate it when people say this to me. Ruiz explains that we can become immune to hurt and rejection. There is a huge amount of freedom that comes to you when you take nothing personally. You become immune to black magicians, and no spell can affect you regardless of how strong it may be. You will only need to trust yourself to make responsible choices. You are never responsible for the actions of others; you are only responsible for you. When you truly understand this, and refuse to take things personally, you can hardly be hurt by the careless comments or actions of others. There you have it!

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November 4 at 5: His wife the Zen teacher Eve Marko was w He was the fifth child and only boy in the family. Everyone called him Bernie. His parents were both Jewish immigrants, his mother was Polish and had lost much of her family to the Holocaust. His father was from Russia. At a very young age he discovered a talent for taking small appliances like radios apart and putting them back together. With the attendant miracle they usually worked after reassembly. Bernie attended Brooklyn Polytechnic where his fascination with things and with mathematics was given free range. The few pages on Zen caught his imagination. He wanted to live in a Zen monastery, and on a kibbutz in Israel, and, to live in the Bowery. In short, he would succeed. Bernie went to Israel and the kibbutz first. While there he had a teaching assistantship at the Israel Technion. The kibbutz introduced Bernie to practices of silence and presence, something he had primarily read about up until then. He also met Helen Silerberg, who would become his first wife. There he worked as an aeronautical engineer focused on the development of manuals for projected Mars flights. During these years, and most important for Zen in the West, he also met Hakuyu Taizan Mazumi, who would become his primary teacher. Bernie threw himself into the practice. In , roughly twenty years after beginning study with Maezumi Roshi, Bernie received full Dharma transmission. There Bernie found his teaching style moving away from the traditional forms of the Soto school traditional Soto enriched by the koan curriculum he had inherited from Maezumi Roshi. His interests in practical ways to engage the social problems of our times began to be a major part of his focus leading to the formation of the Greystone Foundation. Probably the most notable project to arise in those years was Greystone Bakery, which employed and trained people in the neighborhood. The now named Zen Peacemakers International continues as an important stream within our contemporary Western Zen. Bernie would always dance at the edge. He did some incredibly wise things, and a couple of monumentally stupid things. He hobnobbed with the rich and famous and gave his heart to the forgotten and dispossessed. And, on balance, Bernie Glassman become possibly the most significant Zen teacher bridging between the missionaries and Western born teachers who did the vast bulk of their training in East Asia and our contemporary generation of fully Western trained teachers. It is impossible to calculate his importance. In January of Bernie suffered a stroke. Until, today, the 4th of November, , when he died. Roshi Bernard Tetsugen Glassman was seventy-nine. They include some of the most important Zen teachers in the West. To begin the list: And that just begins the list. Through them and their heirs there can be little doubt his influence on the shape of Western Zen will continue significantly for many years to come.

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