



### Reading for Pleasure

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Every book has the potential to touch the human soul deeply, arousing patterns of thought that might otherwise have lain dormant. The pleasure we derive from the written word is unique in that we must labor for it. Other forms of art provide us with stimulus and ask nothing more than our emotional response. Reading is an active pastime that requires an investment of emotion as well as our concentration and imagination. The words we read are merely a starting point for a process that takes place largely within our minds and hearts.

There are few activities as comforting, relaxing, and healthy as perusing the pages of a good book. Curling up with a book and a cup of tea is one of the simplest ways we can remove ourselves from the confines of reality in order to immerse ourselves in the drama and intrigue of the unfamiliar. However, the pleasure of transcending reality is only one aspect of the reading experience.

Each time we read for enjoyment, whether we prefer the fantastic nature of fiction, the empathy awakened within us by memoir, or the instructive passion of nonfiction, we create entire landscapes in our mind's eye. The books we choose provide us with the inspiration we need to accomplish such a feat, but it is our own creative reserves that empower us to use our imaginations for this unique and beautiful purpose.

The tales you lose yourself in can lead you on paths of discovery that take you out of your own life and help you see that existence can unfold in an infinite number of ways. Your emotions are awakened each time you read. Ultimately, the books you absorb - those that touch you deeply - will become a part of who you are, providing you with a rich and thrilling world within that you can revisit anytime you wish. If you haven't read a book for pleasure lately, try and allow yourself the time - you deserve it.

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### who was Jesus?

There were 3 good arguments that Jesus was Black:

1. He called everyone brother
2. He liked Gospel
3. He didn't get a fair trial

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Jewish:

1. He went into His Father's business
2. He lived at home until he was 33
3. He was sure His Mother was a virgin and His Mother was sure He was God

And then it could be that Jesus was Italian:

1. He talked with His hands
2. He had wine with His meals
3. He used olive oil

Perhaps Jesus was a Californian:

1. He never cut His hair
2. He walked around barefoot all the time
3. He started a new religion

We might conclude Jesus was an American Indian:

1. He was at peace with nature
2. He ate a lot of fish
3. He talked about the Great Spirit

There are those who say that Jesus was Irish:

1. He never got married.
2. He was always telling stories.
3. He loved green pastures.

But the most compelling evidence of all proves that Jesus was a woman:

1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was virtually no food.
2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it.
3. And even when He was dead, He had to get up because there was still work to do.

### It's Kitten Season! Fix Those Felines!

Please help "fix" pet overpopulation by spaying and neutering your pets.



Free spay and neuter clinics at Key Largo Animal Shelter, normally every 2 weeks.

This program is privately funded by Humane Animal Care Coalition for Upper Keys residents.

Please call the shelter for details and appointments.

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm

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## Entertainer of the Month: Jason Tourtelotte

The Upper Keys is home to many amazing musicians and Jason Tourtelotte (whose name is impossible to pronounce when you've been drinking) is one of the best. That's why we have chosen him for the Coconut Telegraph's Entertainer of the Month of December. That, and his kind generous spirit. For the sake of this article we shall refer to him as "JT."

JT picked up his first guitar when he was in 8th grade, right after learning



to play the drums. This multi-talented entertainer plays acoustic, electric and bass guitar and sings! You are likely to find him playing wherever there is a benefit for someone in need.

His local bands are

Double Down, Back Water, Comfortably Rum, Fuzzy One Truck (Saturday nights at Sharkey's) and he plays often with Felix the Catt and Baga Tricks. You might find him jamming at the Key Largo Moose Tuesday and Sunday nights, too.

JT invites everyone to stop by Angel Borden's Dockside Raw Bar Mondays and Fridays. It is right under the Old Tavernier Restaurant and behind the gift shop. You can find him on Facebook or call 305-990-6795.



### GAME DAY SPECIALS



**SATURDAY COLLEGE GAMES**  
**SUNDAY NFL GAMES**

*Come by Water!*

Ask about boat slips reserved for restaurant customers.

**12 Beers ON TAP**  
**Full Wine SELECTION**



**PILOT HOUSE**

**Locals Day Wednesday**

**Feed the fish!**

KID & PET FRIENDLY!

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

HAPPY HOUR - Daily 4:30-6:30 pm

LIVE MUSIC - Friday & Saturdays from 5-9 pm

LOCALS DAY - Use your Pilot's License all day Wednesday for your discount and rewards

PRIME RIB DINNER - Make Thursday your #datenight \$28.95

**ASK ABOUT OUR DAILY THROW BACK SPECIALS!!!**

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Fish Dip

  
Grouper Sandwich

  
P&E Shrimp

  
Prime Rib Dinner

  
Tuna Nachos

  
Kung Pao Bowl

**WEDNESDAY to SUNDAY**  
**11:30 am to 9:00 pm**

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