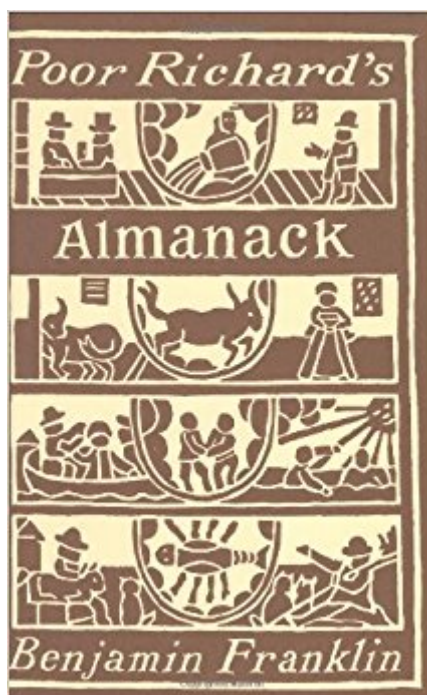


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Synopsis

A faithful reproduction of the original Peter Pauper Press edition of Poor Richard's Almanack, circa 1950, the current version contains the same colorful woodcuts and 18th century design of the original. Printed in hardcover on heavyweight paper stock, this is a great addition to any Franklin fan's collection. Includes hundreds of delightful aphorisms, carefully selected from many issues of Franklin's popular 18th-century publication. 80 pages. Measures 6" wide x 9-14" high

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Franklin's Autobiography is one of the most famous works in American literature. He started it as a private collection of anecdotes for his son, but soon it was transformed into a work of history, both personal and national, revealing Franklin as the man who, as Herman Melville said, possessed "deep worldly wisdom and polished Italian tact, gleaming under an air of Arcadian unaffectedness." From the Hardcover edition. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Awesome to thumb through BF's quotes. I keep this on my coffee table and pick it up now and again. I also use it when preparing for speeches or looking for witty quotes for articles I write. Get it.

If many of the quotes in this almanac seem familiar, it is because they have been repeated often since Benjamin Franklin set them down. Many times, he seems to be speaking directly to us about modern problems, both national and personal. If more people read and heeded these proverbs, we'd all be a lot better off.

This little book contains much wisdom. Benjamin Franklin was a treasure and a very impressive man. He is, indeed, remembered fondly as one of our greatest Founding Fathers!

good read once in a while full of reminders on how to live the good life in any age, including today

Very good. Thank you.

If, for your own private pleasure or to put a pithy quote onto your Facebook Page, or a paper you may be writing for a school course, you can open Poor Richard's Almanac to any page, and find something to suit your needs. Franklin seems to have been a man of common sense with a good dollop of humor and religion thrown in. This Kindle version of Poor Richard's Almanac is well

organized, comprehensive and excellent for academic or personal use.

This is a nice quick-quote reference to have in lieu of an actual Poor Richard's Almanac reproduction. The usefulness of the quotes is naturally dated by the age and style of the writing, but the truthfulness and applicability is eternal. As reading material it is fun to have, although the reader may need a dictionary nearby to get by some of the antiquated words; e.g. "Every little makes a mickle."

Poor Richard's Almanac is a well known collection of Benjamin Franklin's writings. I have read it many times. I wanted to have a hard copy for myself and this is it. I think the best advice he gives is to consider yourself as your own employee. Are you prompt, industrious, do you do the most important things first, and so forth. If a person adopts this attitude, one does not put off jobs that can be done now. Any time wasted is gone forever. We are given only so much time. We cannot afford to waste any of it.

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