

New Book by Local Juggler

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Local Penn Valley juggler/author Izzi Tooinsky has enthralled and entertained children and families locally and around the world for five decades. He has performed everywhere from our local Nevada County Fair to the Brisbane Street Festival in Queensland Australia. His website quips he is “Internationally Loved and Locally Tolerated.”

Now Tooinsky has created a new book directed towards Teenagers, titled: A “Teenager’s Compass to Life. Proverbs, Saying, Quotes, and Jokes to Help Point the Way.” The book is a compilation of more than 1,000 very short entries. The quotes are attributed to some of the greatest philosophers and fools who have ever walked or stumbled across our globe. Timeless sayings from Mark Twain, Oscar Wilde, Victor Hugo, and Lao Tsu share the same pages with 100 jokes.

Here’s one of the jokes:

Q. “What did the tiny pebble say at the party? A. “I wish I was a little Boulder.”

The quotes are universal and instructive, like this one:

Smoking & Love

“You can’t smoke and love yourself at the same time.”

- Ashley Delaune, Yucatan Jungle Guide

And this one:

Speaking with Anger

“Speak when you are angry, and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.”

- Ambrose Bierce, American Author, 1842-1914

Tooinsky, the self-proclaimed “King of Hotdogastan” says, “I love working with Teenagers. They are vital, honest, curious, fun, and frequently extremely serious about life. And they need our guidance. That’s where this book comes in. I want it to be a navigational tool, a compass, that they can hold in their hands while they ask the hard questions that confront them on a daily basis; questions of love and betrayal, family and solitude, power and vulnerability, and the process of learning.”

Tooinsky’s goal is to get this book into the hands of as many teenagers as possible. Some patrons have signed up for the Annie Oakley Scholarship. Annie Oakley was known to extend a caring hand to kids wherever the Wild West Show happened to be performing. In Tooinsky’s Annie Oakley Scholarship, the patron buys one book for the kids in their family and five to distribute to kids in the foster system. Annie Oakley would be proud of this Penn Valley venture.

Whether you buy one book for the teen in your family or six as part of the Annie Oakley Scholarship, “A Teenager’s Compass to Life” is in the process of spreading wit and wisdom to our newest generation of teens.

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