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Dear Shea,

In answer to your question, yes, my address did change, courtesy of yet another unwanted transfer, and already, there's rumors circulating about plans of yet another mass transfer. I'm just glad that I had this blog to post my new address, otherwise we would have, once again, lost contact with each other. You moved right at the same time I was transferred, which is what happened the last time, if you recall.

Speaking of which, I'm glad you posted something to my blog, although, just for the record, I also have an e-Mail address: [shawnlperrot@hotmail.com](mailto:shawnlperrot@hotmail.com) I might not personally be able to access it, but I do have a trusted friend who checks it for me on a regular basis, so please feel free to use that. In fact, anyone who wants to reach me in a more "private" setting is welcome to use my e-Mail address, although actual letters are always the best way.

Before I forget, I sent you a couple of letters, a Thanksgiving Day card and a Christmas card, but delivery on all of them was refused. Now I understand why, you moved! You might want to put in a change of address, though, just so you don't miss out on any other mail from anyone else. (Do people still use snail mail out there?)

Okay, I've got to ask... The last I heard, you were running our own business, something to do with insurance, and you were looking to do something else with investing, and now you're talking about a possible career as a 911 dispatcher? I've known you for years, so I know that you are truly one of those people who can do anything you set your mind to, so why the change in career paths? Is Trump's interference in the insurance industry having that big of an impact? Whatever your reasons, I wish you the best of luck.

A "Reading Challenge," to "get you out of a rut?" Okay, why the rut? The last I heard, you were wonderfully happy, with your job, the kids and your husband. Isn't that the kind of rut we're all dreaming about?

As far as my reading any of these books are concerned, this prison's library isn't anything like the MCSP's library, and that prison's library wasn't anything like the CMC's library. The selection here SUCKS! Big time! I think there are a couple of thousand fictional books and maybe a couple of hundred nonfiction books, and not many of those are what you'd consider "good" reading. Very few classics, mostly "shit-kickers" (Westerns). And I did get a chance to read Lord of the Flies, I just wanted to read it again. It's been quite some time, and it was a pretty enjoyable read the first time around. What I don't want to do anymore is purchase books printed on paper, if I can possibly help it. I don't know whether or not I told you, but the prison system has a rigid rule when it comes to books, limiting us to a total of only 10, and that includes magazines, newspapers, books for correspondence courses, Bibles, dictionaries, etc.



Actually, I should probably explain a little more in detail. The official rule is a 10-book limitation, and when you transfer, or when books are coming in, it's a rule that's rigidly enforced, but most officers don't really care how many books you have once they're in the cell. There's always the exception, the lone officer who hates his life so much that he's out to make everyone else's life miserable, or when something on the yard has happened and they're trying to make everyone's life a living hell, but either way, I try to avoid buying any books in paper format. When I transferred from the MCSP to here, I ended up having to get rid of something like \$1,000 worth of books, most of them legal volumes, all of them terribly expensive, so when I got here, the first thing I did was use the last of my money to buy myself an electronic tablet. Unfortunately, I didn't realize that their selection was so poor, still, as poor as it is, it's still much better than what they had in the library. And the best part of it all? I get to have as many digital publications as I want, provided, of course, that I obtain it from the same vendor that sold me my tablet (Union Supply Direct).

Speaking of which, if you ever want to send some digital publications, feel free to visit Union's website, at [www.CaliforniaInmatePackage.com](http://www.CaliforniaInmatePackage.com). Just don't order me any music from them. I'm getting a separate MP3 Player (from yet another vendor) for my music so that I'll have more room on my tablet for games and books. Besides, the MP3 Player is far more portable. Also, the MP3 Player and the tablet operate on a different system when it comes to loading content onto it. With the tablet, it's sent to you on an encrypted, micro SD card. The tablets sold by Union don't have card readers built into them, so when you get your card, you need to go to the gym and use their external micro SD card reader to load the contents from your card onto your tablet. Once it's loaded, it automatically deletes the content from the card, rendering it essentially useless (useless, because the tablet is configured to work only with encrypted cards that have been set up to work with your specific tablet). The MP3 Players, on the other hand, have a slot for your card, but unlike the tablet, it won't operate without the card plugged into the slot, which isn't a bad thing. What I really like, however, is that each time they send you a new card with your new music, they send you not only the song(s) you just bought, but every song you ever bought, which means that you never have to worry about losing your music or your files becoming corrupted. Still, at \$1.89 per song, I think it's pretty damn expensive, but what can we do? We literally have no choice about where to purchase our content.

Anyway, I should be getting the MP3 Player within a week or so, so if you ever want to send some music, feel free to send whatever you like, provided that you use Access Securepak's website ([www.casecurepakmedia.com](http://www.casecurepakmedia.com)). In fact, I should have it by the time this is posted. As far as what kind of music to send, should you ever want to send some music, it's your choice, and don't worry about sending me a song I already have, as it won't allow you to purchase any duplicates, so far as I know.



I haven't read Fifty Shades of Grey, yet, although I did read the one that followed it. All-in-all, it wasn't a bad book, certainly not what I thought it would be. The thing with books is that there are so many good ones out there, that you'll never get a chance to read them all, or worse, you'll spend most of your time reading the bad ones in search of the good ones. (LOL) Worse yet, you read a book, and later on, they make a movie or TV show out of it, only to totally screw it up. Visual media is never, ever as good as the books themselves, and one of the worst examples I can think of is the TV series they made based on a series of books by Terry Goodkind. I think it was called The Legend of the Seeker, or The Sword of Truth, or something. One was the name of the TV series, one was the name of the series of books, but you get the general idea. Anyway, having spent months tracking down and reading all of his books (something like 16 in all, each of which was about 500 pages), I was really looking forward to the TV series. I'd stay up late into the night, to catch it (it came on after the 11:00 news, if memory serves me correct, on Sunday night, which meant I was exhausted on Monday morning), only to learn that the producer or the director, or whoever was responsible for the changes, had changed just about every conceivable fact.

Another pet peeve of mine? DC Comics. If you've never paid attention to the differences between DC Comics and Marvel Comics, every time DC Comics makes a movie based on one of its characters, it completely changes all of the background facts to suit whatever purpose they're trying to serve. The most recent example I can think of is Jimmy Olson in Superman and Supergirl. If you recall, in the original series, he was a goofy white kid, a cub reporter, who was always getting into trouble, but when they put him in Supergirl, he's suddenly this buff, handsome black dude who's part of an elite special forces group. Sure, it was good for the TV show, but that wasn't the Jimmy Olson from the movies, the one from the stories or the one from the comic books. With Marvel, however, they made a genuine effort to keep a consistent storyline. Or at least, they did until they introduced Superman to the Avengers, at which point they promptly "pulled a DC Comics." Up until then, my favorite thing about Marvel Comics was their consistency, followed by their efforts to fill in the gaps with other movies and TV shows.

Anyway, going back to good books, for a moment, one of my favorites, which falls well into the description you offered is Where the Red Fern Grows. For the life of me, I can't remember who wrote it. I want to say Rawlings, or something like that, but regardless of who wrote it, it's a really good book. I think you'd like it, and it would be an excellent book to share with the kids.



Come to think of it, if you want a really good series of books to keep the kids entertained, try the Castle Rocqna books, The Incarnations of Immortality series and The Blue Adept Series, all by Piers Anthony. I fell in love with those books as a kid, and best of all, combined, there are at least 100 books to get through, none of which is less than 300 pages. Trust me, they'll enjoy them, and best of all, they're "age appropriate," especially the Castle Rocqna series and how they approach topics of a sexual nature. (In his books, they don't actually discuss it, they just refer to sex and child reproduction as "the adult conspiracy." If you've ever read the books, then you'll know what I mean, and if not, then when you do figure it out, you'll laugh your ass off.)

Well, my time for writing grows short, so I think I'll wrap this up for now. Thanks for letting me know that you're okay. Honestly, when everything started being returned to me "REFUSED," I wasn't sure what was going on. I didn't think it was you who was refusing them, nor did I think it was your husband, which left me with only 2 conclusions. Either you'd moved, or something had happened to you and your husband. I'm really glad to hear that you just moved.

For now,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawn T. Perrot', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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