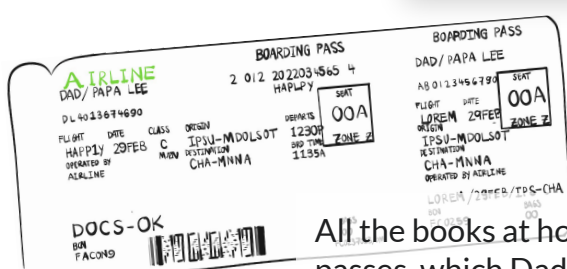


## BAD BOOKMARKS



All the books at home are stuffed with boarding passes, which Dad uses as bookmarks.

In other readers, I've also seen pencils, money, mail, a ripped chunk of napkin, another book, receipts, hair ties, and notes from loved ones.

In this zine we share a few more (bad) book-marking ideas. After all, reality always comes knocking, and we must leave some totem that we can follow back into the pages of the written universe.

### WATER STAINING

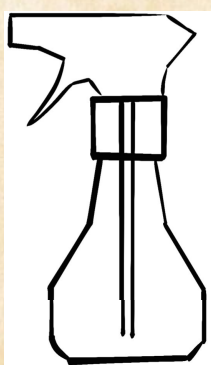


FIG. 1.

Upon finishing each page, the reader sprays water onto the paper, leaving the (completed) first part of a book water-stained. Once dried, the texture difference leaves a bookmark without any extra material.

### PROBABLY-CORRECT PAGE NUMBER ENCODER

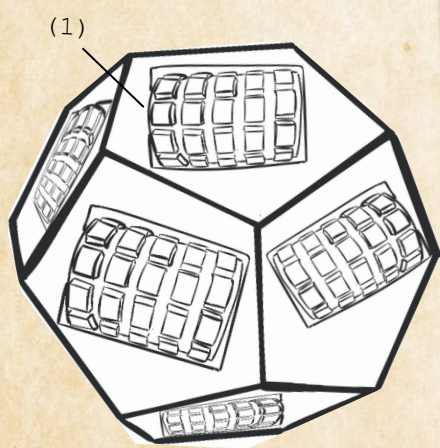
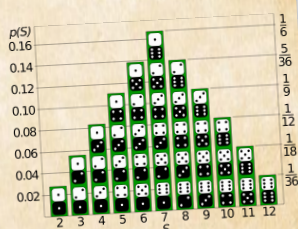


FIG. 1.

The Probably-Correct Page Number Encoder (PCPNE) is a uniformly-weighted multi-sided die with dials. When rolled alongside other PCPNEs, the sum of face-up numbers is the page number for the reader to resume from.

Using several PCPNEs yields the necessary non-uniform probability distribution.



Configurable dials (1) encode numbers from 0 to 99,999 per face. To represent a new number, the reader adjust the dials to shift the probability distribution.

### SHUFFLE-AND-SORT

In alternating turn, readers will either use the **SHUFFLE** or the **SORT** bookmark.

#### (KNUTH) SHUFFLE

The book pages are initially in sorted order. When the reader finishes a page, they rip it out of the binding and swap it with a randomly-selected prior page.

To find one's current place in the book, identify the point at which pages switch from random to sorted order. This may be before the true bookmark point, but unlikely too far off. Upon completion, the book pages should be

randomly shuffled. The book can be then passed to a friend, who does the **SORT** bookmark.

#### (SELECTION) SORT

The book pages are initially shuffled. The reader finds page 1 of the book and pulls it to the beginning. Once read, the reader find the next-lowest remaining page, brings it forward to the current location, reads it, then repeats for the next page.

The current place in the book is found where pages switch from sorted to random order. When the book is complete, the pages should be again in sorted order: ready for another friend to do the **SHUFFLE** bookmark.