

# The Proof Angel Summary of

## Bits and Bobs: June 2015

### April Fool

Here is a spoof from Penguin about [updating the classics](#). Some would argue that it isn't a bad idea!

Replacing all the full stops with exclamation marks is the give away, isn't it?

### Some amazing book carvings

Recycling takes many forms, including the creation of art works from unwanted items.

Here are some [carved books](#). It beats pulping them.

### Some statistics about publishing

Here are some interesting [statistics about the publishing business](#). It is interesting to see how the number of books published has changed over the years. That will be partly down to technology, but other factors will influence it as well. I wonder how the number of books published correlates to the population size?

### Sharing notes on Kindle

The highlighting and notes features of Kindles are very useful. But what if you want to share what you have found with a friend, or make a note about it elsewhere? Here are [three ways to do the job](#).

### Edible books...

... well, [cakes inspired by books](#), anyway. All very clever, but it seems such a shame to cut into something that has taken so much effort.



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## The book censor app

Do you get distracted or upset by bad language in books?

If so, this app may be [the answer to your problem](#). It automatically Bowdlerises everything for you.

## Are you planning a trip?

With summer coming on, there is a good chance you are planning a trip. Here is a list of [22 places for the literary](#) minded to visit.

With this much variety on the list, surely there must be something for everyone.

## Can you guess the original titles of these classic novels?

Nobody comes up with a good title at the first attempt. It often takes a bit of work, and sometimes comes out of the blue.

It can be reassuring to see some of the titles famous books might have had, as [this quiz shows](#). If you leave it just a little longer, your title might be struck by a similar surge of inspiration.

## How well do you know the Romantic poets?

Here is a quiz about the [Romantic poets](#). Don't get disheartened if you are finding it difficult: the average score at the time I took it was 3 out of 10.

## Facts about writing and the brain

This post is fascinating. It shows what [happens in the brain when we read and write](#), and why certain things work better than others.

Yes, it is an oversimplification, but there is a limit to the information you can get into an infographic.

## Can reading make you happier?

Here is an [interesting point for discussion](#). My own view is that it all depends what you read!

## The origin of tassel

Some words are curious. They don't seem to relate to anything else, but for some there is nothing else they could be. Like tassel. Tassels come in endless forms, but we associate them with luxury. It isn't exactly onomatopoeic, but no other word means quite the same. [Find out more about the word here](#).