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Every Age Is The Best Age

A Step Here, a Step There, until it All Comes Together

There are two weeks left to complete the New Year's resolutions made for 2007, or at least to acknowledge and appreciate the ones accomplished; and to come up with new ones for 2008. I am a list-maker and keeper, so it is not difficult for me to see what resolutions I have made and managed to meet over the years. They are simply short-term goals to go along with medium and long-term goals. It is fine to plan everything, except the actual results. My philosophy is that if things don't turn out how I hope, then they will turn out even better. So far, the premise is holding true, although remembering to "let patience have her perfect work" makes it easier to wait and watch.

One year, I resolved to read an average of at least one book a month. I have managed to exceed this minimum quite easily over these last years. However, reading literary fiction versus non-fiction has been a different story. So, one resolution for 2008 is to read at least twelve books of fiction.

Then there are the resolutions that still haven't been met this year and that won't be: to finish revising my collection of short literary fiction stories and to fix up my yard, although nature is continually working on this Garry oak ecosystem restoration project without any help from me. Once again, these resolutions that have already been carried to the next year, so many times before, are now on the list for 2008, too.

Nevertheless, several of my resolutions planned for this year were met in unexpected and amazing ways that exceeded my hopes. As for the resolutions met, I am filled with a sense of accomplishment, gratitude, and humility.

Over the next two weeks, I will continue coming up with a few more exciting resolutions. And I will write them down, of course, so I don't forget them.

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