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## Foreword

Reading through lists of things can often activate my creative gene, in the realm of humor. That may seem strange, but it is true. For example, a long list of animal names contributed to my book called Can *THIS* Be the Perfect Pet? (A Humorous Look at Finding the “Right” Pets for Other People) (2023). Perusing the names of some fancy foods, moreover, led to my book called Puns on the Menu! Having Fun with Food (2023). On the other hand, I do not believe that reading the phone book (which itself may be obsolescent) will lead me to write the great American novel. There is a limit.

So how did this book arise? In 2023, I happened to be looking at various lists of “greatest” books. In addition to indulging in some minor self-loathing for not having read (or remembered) most of them, I began to notice something. All the books had independent value and merit, of course, but some seemed, simply by their titles, to lend themselves to being sequels to *other* books on the list. That led to the concept of *this* book.

I shared the concept with my wife Sheila. She was a bit *dubitante*, shall we say. The idea remained on the shelf while I completed the two books of humor named above.

After completing the sequel to my 2018 memoir, called Growing Up in God's Country, Part 2: Still Growing! I returned to the idea. I raised the issue with Bill Bay, head of the international music publisher Mel Bay Publications. Bill pronounced it "plausible." While I was processing the level of endorsement contained in the word "plausible," Bill himself went ahead and wrote some examples! That was *really* encouraging! His gem was this: the sequel to The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan could well be Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? by Edward Albee. OK, now we were rolling! Thank you, Bill!

I started on Day 1 and stopped at 35 entries on Day 2 (along with providing some pictures, either applicable to the books mentioned, or simply whimsical). That should not stop you, the reader, from engaging in this worthy endeavor. You could do it with books, as I did. Or you could do it with movies, TV shows, rock music – whatever. I list all those not only to encourage you but also to keep *me* from going down those addictive roads of wordplay.

I hope you enjoy this little book!

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# **Yogi: A Life Behind the Mask by Jon Pessah**



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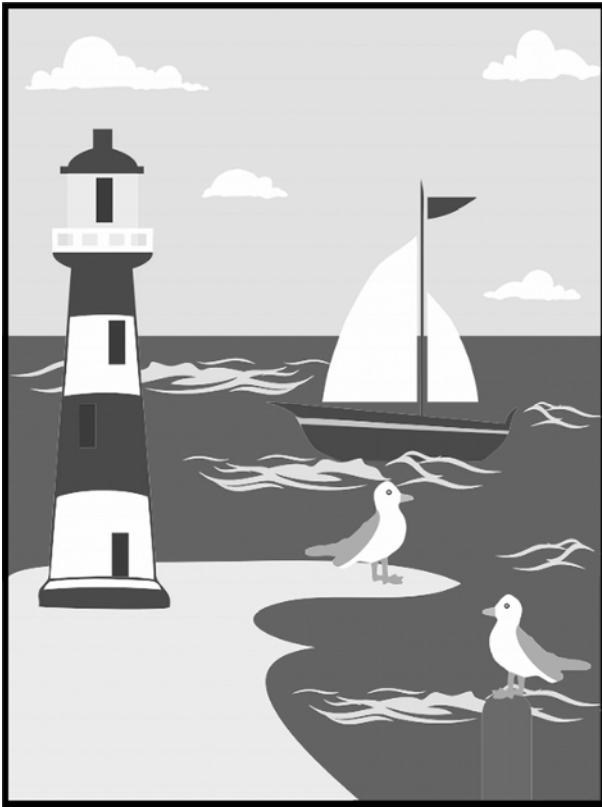
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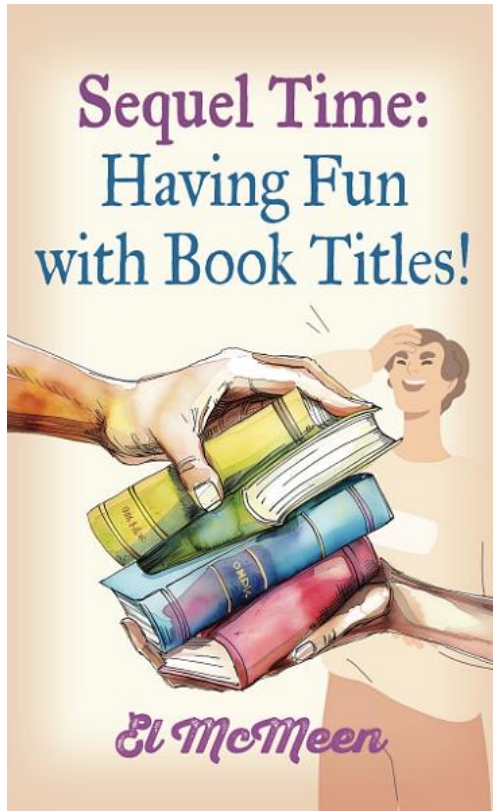


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