

# RTC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

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## Recommended Reads from the RTC community

### **Passu Diary** *by Chablop Passang Tshering*

“Passu diary” is a collection of selected blog entries from one of the popular Bhutanese blogger Passang Tshering (Aue passu). All of the entries that is in the book are very interesting and intriguing. Each one has a different story to tell. I thoroughly enjoyed reading all the entries in his book.

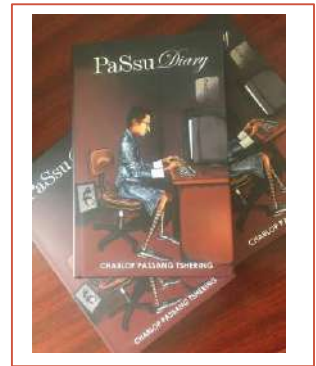
My favorite entry from the Passu diary is the one where he wrote a letter to his daughter on her 1st birthday. It was my favorite because the message he had for his little angel portrayed a love of a father for his daughter in every single word.

In every sentence, I could feel his affection for his one year old little girl and how much she meant to him. I could imagine that's how every father feels towards their child who comes in their life as a stranger but the little stranger is guaranteed all the love in the world by a man who promises her all the securities during her life time and his final breath. It somehow made me love my father ten times more than I already do.

I would highly recommend this book to every one of you. You have the chance to read each story and pick your favorite.

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### **Excerpts from Passu diary's blog**

It's a perfect life we are living, but this perfect moment asks me an imperfect question: Will this last forever?

It's a very simple question, yet it breaks my heart. Everything that begins somewhere will end anywhere and nobody knows where and nothing can stop”

“Life is not birthday cake, it's rather like the candle on that cake that is blown off when the crowd sings”

“Education is the priceless wealth”

## Turtles all the way down by John Green

Turtles All the Way Down is John Green's latest novel. It tells the story of Aza Holmes, a high school student from Indianapolis and her best friend Daisy who is fearless. A local billionaire named Russel Pickett goes missing and a \$100,000 reward is offered for information about his disappearance, so Aza and her best friend decides a detective journey to find his whereabouts.



Aza's mission to everything in life is complicated by the fact that she has obsessive compulsions constantly get in the way of her social life. Throughout the novel, Aza tries to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student and of course a good detective, while also living within the tightening mental swirl. At times, reading Aza's behavior in the novel irritates you, but it really gives you a sense of what it feels like to live with OCD.

In their investigative journey, Aza begins to develop feelings for Davis, the son of missing billionaire Russell Pickett. He is initially distrustful about her intentions, because he's used to people sucking up to him to get close to his dad, but starts to respond towards the later part of the novel. Russel Pickett, in addition to being morally bankrupt, investigated for fraud and bribery, is also a weird person. He left his entire fortune to his pet lizard tuatara, as he believes that the lizard will show him a way to immortality.

Soon, Davis learns that the two girls are sneaking for information about his dad's whereabouts to claim the reward on his head. In an attempt to persuade the two girls to stop pursuing their investigation, Davis gives Aza \$100,000 dug from his father's various stashes around the guest house, which she splits with Daisy.

Formally, the girls drop the investigation. At an art exhibition inside an unfinished drainage tunnel system off of Pogue's Run, Aza and Daisy go exploring on their own, where they finally solve the mystery and realize that Pickett had run to the very place they were. After noticing a bad smell emanating from the area, they suspect that the billionaire had already died. Aza tells Davis of their discovery. He places an anonymous tip to the police, who find the body.

Given the loss of their parents and home, and all their wealth already given to their pet tuatara, Davis and his younger brother Noah decide to relocate to Colorado, where Noah would attend a boarding school. As Davis and Aza say their goodbyes, she reflects on the open possibilities of her future. With lots of adventures and charters this book is sure to keep you hooked till the end. Happy reading ☺

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## **The Alchemist** *by Paulo Coelho*

“We too easily give up on our dreams, yet the universe is always ready to help us fulfil them”

Santiago, being a shepherd, loves the nature and notices that the sheep do not lift their head to embrace the existence of beautiful green environment. He lives in Andalucía with his parents. It is a beautiful place with rolling hills to attract tourist but for them it is not a place of dreams.

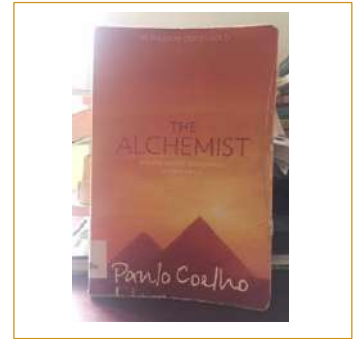
Santiago also loves to read and travel. He encounters a tramp-King and gypsy women while selling some of his flock. They urge him to ‘follow his omens’ and the gypsy directs him towards the pyramids of Egypt and says he will find the treasure.

The boy crazily believes in her and sets sail after having done selling the flock. He gets robbed by a thief in Tangier and lost all his savings made out of so much hard work. But, Santiago is not upset on what has happened as he knows he is on his right path. Living a different life gives experiences of new things and satisfaction. He strongly believes in what was said to him in the market: ‘When you want something, the entire universe conspires in helping you to achieve it’.

On the other hand, Santiago was told by an old man in town that he should not believe in the lies; that our destiny cannot be controlled. You can, he says, but you must ‘read the omens’, which becomes possible when you start to see the world as one.

The treasure Santiago seeks is the symbol of the personal dream or destiny, but he is happy to give up on it when he finds the woman of his dreams in a desert oasis. The alchemist he meets in the desert tells him that the love of his woman will only be proved real if she is willing to support his search for treasure.

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### **QUOTES**

“I don’t live in either my past or my future. I’m interested only in the present. If you can concentrate always on the present, you’ll be a happy man. Life will be a party for you, a grand festival, because life is the moment we’re living now.”

“Before a dream is realized, the Soul of the World tests everything that was learned along the way. It does this not because it is evil, but so that we can, in addition to realizing our dreams, master the lessons we’ve learned as we’ve moved toward that dream. That’s the point at which most people give up.”

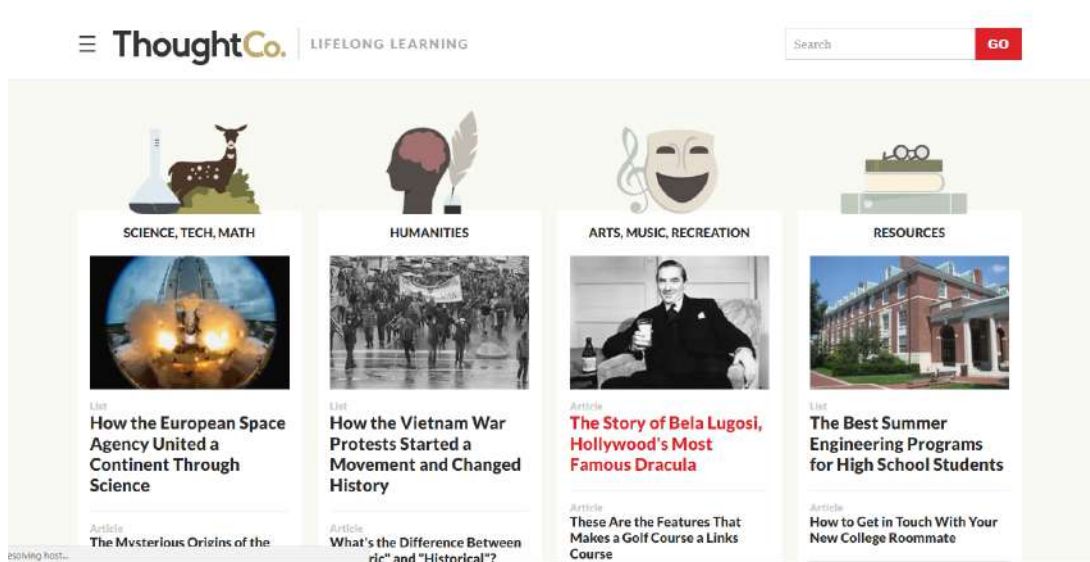
“When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.”

Source: [The alchemist quotes](#)

# Learning is a never-ending process, and it begins with a question!

**ThoughtCo** is an educational website where you can find answers to your questions whether it is about science, history, math, or religion. Find the subject you are interested in and in-depth articles give you answers, and the information is very well sourced.

“Let your curiosity lead the way”

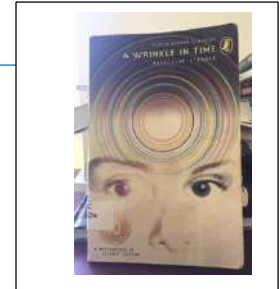


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**Read the book, watch the movie!**



**What are your thoughts?**

**“A Wrinkle in Time”**

Director Ava DuVernay’s movie largely fits within the outline sketched by Madeleine L’Engle’s novel, following the socially awkward, bespectacled teenager Meg Murry (played by Storm Reid) on a journey across the universe to find her missing scientist father. Meg’s guides, including her ingenious little brother, Charles Wallace (Deric McCabe) and a trio of celestial matriarchs – Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which (played by Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling and Oprah Winfrey) – figure heavily in the story, as does the evil planet Camazotz and its most nefarious inhabitant, the IT, which is holding Dr. Murry captive while seeding darkness throughout the cosmos.

But the film also departs from the novel in notable ways. Some characters from the book, like Meg and Charles’s twin brothers, Sandy and Dennys, didn’t make it into the movie, while others, like a mean girl named Veronica, are in the movie but not the book. The movie also dispenses with many of the book’s digressions into scientific theory and the mysteries of the universe, which, apparently, really were unfilmable.

While the movie broadly gestures toward an overarching logic and order to its universe and the planets and beings within it, it doesn’t spend a ton of time on the details. What does Meg’s father mean when he tells her that his love is never gone, it’s just “enfolding”? What exactly is a tesseract? How did Camazotz become the source of all the evil in the universe and how did Dr. Murray end up there? If you hadn’t read the book (and maybe even if you had) and wanted concrete answers to these and a dozen other cosmic questions the movie leaves ambiguous, you might have left the theater disappointed, or just confused.

Reviews at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/11/movies/a-wrinkle-in-time-viewer-reaction.html>

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**Movie available on the MSS**

## News from the Reading Club:

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the RTC reading club had a discussion with Chablop Passang Tshering (Aue Passu), who is a well-known Bhutanese blogger and writer.

Recently, he launched his first book which is a collection of posts from his much-loved and admired blog, "Passu Diary". He talked about his journey into writing a blog and also shared some of his favorite bloggers such as Kezang Choden. He also talked about how he came about publishing his blog into the book. He said most of his close friends helped him to select the blogs that are in the book. He actually had a hard time there because his friends didn't agree with him about the blogs which he thinks are good to go in the book.

Overall, his talk was very inspiring. It felt like everything is possible in our life if we really put in our effort. Aue Passu is a teacher, a writer and a very active social worker. He is now a fulltime worker at Bhutan Toilet Organizations (BTO).



## **Wanted! Book reviews from Faculty, Staff, and Students**

If you have read a good book and would like to contribute a review to the Library Newsletter, we would love to receive one from you. Tell us a little about the book and why you liked it in 250-500 words. If interested, send your review to Ms Monnu Chhetri [monmchhetri@rtc.bt](mailto:monmchhetri@rtc.bt) or come by the library and see the library staff.

Thanks!!