Games

Noncompetitive, Conversation Games

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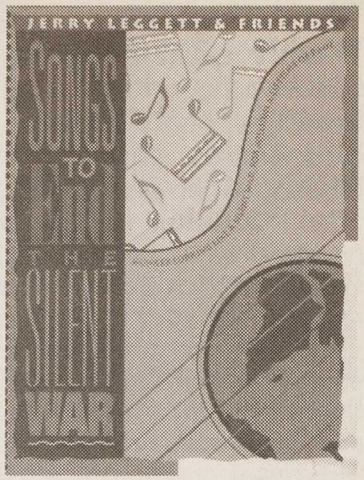
The Ungame

World's Most Popular Self-Expression Game

A Cooperative Adventure in Communication. Non-competitive. Everybody wins. Ages 5-adult, 2-6 players. $17. UNGAME



Lifestories

Wilfred Bockelman, Vivian Johnson and Truman Howell

This board game helps build communication, enrich relationships and preserve traditions. The gently prodding questions encourage players of all ages to share personal stories and memories that will be treasured long after the game is over. $29. LIFEST

Conversation Pieces

Parents, Kids and Other Animals

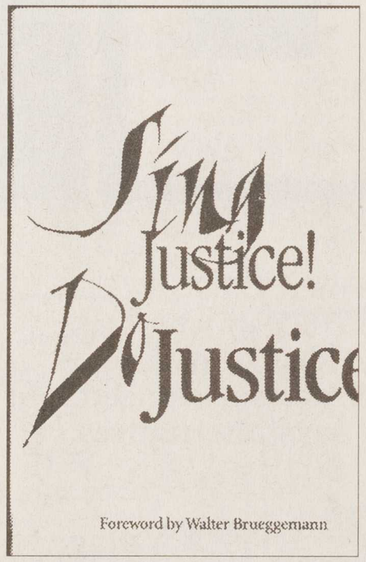
Tell about your favorite tree. Tell about a time when your parents really embarrassed you. This game is ideal for travel, vacations and small group gatherings. Players simply draw a question from over 100 cards and share a story or memory. $10. CONV

WOW! WHAT SERVICE! I phoned Monday. Books at our door Friday! THANK YOU! We plan to use *Directory of Intentional Communities, The Secular Squeeze, Sacred Trusts* and *The Case Against the Global Economy* for serious reading, hopefully leading to deeper awareness, self-improvement and a finer attainment to this God-gifted universe! My husband will use the books as a supplementary teaching tool resource at the university level. We resonate with your mission, values and goals, and perceive your work/resources as wholesome, responsible, and creative vehicles of our trust! Love the freebies, too! Bless you, Rose Ann! – David and Carol Crawford, Southfield, MI

Sing Justice! Do Justice!

A Collection of New Hymn and Song Texts to Familiar and New Tunes

The five winning entries and many Honorable Mentions from the over 200 entries in the international contest co-sponsored by Alternatives and The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Words and music (some familiar tunes and some new ones) come ready for personal or group use. $8. SING



Music

Simple Gifts

Instrumental arrangements of Shaker melodies

William Coulter, Barry Phillips and friends

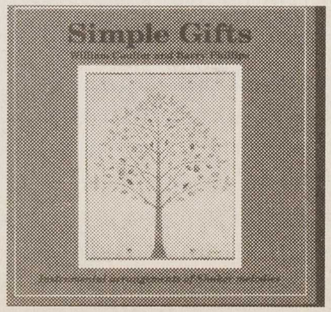
Various combinations of guitar, cello, spoons, harmonium, mandolin, violin, viola, dulcimers, flutes, English horn, Irish harp. 11 selections, both relaxing and inspiring. Interesting booklet included. CD. $15. SIMPLE CD

Songs to End the Silent War

Songbook and Cassette Tape

Jerry Leggett & Friends

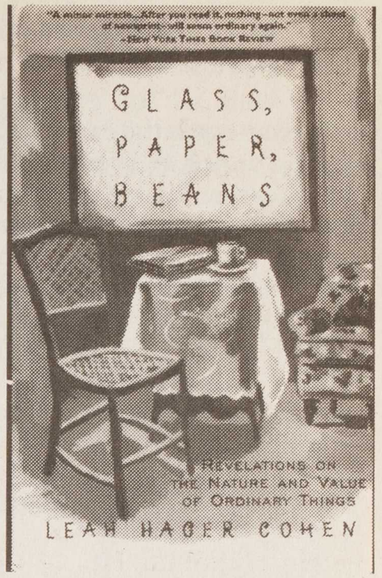
This special songbook offers the music and lyrics to 12 unique inspirational songs that cry out against hunger and injustice. The collection is designed to reach people of all faiths with a message of opportunity and hope. "Songs to End the Silent War" is ideal for hunger education, CROP hunger walks and worship events. 50 pp. ~~$15~~ $7. SONGS; Cassette, ~~$10~~ $5. TAPE; Songbook & Cassette, ~~$20~~ $10. SONGSET



Glass, Paper, Beans: Revelations on the Nature and Value of Ordinary Things

Leah Hager Cohen

Sitting at a table in her favorite café, Leah Cohen explores the glass of her coffee mug, the coffee in the mug and the paper she's reading, from their earliest development (including their near deification) through to a wonderful exploration of commodity fetishism. After reading this book you'll never look at ordinary things the same way. 299 pp. $13. GPB



Sex, Economy, Freedom & Community

Wendell Berry

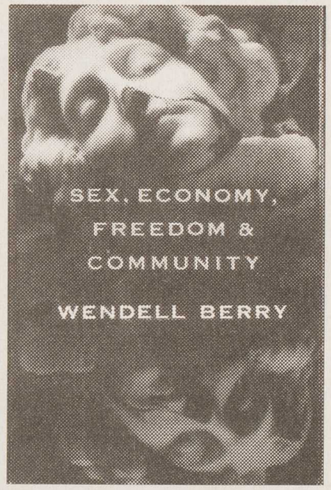
I first heard Wendell Berry in 1985 at a conference in Ames, Iowa on the farm crisis. He identified the crisis as having roots in our changing from agriculture to agribusiness. It's 1999 and we are experiencing a farm crisis. Again. Here is a response to the present crisis from this book, "American farmers, who must continue to buy their expensive labor-replacing machines, fuel and chemicals on markets entirely controlled by the suppliers, will be forced to market their products in competition with the cheapest hand labor of the poor countries. And the poor countries, needing to feed their own people, will see the food vacuumed off their plates by lucrative export markets." Throughout the last heavily reported famine in Ethiopia, we residents of North America had the pleasure of drinking coffee raised on what would otherwise have been farmland in Ethiopia. Berry identifies this book as being "about sales resistance." He calls us to be people of God in our local community. 178 pp. $15. SEFC

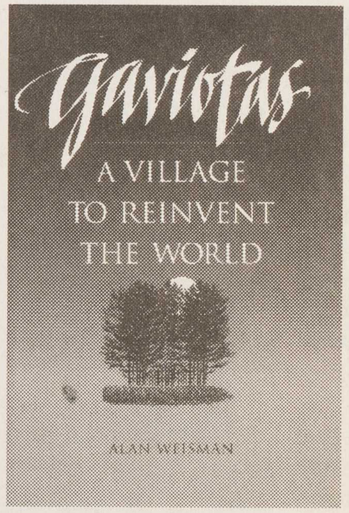
I plan to share "Adviento '98" and "Whose Birthday...?" with local families. Thanks for the Spanish resources. – Rev. Ed Brandt, Oregon Farm Worker Ministry, Dallas, OR

Y2K Citizen's Action Guide

Utne Reader

Preparedness. Community building. Local control and autonomy. These are some of the encouraging buzzwords heard when talking about the potential Y2K date problem. We prefer the positive comments though we don't want to appear pollyannish. We've been looking for a book that contains good and helpful material without inflammatory text. We haven't found one. If you aren't aware of the potential for trouble when two digit date codes misread the year 2000, here is a book that clearly spells out the downside. Additionally there are several good ideas for use any time as well as some nifty get-your-house-in-order forms. 120 pp. $4. Y2K





Gaviotas: A Village to Reinvent the World

Alan Weisman

This is an extraordinary story of a village built in the Colombian llanos, a land "good for little except inspiring llanero musicians to write songs about how mournful life gets on an endless prairie." The llanos are a vast grassland with short-cycle, nutrient poor savanna grasses, a "big, wet desert." Paolo Lugari, the man who envisioned Gaviotas says, "the only deserts are deserts of the imagination." Gabriel Garcia Marquez calls Paolo Lugari the "inventor of the world." Out of the llanos Lugari and a host of scientists, mechanics, engineers, street-kids, Peace Corp volunteers, university professors and others have built a community that is a hope for the entire world. 227 pp. $23. GAV