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Model**

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Dedicated to future Aaron and person reading this long  
after I have disappeared completely. If you make it to 70 and  
read 40 books a year from here on out, that's only 1,720 books.  
Ape-brain wants the sea. Surround yourself with the sea in all  
directions. Navigate by the stars to Kefalonia. Your face  
wants sea breeze, not oatmeal soap. Disappear to Tannu Tuva  
and learn the art of throat singing. Wave Isaac Newton's  
*Principia* at passing motorists and demand potato salad for  
good company. Find yourself in a Korean bathhouse and offer  
a naked man your sandals. Purchase your own coffin and use it  
as a dinner table, TV stand, or piggy bank, and spend one  
night in it so that you never forget.