

# MAY MUSING

## Word Wisdom

**Blatherskite** - (n) a person given to nonsense or empty talk; mid 17th century: a Scots derogatory term adopted into American colloquial speech during the War of Independence from the Scottish song *Maggie Lauder*, by F. Semphill, which was popular with American troops.

## Grammar Garden

**Alliteration** - the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. It's one of my favorite elements in writing!

## Prompt Party

She watched the clock as the minutes slowly ticked by and wondered if...

## PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTLIGHT



With the current situation in our nation, social distancing has become the “new normal.” Maybe it is for the birds!

## Book Bank

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### Children's

The Whale's Song

By Dyan Sheldon

Paintings by Gary Blythe

A gentle story about a young girl and her grandmother who shared the secret of getting the whales to sing.

### Adults

Gift from the Sea

By Anne Morrow Lindbergh

A meditative memoir from her brief vacation by the sea. Drawing inspiration from shells, she gives insights on relationships during the different seasons of life.



Growing up in rural Pennsylvania I was accustomed to the smell of fresh cut hay...in my own backyard. The sweet smell of the clover and fescue grasses would fill the air as I attempted to steady myself on the wagon as it bounced across groundhog holes. It meant long days in the sun, sweating and dirty from throwing bales. But, I sure do miss it now that I'm older.

The hard work of baling hay also meant loads of time with my extended family. After the hay was stacked in the barn, we would sit down to sun soaked iced tea and ice cold lemonade. Everyone would bring a dish of food and we would eat like kings and queens.

### QUIET QUOTABLES

*Spring is a season of hope and new beginnings as the color returns to the earth and bids the cold and dreary days of winter adieu.*