

## COMMON SENSE TALK



“Stress is an ignorant state. It believes that everything is an emergency.”

*Natalie Goldberg*

“Although there may be nothing new under the sun, what is old is new to us and so rich and astonishing that we never tire of it. If we do tire of it, if we lose our curiosity, we have lost something of infinite value, because to a high degree it is curiosity that gives meaning and savor to life.”

*Robertson Davies*

“If you don’t make mistakes, you aren’t really trying.”

*Coleman Hawkins*

“Anyone who thinks it won’t be difficult for a woman to get elected president of the United States should go home, take a nap, wake up refreshed, and think again.”

*Bob Herbert*

“If you don’t like the superstores, it is easy enough to expand your reading horizons through other means. Spend more time in public libraries, which offer many of the features of indie bookshops, including informed staff, diversity, and offbeat titles. Of course, public libraries aren’t exactly atmospherically ‘cool.’ The clientele is often young children, women over 40, and retired men. I visit five public libraries on a regular basis and each one delivers the goods.”

*Tyler Cowen*

“Confidence is preparation. Everything else is beyond your control.”

*Richard Kline*

“Dreams are renewable. No matter what our age or condition, there are still untapped possibilities within us and new beauty waiting to be born.”

*Dale E. Turner*

“The excellence of a gift lies in its appropriateness rather than in its value.”

*Charles Dudley Warner*