

# Recommended Summer Reading 2005



**Recommended by Wayne Braid,  
Executive Director of The Society of  
Notaries Public of BC**

***Digital Fortress***

Dan Brown, author of the *Da Vinci Code*

This techno-thriller involves software, computers, and a devious plot by a shunned programmer to write computer code that will encrypt any program, email, or any other communications through the Internet—a code unbreakable by the world’s most powerful code-breaking computer and the best human code-breakers. The *San Francisco Chronicle* says: “Heart-racing thriller...many twists—all satisfying, most unexpected...it would be a sin to reveal too much of the plot.” A great read for those airport waiting rooms when yet another flight is delayed!

***The Notary in Opera***

A. J. Burgess

I re-read this book every couple of years. Written by a Notary Public of the



City of London and the famous firm of Cheeswrights, it is an account of 18 operas—composed over a period of 200 years—and the role of Notaries in each.

My favourite is Don Pasquale, wealthy old bachelor who would love to marry. He has become annoyed with his nephew Ernesto and has disinherited him. (Trevor Todd was not around in 1863!) Pasquale’s friend Dr. Malatesta devises an involved scheme where a Notary will perform a marriage ceremony. The Don will marry his nephew’s fiancée and she will make his life so miserable, he will be glad to be released from the marriage—and of course Norina—and Ernesto will be reinstated in the uncle’s Will.

At one part in the opera, the Notary proclaims, “The moral in all this is easily to be found. Who takes a wife in his old age is truly short of brains.” A great book with many illustrations and photos. Even if you don’t enjoy opera, this story is worth the read!

**Recommended by Chuck Salmon,  
BCLS, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Registrar of the Association  
of British Columbia Land  
Surveyors**

***Surveying Northern British  
Columbia; A Photo Journal  
of Frank Swannell***

Jay Sherwood

This look at surveying in northern



BC in the early 1900s gives the reader an appreciation for the tireless efforts of surveyors and explorers as they mapped the North for settlement. Copies are available from the Association of BC Land Surveyors (Voice: 250 382-4323; Fax: 250 382-5092) and at local book stores.

**Recommended by Chris Dupuis,  
President of The Society of Notaries  
Public of BC**

***A Salty Piece of Land***

Jimmy Buffett

Misplaced cowboy finds mystery, adventure, and life redemption on the waters and islands of the Caribbean. Pure unadulterated FICTION from the singer/songwriter (turned bestselling author) who brought us *Margaritaville*.

An adventure we would all love to live, it is best read under a tree on the beach overlooking the ocean. Great for forgetting your worries.

**Recommended by  
Akash Sablok,  
Vancouver Notary**

***The  
Fountainhead***

Ayn Rand

Life of a maverick architect. Most inspiring.



