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Once Again, to Zelda

By Marlene Wagman-Geller

Perigee, \$16.95, 336 pages

What an original and thoughtful concept! And, what striking stories are found behind the dedications! Wagman-Geller set out on a personal and unique quest for knowledge, and the result is *Once Again, to Zelda*. She has found the stories behind dozens of books, everything from “Harry Potter” to “For Whom the Bell Tolls,” entertainment books to classics, the wide variety is only surpassed by the tales behind the dedications of those books.



While it presents an original and intriguing idea, in theory, and while the stories behind the book dedications actually are quite interesting, Wagman-Geller's recounting of those stories is lackluster. The stories are extremely entertaining and would make for a far above average book were it not for the fact that they are told in a boring, informational manner that belongs in a history book.