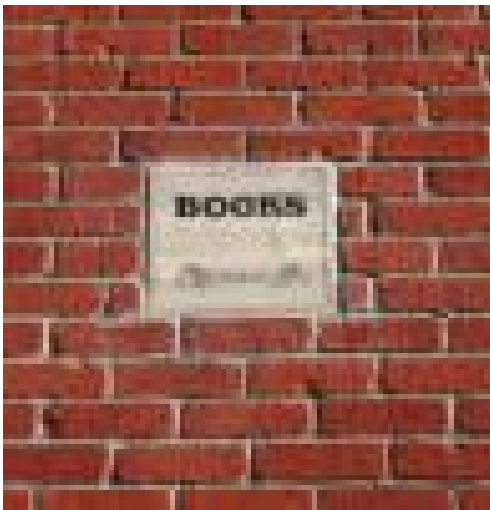


## Adopt a Guide

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Bookstores are adoption agencies, bringing together not parents and children, but rather readers and authors. Good booksellers can tell simply by the glint in a reader's eyes if that person is hungry for spiritual wisdom and will take good care of the author they adopt. Bookstore adoption counselors over the years have learned how to recognize those best suited for this or that author adoptee.



A good bookstore is a virtual nursery of spiritual directors and

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*Thank you for the gift of book guides,  
some a thousand years old, some new.  
They are my compass companions today  
as I zigzag along the Way to you.*

From *A Book of Wonders* by Ed Hays

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