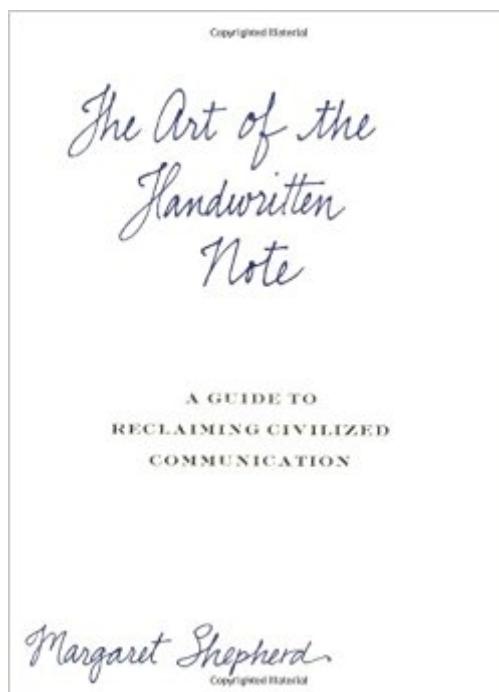


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# The Art Of The Handwritten Note: A Guide To Reclaiming Civilized Communication



## Synopsis

When you receive the daily mail do you jump to open the handwritten envelopes first because you can't wait to see who has written and why? Or do you hold those letters aside to savor and enjoy after you are done sorting your bills and tossing the junk mail? Whatever your approach, you no doubt recognize the importance of the note that comes in a unique envelope with distinct handwriting and possibly a decoration or two. Indeed, in an age when even birthday greetings are sent by e-mail, the personal letter is appreciated more than ever before. For those who enjoy writing notes, or those who value doing so but find themselves intimidated by the task, acclaimed calligrapher Margaret Shepherd has created both an epistolary tribute and rescue manual. Just as you cherish receiving personal mail, you can take pleasure in crafting correspondence. Love, gratitude, condolences, congratulations— for every emotion and occasion, a snippet of heartfelt prose is included, sure to loosen the most stymied letter writer. Not only providing inspiration for the content of the missives, *The Art of the Handwritten Note* gives thorough instruction in the specific details that give so many men and women the jitters when it comes to correspondence that can't (or shouldn't) be produced on a keyboard. From overcoming illegible penmanship to mastering the challenge of keeping straight margins, avoiding smeared ink, and choosing stationery that is appropriate but suits your style, this is a powerful little guide to conveying thoughts in an enduring and noteworthy way.

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Margaret Shepherd is a noted calligrapher and author whose clients include numerous headliners. The author of thousands of personal notes and thirteen instructional books on calligraphy, including the bestselling *Learning Calligraphy* and the just published *Learn Calligraphy* (Broadway Books, 2001), she has exhibited her work in many museums and galleries. She lives in Boston.

As a writer I love books like this. They point the way for others to take in the craft. Its a great reference for a writer, or would make a great gift along with a journal, stationary, pens or whatever for someone you know who loves to write. Handwritten letters seem to be fading.. bring them back to the surface with the help of this book.

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I love the book, wished I had found it sooner. I have written with a fountian pen for years. I have my own Crane's cards, and stationary, both are engraved. The service from this supplier was

excellent.Regards,Larry

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The book reminded me of an almost forgotten means of communication - the handwritten letter. No other form of written communication conveys the human element as satisfactorily.

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