

## HOW TO READ THIS BOOK

If you are someone with no interest in finding the physical treasures I have hidden, then reading this book should be a straightforward exercise. Each chapter of Part One is curated by the history and stories of at least one item in the treasure. Sometimes, multiple pieces conspire to share the wisdom of a topic.

From time to time, some historical fictional flair is added for storytelling effect, but, for the most part, I prefer to remain true to historical facts as they are known. Every chapter has something of value to take from it, a lesson or message that we may apply to our daily lives. I invite you to reflect on them if you'd like.

On occasion, to help illustrate a theme, I share a personal anecdote about myself or others who played a part in this project. I hope these stories add color to the larger mural here. My initial instinct was to keep myself out of the way as much as possible, as this book is not meant to be a personal memoir. Still, I realize some readers, especially those who want to find the five treasure boxes, may be interested to learn a little more about me or the events that led to this treasure hunt. Perhaps you are curious, too.

On the other hand, if you are eagerly waiting for me to shut the hell up and get to the part about how you can source this book for clues that will lead you to the location of the largest treasure box, then let's get to it!

The first thing I would advise is to read this book once through, thoughtfully. Indulge in it. I have subtly placed many clues within the text of the book. As they are not always overtly obvious, you may or may not pick up on all of them right away. That is okay and to be expected. I'd suggest jotting down anything that makes your Spidey sense tingle. Let your thoughts marinate on the book after you finish. On subsequent reads, it will most likely become easier to distinguish clues more clearly.

Also, if you find a topic or story captivating or intriguing and your instinct is to go research further, I invite you to do so. It's not outside the realm of possibility that was my exact intention. Who knows what fun and interesting stuff you may discover?

As I mentioned before, almost every chapter of the first twenty-three includes at least some morsel of information helpful for finding the location of the largest treasure box. Do not overlook any part of this book. Almost anything could be helpful to your cause. And remember, the four chapters in Part Two of this book contain primarily all you need to discover the location of the other four treasure boxes.