TANGENT daily

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
ISSUE 23

BUSINESS NOTE

Andrew Welsh-Huggins pushes back on reading less

Writing for Jane Friedman's blog, author Andrew Welsh-Huggins takes issue with Seneca's advice that a student is better off devoting himself to a few writers than skimming through many, arguing instead for reading widely. He calls Seneca's counsel a poor fit for modern readers and worries that popular interpreters of Stoicism repeat it as sound guidance.

A seller of reading-themed goods can treat the disagreement as a prompt rather than a verdict, since both positions give buyers something to identify with. A printable reading log with two spreads, one for a few favorite authors and one for books tried on a whim, lets a buyer keep both habits without choosing sides.

Source: Jane Friedman, To Read a Little or To Read a Lot? Are You Kidding? Read a LOT!
https://janefriedman.com/to-read-a-little-or-to-read-lot-are-you-kidding-read-a-lot/