

THE LONGHAND CLUB

52 Letters to Keep Us Close

A correspondence journal for friends who refuse to drift apart

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This book is not therapy, and it does not replace professional support. It is simply a reason to write honestly to someone you care about.

For the people who stayed

For the friend who knows the old versions of you.

For the friend who lives three streets away but somehow still feels far.

For the friend across an ocean.

For the friendship that deserves more than a reaction emoji.

How to use this book

This is not a workbook to finish quickly. Choose one prompt each week—or whenever life allows. Write a real letter on separate paper, then use the second page of each prompt to record what came back.

You may complete the prompts in order, choose at random, or circle the ones that make you slightly nervous. Those are often the useful ones.

The goal is not perfect prose. The goal is evidence that you were paying attention.

Make it a ritual

Choose a day. Put your phone in another room. Make something warm to drink. Read the prompt twice.

Write by hand if you can. Leave the crossed-out sentences. Add the unnecessary detail. Include the joke that needs too much explanation.

Mail the letter before you can improve all the life out of it.

Before you begin

Friend I am writing to:

How we met:

Distance between us today:

The last time we were in the same room:

What I hope these letters protect:

A simple reply tracker

Use this page only as a light record—not a scorecard.
Friendship is not measured by response time.

Letter sent:

Reply received:

Detail I want to remember:

Letter sent:

Reply received:

Detail I want to remember:

Letter sent:

Reply received:

Detail I want to remember:

The only promise required

I will not wait for the perfect story, the perfect stationery, or the perfect week.

I will write what is true enough to send.

Signed:

Date:

The first scene

Tell the story of the first time you remember noticing me.

START SOMEWHERE

- *What detail still feels vivid?*
- *What did you assume about me then?*
- *What would surprise that earlier version of us?*

WHEN THEIR REPLY ARRIVES

What came back

DATE SENT

DATE RECEIVED

A LINE I WANT TO KEEP

SOMETHING I LEARNED

THE NEXT QUESTION THIS OPENED

The ordinary memory

Write about a completely ordinary moment with me that became precious later.

START SOMEWHERE

- *Where were we?*
- *What tiny detail made it stick?*
- *Why do you think your mind kept it?*

WHEN THEIR REPLY ARRIVES

What came back

DATE SENT

DATE RECEIVED

A LINE I WANT TO KEEP

SOMETHING I LEARNED

THE NEXT QUESTION THIS OPENED

A version of you I remember

Describe a past version of me with kindness and accuracy.

START SOMEWHERE

- *What was I worried about?*
- *What strength had I not noticed yet?*
- *What would you tell that version of me now?*

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What came back

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