Good Things of 2014 (links and images: http://rasmusen.org/special/amazon/xmas2014.htm)



1. <u>Sabrina</u> (1954) is a movie with Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn, and William Holden, directed by Billy Wilder. How could it not be good?



- **2.** <u>Africa: Biography of a Continent</u> (1998, 884pp) by John Reader. Geology, biology, archaeology, and history up to recent times.
- **3. "The 95 Theses"** of Martin Luther (1517). The theses cut a lot deeper than just indulgences. It boils down to Thesis 1: " When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said "Repent", He called for the entire life of believers to be one of repentance"



- **4.** The Elements (2012) and Molecules (2014) by Theo Grey (Uni '82). Half photos, half text, all good.
- **5.** The 100 Cupboards (2007) by N. D. Wilson in the audiobook read by Russell Horton (6;23 hrs). A scary children's book about normalcy and access to other worlds.





6. The Intellectul Portrait The Liberty Fund DVDs with Alchian, Jaffa, Friedman, Becker. series. DVD series by the Liberty Fund. I've got the interviews with Alchian, Friedman, Jaffa, and Becker.



7. <u>Howl's Moving Castle</u> (1986, 336 pp.) by Diana Jones. Far better than the Miyazaki movie.



8. Poor
Charlie's
Almanack: The
Wit and
Wisdom of
Charles
Munger (2008).

Musings, speeches, memories on life and business.

- **9. Honeymoon bridge.** The best 2-person card game I know. Maybe better than 4-player bridge.
- **10. Pandora's Leo Delibes** internet radio station. It's mostly music not by Delibes, but similar to his. I am haunted by his <u>Flower Duet.</u>



- **11. Sherlock** (2010), a TV series about a present-day Holmes and Watson. Note the music and cinematography, as well as story, dialogue, characters, acting, and scenery.
 - 12. <u>Tales of Manhattan</u> (1967) by <u>Louis Auchincloss</u>. This is his 3rd time on the list--- and he wrote 52 books. Perceptive about people and the legal profession.

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