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I took out a book
It weighed half a pound
It lived in my bag
Which I threw around
There's no need to mention
I forgot about my book
After days and months
I began to look.
I tore out my drawers
I searched through my closet.
It couldn't be found
I was convinced that I'd lost it!

My overdue notices became a collection
My misplaced book was worse than rejection
The year was over
I had given up
I paid the fee
And said it's enough.

When summer began
I cleaned out my bag
And there right before me
Was my book left unread

Well, I learned my lesson
It won't happen again
I won't lose my book
My book is my friend.