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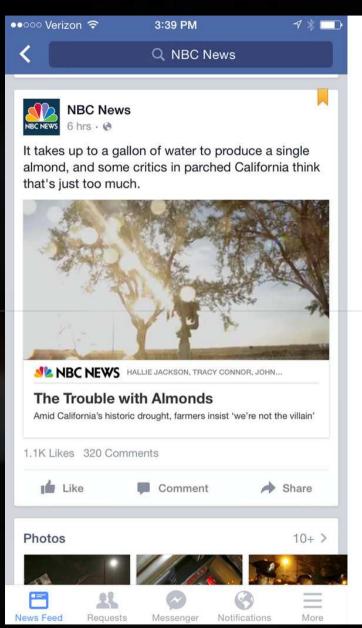














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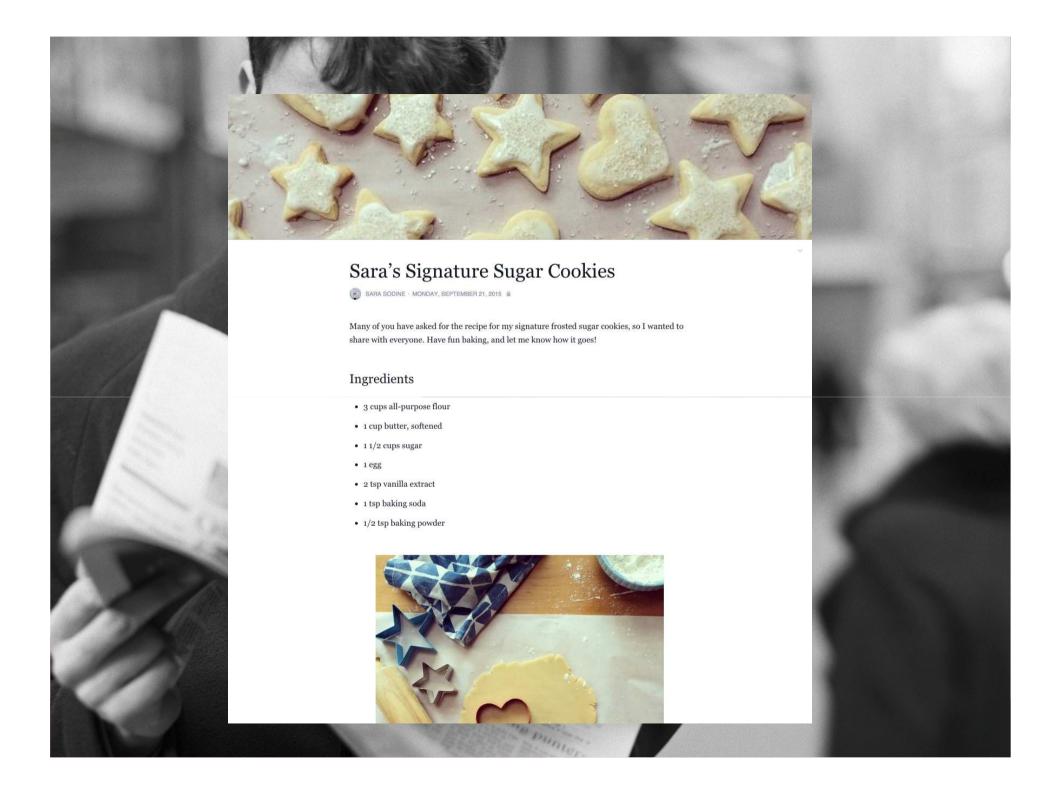




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Standing in the middle of his family orchard





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It's nice that there's something you can do everyday that you have a reasonable chance of getting better at (given how much, by the time you reach a certain age, seems to move in the opposite direction). Some of those things going the wrong way now, you didn't think would ever move at all, one way or another. They seemed so solid and so sure, like a rock or the meaning of red. (When we were young, who knew that love and parts of the body and reasons why could just plain wear out?) Then again, who knew, when we were young, that with time and practice, other things (parts of the heart, new wantings to be near, other points of life) could get a lot farther and a lot finer?

(This is where you come in.)

Note: The gaiety and frolic of a bottle companion improves . . . into a solid friendship: And the ardours of a youthful appetite become an elegant passion (Hume, "Of the Delicacy of Taste and Passion").





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