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When your contempt has reached classical proportions, crude Anglo-Saxon expletives just won't cut the mustard. Learn to express your outrage in the words of such late, great Romans as Horace, Cicero, Virgil, and Ovid -- guys who could "dis" with class! Unapologetically quoting these famous Latin writers entirely out of context, the authors have compiled a witty, wicked little lexicon of insults and invective that will soon have you demeaning, defaming, and degrading your enemies with real "animus." 6 1/2" x 7 1/4". Black-and-white illustrations.

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From Reader Review How to Insult, Abuse & Insinuate in Classical Latin for online ebook

Christian Brown says

A humorous and totally farcical look at latin insults.

Colin says

A fun little book I bought back in the 90s. Bits of Latin to titillate the illiterati.

Merilyn says

Tired of english insults? Try latin. I chuckled out loud with this book.

Literary Chic says

Cute little book. Would be a funny gift. Kind of a tongue and cheek look at famous Latin puns and innuendo.

S says

2.5/5

Some parts were funny, some interesting. I wasn't sure I needed a whole section just on how women, as a whole, suck. I know it's not the author's words - they just put it together, but that section was really in poor taste and not needed. Overall, I'm left feeling slightly underwhelmed.

Winterfae *spiro, spero* says

Wonderful! Definetly need to use some curses on some people I know... ;) This book might be rated PG due to some language... but it was very entertaining and can prove extremely useful and fun. It was very short, however, and I wish it had a pronunciation key.

Robert Beveridge says

Michelle Lovric and Nikiforos Doxiadia Mardas, How to Insult, Abuse, and Insinuate in Classical Latin

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Exactly what it claims to be: a tome on how to insult, abuse, and insinuate in classical Latin. A compendium of quotes (bilingually presented, of course) from ancient Roman authors, poets, and statesmen of questionable taste. The translation is necessarily loose in places (and loose in others for humor's sake), but still. It's fun to insult someone and not have them understand a word of it. ****

Meaghan says

More than just your typical "how to curse in Latin" book, this offers actual insults and abuses spoken/written by the ancients themselves, as well as cool illustrations. WIN. If you want something similar (and longer, but without the illustrations, alas) try Philip Matyczak's Classical Compendium.

Miriam says

From Ovid you there is an insult that reads like a medical diagnosis: Impurae matris prolapsus ab alvo.

Emily says

Brilliant idea. So much respect for Lovric (and, naturally all the famous Romans who unknowingly contributed).

J. says

Short but very entertaining.

JoAnn says

bc torlone was out and i already finished all my chapter 9 stuf...

Kristen Fort says

This fun little book has quotes upon quotes from all the favorite Roman authors. Must-have for any Latin teacher. :-D

Sarah says

What a delightful little book! Aside from just being attractive, with classically-themed images throughout, it gives the reader taste of the nasty invective that the Romans were capable of concocting. Insults are presented with the Latin, an English translation (which can occasionally be loose for humorous effect, but that's forgivable since it captures the feel of the Latin), and both the author of the quote and the work that the quote is from, which is especially nice. It's definitely not for the squeamish, since it covers the entire spectrum of ancient Roman insult, and that can be quite distasteful to a modern audience at times. But it's definitely entertaining, and it makes a great gift for any fan of ancient Rome.

Greg Converse says

Mufrius, non magister, or, you are not a guru, you are a gorilla, I took as a compliment. Otherwise, a good scholarly read of dead insults.
