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Do you know what "quatrefoil" and "impolitic" mean? What about "halcyon" or "narcolepsy"?

This book is a handy, easy-to-read reference guide to the proper parlance for any situation. In this book you will find: Words You Absolutely Should Know (covert, exonerate, perimeter); Words You Should Know But Probably Don't (dour, incendiary, scintilla); Words Most People Don't Know (schlimazel, thaumaturgy, epergne); Words You Should Know to Sound Overeducated (ad infinitum, nugatory, garrulity); Words You Probably Shouldn't Know (priapic, damnatory, labia majora); and more.

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Theresa says

Fascinating book which taught me a lot of new words, most of which I will probably never use. And, a lot of words I like to use and actually taught me how to use them better. Fun With Words! 3 stars.

Bob Wilson says

I keep this book on my coffee table and open it daily to find new / interesting words. It's a wonderful tool to keep your vocabulary active and growing. Excellent format, easy to read and great to pick random pages / words. Enjoy

Molly says

This book is so helpful! I love learning what new words mean and how to use them, so this book was absolutely perfect. It's not just a dictionary, it shows over 3,000 words that are rarely known and I am so excited that I know them now! It would be ideal if I could memorize this, but it was still very helpful. I recommend this book because it will help you speak in a sophisticated way and I know it will be very helpful when I have to write essays and important assignments. I didn't know what onus meant, but now I know that it is the burden of performing a task or duty. There are so many words that are very well-explained and I adore this book! I didn't know what pedagogue meant, but it means an educator or schoolteacher! I am obsessed with this book. It's not a novel, but it was very exciting to learn words that I didn't even know existed. I highly recommend that everybody should read this book by senior year, because then you can know so many words and you can give off a very good impression!

Karla Winick-Ford says

This collection has many more adjectives than others I have reviewed. It's jam packed which is a blessing and a curse. It's overwhelming at points if you try to read cover to cover. Definitions are easily understood and pronounceable guidance is there as well.

Not a bad book but I did like 500 words you should know by Taggart better

Tim says

Good vocab builder

Chingiz Abishev says

I don't know

Deb says

I got this for Christmas and I think I will be perusing it for a while. Thankfully, I have gotten through the A's knowing all the words already.

Christine D says

super fun! I love how so many fun words are crammed into this condensed book. it's not dictionary heavy, but it's just big enough to astound people with your vase vocabulary!

Daniel says

Good grief, that was a tedious read. But I saw some words that I could not recall ever seeing before. I might even remember some of them. I also learned I had been mispronouncing some obscure words that I only ever see in print - given that few people are pompous enough to use such words in ordinary speech.

But returning to the tedium aspect, I found it surprising how reading a few pages of this book usually destroyed my concentration. The biggest distraction seemed to be the usage example sentences below each word entry. Every example sentence was pretty much random and disjointed from all the rest. I could read through at most perhaps a dozen before my mind completely drifted off and I had to consciously jolt myself back to paying attention to the book.

I recently read about the principle of "directed practice" in *So Good They Can't Ignore You - Why Skills Trump Passion in the Quest for Work You Love*. The principle says we should constantly push ourselves out of our comfort zones and work on our areas of greatest weakness. Maintaining focus while reading a dictionary of obscure words and utterly disjointed example sentences is not my area of strength.

Vincent says

Nice little vocabulary refresher, giving a most useful definitions and a sample sentence. Book is broken up into thematic sections, and includes a foreign word and idiom section. Read two pages a day.

Zulayka.reidn says

practical

Heather says

I didn't read every page but it's a reference book so I picked out the words I was interested in. I was surprised by how many words I knew AND didn't know AND a few I've been using incorrectly-oops.
