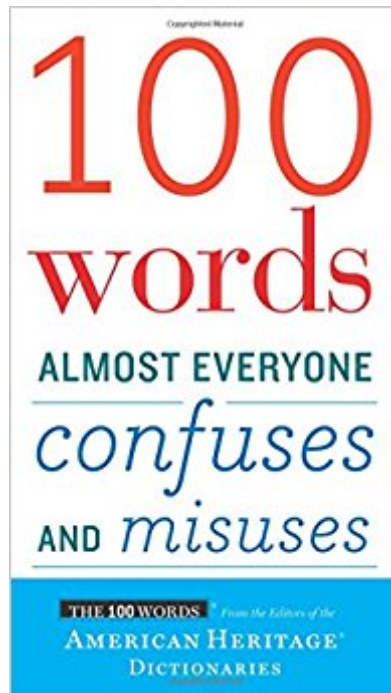




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100 Words Almost Everyone Confuses And Misuses



Synopsis

Do you know how to use these 100 words? *100 Words Almost Everyone Confuses and Misuses* is the perfect book for anyone seeking clear and sensible guidance on avoiding common pitfalls of the English language. Each word is fully defined and accompanied by a concise, authoritative usage note based on the renowned usage program of the American Heritage® Dictionaries. Each note discusses why a particular usage has traditionally been criticized and explains the rules and conventions that determine what's right, what's wrong, and what falls in between. This edition has updated usage notes that have been reanalyzed and rewritten to account for language trends that have occurred since its initial publication in 2004. Troublesome pairs such as *affect* / *effect*, *blatant* / *flagrant*, and *disinterested* / *uninterested* are disentangled, as are vexing sound-alikes such as *discrete* / *discreet* and *principal* / *principle*. Other notes tackle such classic irritants as *hopefully*, *impact*, and *aggravate*, as well as problematic words like *peruse* and *presently*. *100 Words Almost Everyone Confuses and Misuses* is guaranteed to help keep writers and speakers on the up-and-up!

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THE EDITORS OF THE AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARIES are a team of professional lexicographers with advanced degrees in various scholarly fields. The editors familiarize themselves with the vocabulary in specific subject areas, collect materials on new developments and usage,

and work with expert consultants to ensure that their publications are accurate and up-to-date.

I can't get enough of these kind of books, actually; I'm a geek that way. And I love words, language, etc., and I'm a nazi about getting it RIGHT. I found this book to be geared toward your average reader who wants to expand their communication skills and general understanding of the wonderful, endlessly changing English language. This meant I didn't find many surprises, easy to use, and I would especially recommend it to any high school and college wannabe writers (and anyone doing essays). I keep it by my computer while I work. My ONLY caveat is that it didn't have anything I didn't already know.

Anyone who writes, be it for business or pleasure can surely benefit from this slim 100-word volume presented by the American Heritage Dictionary people who have prepared other such guides like "100 Words Every High School Graduate Should Know" An "100 Words Every High School Freshman Should Know." Instead of targeting SAT word-building wannabees, this book presents a quick desktop reference for those words that when misspelled and misused in writing, perilously changes the meaning of the sentence. My personal bete noir pairs--- "effect" versus "affect", "augur" and "augar" and "lie" and "lay"--- are covered here starting with a simple definition, explanation of the part of speech, etymology, related words, sentence examples and most importantly ends with a usage problem label that warns the writer of possible difficulties when applying the word in a sentence. All words are alphabetically listed meaning that confusing pairs like "affect" and "effect" will not necessarily be discussed sequentially. However, the usage note will alert the writer to the word's most confused mate and direct one to the appropriately numbered (1-100) word. The book does not contain an index where the confused pairs could have been listed together as another form of possible language misuse nor does it provide cross-referenced page numbers. However, the wealth of information provided for each word makes the \$4.95 fee for purchase a worthy and timeless value. Bottom line: "100 Words almost Everyone Confuses & Misuses" is a great reference for any writer, particularly those for whom English is a second language. Recommended for all who write.

FUN BOOK. KIDS WILL ENJOY IT TOO. GREAT FOR MIDDLE TO UPPER GRADES. JUST MIGHT IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH!

This was a good refresher in vocabulary usage. I think everyone should read it because it will

improve your writing skills, as well as your speech.

I found out that I know and use all of these words correctly. Huh. Would return it but not worth the shipping costs. ----- Felt like these words were chosen at random - seems like someone just picked 100 words, got a dictionary and cut/pasted this book together...the others in the series seem the same way too. Just lists the word and the definition. How is this different from a dictionary? Just give us a list of words next time and we can go look them up ourselves. I wouldn't say these are the most misused and confused words AT ALL! Start with simpler words ---- like "ask" (axed) and "across" (across)! ~ Most people who misuse words lack a good education, which would include reading and speaking with educated people. Uneducated people (no particular group of people specified please note) don't know any of these words exist anyway so they wouldn't even know or have a situation in which it would be appropriate to use them.

Not for advanced readers. This is pretty rudimentary stuff and is really for someone who doesn't read or write much. Price and format are both good. Might be a good gift for a high school student who is daunted by English courses.

This is a cute book that is fun to flip through and keep with your dictionary. It is essentially just a small dictionary and beyond definitions doesn't go into detail on etymology.

Before mailing my book to me, someone took the liberty of making the book shorter by detaching a few pages from the spine. Oh well. It's a good toilet reader. If you already have a strong English background then you probably won't benefit much from what this has to offer. There were very few words I came across that I confuse or misuse; regardless was one of them.

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