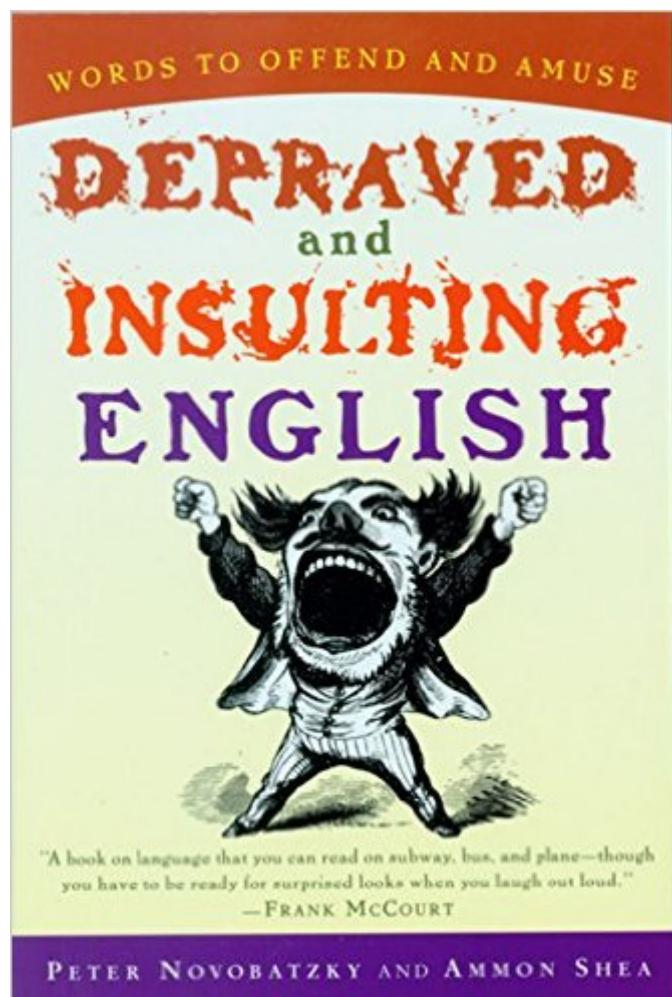


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Customer Reviews

I received this as a gift and have since bought it for others. Is truly as it describes itself - a reference book that you can start reading at any page. The only problem is that you find yourself reading too much at a time, and the definitions will stick as memorable, but the words don't. Often at work I have really wanted to call someone "an odor resulting from the belching of an intoxicated person" but the specific word escaped me. Read slowly and try to use a word a day to get the most out of this

book. The gems of this book are the words that sound so dirty but actually have very appropriate meanings. Example: Who wouldn't get upset when called a "pricklouse"? Me, because I know it just means "tailor". This is a perfect gift for the word (or insult) enthusiast who has everything.

Though I wished this book was a little more organized (beyond simple alphabetizing), I still found it most useful. Great vocabulary to have, especially when you want to let someone have a piece of your mind but don't actually want them to hear you... but you kind of do... but don't... you know the situation.. this book is the key to solving that paradox! So the next time that jobberknowle takes 11 items to the 10-items-or-less isle at the grocery store and starts to pay with a check, you'll find yourself speaking to him/her on terms they aren't familiar with!! Ever been around people who spoke a different language than you, and you knew they were saying something about you but you didn't know what? ...now it's time to level the playing field!! This book is written all in fun, and reads like a book even though it is in dictionary format. You'll definitely get a kick out of it. Some words in the book aren't fully detailed enough to understand, and others are downright useless, but overall this book is a fun read... I do think 10 bucks is a bit steep though... buy it used!

I was standing at a bookstore's special orders desk, waiting and I picked up this little volume. I was stunned. My laughter flowed like water in Niagara. I've used several of the lovely words, with friends and associates. Last night at my poker game I gave a small educational lecture about the English language, and made sure to keep my drink next to me - so with my compatriots newfound knowledge, they would not find a moment to leint my beer. I recommend this book to anyone that finds language interesting and/or useful.

While I bought this book as a gift for my boyfriend, I can still vouch for its entertainment value. It has brought both my boyfriend and I a great deal of enjoyment as we flip through the pages and laugh at the definitions. It is perfect for someone with a casual interest such as us. Not overtly technical, organized well, and full of enjoyment with strange pictures and even stranger definitions!!

What could be better on an awful day than calling someone the most obscene and offensive word imaginable? There is something that could be. It's the fact that the one called that awful offensive word might not even comprehend what horror has befallen him. Or her. There are plenty of disgusting names for both sexes in this little gem of a book, and the pleasure you will derive in seeing the puzzled face of your enemy will undoubtedly make your bad day so much better, you will

dare to grin a sinister inner smile at your secret knowledge. And that knowledge would be this book. How about a couple choice words for you to warm you palate?BDELLOID: resembling a leech. What an excellent word to drop on a date that didn't go too well, wouldn't you agree?GAMMERSTANG: a tall, skinny, and awkward woman. Oh, you could have a field day with this one, couldn't you?MOME: a nitpicking critic. How lovely would it be to throw in the face of those constantly criticizing you!SNUDGE. A scoundrel who hides under the bed, waiting for a chance to rob the house. There is a word for that??Have I convinced you yet? Go buy this book and carry it close to your heart at all times of day.

This book is fun. Yes, there are some depraved and insulting English, but, though I was not expecting it, there are medical terms of some gross anatomical body parts or actions. Rather interesting. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves words, and especially to those who love 'sick' words. If you are easily offended or get nauseated by reading about bodily functions, this book is probably not for you. But for the rest, Rejoice!

If you are going to a "white elephant" party and want a book for the English majors amongst us, this is a hell of a good choice! Some of the words are absolutely revolting and that is what makes it all the more fun!! You could sit around (like we do) and read the various antiquated phrases aloud and just make a night of it. I also highly recommend this as a companion piece to the awesome RPG style game of "Baron Munchhausen."

The only reason I gave this four stars instead of five is because I felt the ghost of my sere Catholic Mother peering over my shoulder as I wrote. I confess I am a word-aholic and revel in linguistic virtuosity wherever it may occur (even the gutter). Maybe even particularly the gutter, to be honest. For whatever reason, a good cuss, curse, diatribe or excoriation is good for the (err...) soul and this book is truly inspiring toward that dubious end. Why is it, though, that the oh-so-proper Brits are so damned good at it? They out-distance the rest of us English language stutterers and stammerers for vile, vitriol and (boing!) scurrilous accuracy. All hail Britannia. Oh my.

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