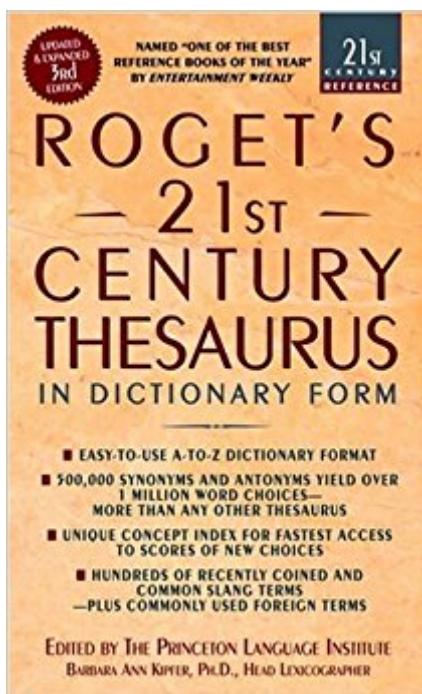


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This thesaurus is the best I've ever found, and the first one I've purchased in 25 years, since I bought my copy of Roget's. The editor has produced an exhaustive list of categories, which no other thesaurus has, that I've seen. However, I bought this hardbound after I bought the paperback. I thought the hardcover version would be larger and easier to read. Not so. The hardbound is the same dimensions and the same 6 - 7 pt print size as the paperback. I recommend the hardbound, though, because it's surdier and will last longer than the paperback. Either way, it's fine work!

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It is a thick paperback and is what it is. But the paper is rough and the print is TINY to get it all in. So if you are young and have great eyes, it won't bother you.

This is by far the best Thesaurus there is; I got it in the nice thumb-indexed hard-cover version, but for the office, I also procured me the paperback version (without thumb index). If you want to browse a bit, hopping from word to word to simply expand your vocab, if you want to find synonyms and antonyms or just words from a certain field of knowledge that need not be a direct paraphrase for another word you have in your mind, this is perfect for you. I got me a used version for a very reasonable price, whose dust jacket arrived in a slightly tattered state here (well, it was a used book after all), but the book itself was in mint condition and its contents are unbeatable anyway. Full score for the book and a compliment to the dealer for serving me swiftly, uncomplicatedly and

unexpensively.

I started word processing with good old Word Perfect for DOS - which was the "Cadillac" of its time. It had a fine Thesaurus utility. Alas, my printer died and when I got a new one, it would not "speak" to my old Friend WP DOS. So I was forced into Billy Gates' Microsoft Word - and the Thesaurus just isn't as good. Tardily, (one could argue from my previous reviews,) I broke down and got this "Library Binding" (good choice! Durable, but not as expensive as hard cover) book. It combines the best of both approaches - Dictionary and "concept" groupings. I have perused the beginning and end and parts in-between, but have found no symbol key. It appears, though, that an asterisk\* after a suggested replacement cautions slang, for instance - "affront: ... dump on\*" But how then to explain: "good: acceptable, ace\*, admirable, agreeable, bad, boss\*..." Note that there is no asterisk appearing after "bad," which is properly not accepted as a synonym for "good." Nonetheless, if one is savvy ("acumen, awareness, comprehension...") enough to avoid potential pitfalls and detrimental reliance, this is a pretty good book. The bad news is that, in order to fit all this good stuff into a portable 957 pages, the print/font is reduced to "I'm old enough to remember the entire uncut first release of Inna Godda Da Vida and I gotta squint and move the page in and out to read this" size.

First word I looked up was not available anywhere! (the word "siege"). A truly disappointment. Word printing is very, very small and hard to read. Would NOT recommend it.

The font is REALLY small, so if you're an older person (like me), be prepared to use your magnifying glass or reading glasses. But, other than that, it's a great book. I use it nearly everyday.

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