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Praise for A Word a Day

"AWADies will be familiar with Anu Garg's refreshing approach to words: words are fun and they have fascinating histories. The people who use them have curious stories to tell too, and this collection incorporates some of the correspondence received by the editors at the AWAD site, from advice on how to outsmart your opponent in a duel (or even a truel) to a cluster of your favorite mondegreens."

-John Simpson, Chief Editor, Oxford English Dictionary

"A banquet of words! Feast and be nourished!"

-Richard Lederer, author of The Miracle of Language

Written by the founder of the wildly popular A Word A Day Web site (www.wordsmith.org), this collection of unusual, obscure, and exotic English words will delight writers, scholars, crossword puzzlers, and word buffs of every ilk. The words are grouped in intriguing categories that range from "Portmanteaux" to "Words That Make the Spell-Checker Ineffective." each entry includes a concise definition, etymology, and usage example-and many feature fascinating and hilarious commentaries by A Word A Day subscribers and the authors.

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Rebecca says

Book about words and where they come from, what's not to love?

Debbi says

This is an enjoyable book giving the background of several hundred words. It's a very fast read (I read it in a matter of a few hours).

Therese says

As a copywriter, my sister bought me these books and love them. There are some crazy words and if you are looking for a fun gift for a wordsmith you can't go wrong with A Word A Day. Love it!

Glenn says

A great read for a minute or an hour - a ton of new words, their origins and amusing stories, and a light context to absorb it all in. I'll be happy to lend it to anyone, but looking forward to receiving it back as a fun reference.

Rebekah says

Pretty fun for killing time, or you can just subscribe to the e-mails.

Becca says

I found this book disappointing. The words didn't seem unusual or intriguing to me. Most of them were either every day words, one's with origins I could have easily guessed, or something so obscure you'd never use it.

My favorite part of this book, the part I actually ended up reading through the book for, was the witty quotes from notable people at the bottom of most pages.

Jennifer (JC-S) says

I've owned this book for three years but I've only just got around to posting a review, and here's a link to it:

<http://tinyurl.com/yqpdlx>

I recommend visiting the A Word a Day website:

<http://wordsmith.org/awad/index.html>

I subscribe to their daily eMail and look forward to receiving it each day.

Velvet Jones says

Witty!

Michael Schill says

Great word choices, but pitifully short chapters! Why only four or five words per theme???

Correen says

Words divided into categories, definitions and examples of use, interesting side stories, and fun commentary. I did more than a word a day but may try it again in a less hurried manner. It is fun just to look up a section and read the humor.

Becky Pliego says

A fun way to add new words to your vocabulary.

Brian says

love anu's awad list. great attention to detail
