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Phraseology - Barbara Ann Kipfer 2008-10-01
The Amazing Secrets of the Phrases We Use Everyday
Phraseology is the ultimate collection of everything you never knew about the wonderful phrases found in the English language. It contains information about phrase history and etymology;

unusual, lost, or uncommon phrases; how phrases are formed; and more than 7,000 facts about common English phrases. Practical enough to be used as a reference book but so fun that every book lover will want to read it straight through, Phraseology contains such engrossing tidbits as: ACROSS THE BOARD is an

allusion to the board displaying the odds in a horse race
ARTESIAN WELL gets its name from Artois, where such wells were first made
BEST MAN originated in Scotland, where the groom kidnapped his bride with the aid of friends, including the toughest and bravest - the best man.

Have You Eaten Grandma? -

Gyles Brandreth 2019-08-13

For anyone who wants to make fewer (not less) grammar mistakes, a lively, effective, and witty guide to all the ins and outs of the English language, reminiscent of the New York Times bestseller *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*. Our language is changing, literary levels are declining, and our grasp of grammar is at a crisis point. From commas to colons, apostrophes to adverbs, there are countless ways we can make mistakes when writing or speaking. But do not despair! Great Britain's most popular grammar guru has created the ultimate modern manual for English speakers on both sides of the Atlantic. In this brilliantly funny and accessible

guide to proper punctuation and so much more, Gyles Brandreth explores the linguistic horrors of our times, tells us what we've been doing wrong and shows us how, in the future, we can get it right every time. Covering everything from dangling participles to transitive verbs, from age-old conundrums like "lay" vs. "lie," to the confounding influences of social media on our everyday language, *Have You Eaten Grandma?* is an endlessly useful and entertaining resource for all.

A Short History of

Drunkness - Mark Forsyth
2018-05-08

From the internationally bestselling author of *The Etymologicon*, a lively and fascinating exploration of how, throughout history, each civilization has found a way to celebrate, or to control, the eternal human drive to get sloshed "An entertaining bar hop through the past 10,000 years."—The New York Times Book Review Almost every culture on earth has drink, and

where there's drink there's drunkenness. But in every age and in every place drunkenness is a little bit different. It can be religious, it can be sexual, it can be the duty of kings or the relief of peasants. It can be an offering to the ancestors, or a way of marking the end of a day's work. It can send you to sleep, or send you into battle. Making stops all over the world, *A Short History of Drunkenness* traces humankind's love affair with booze from our primate ancestors through to the twentieth century, answering every possible question along the way: What did people drink? How much? Who did the drinking? Of the many possible reasons, why? On the way, learn about the Neolithic Shamans, who drank to communicate with the spirit world (no pun intended), marvel at how Greeks got giddy and Sumerians got sauced, and find out how bars in the Wild West were never quite like in the movies. This is a history of the world at its inebriated best.

The Horologicon - Mark Forsyth 2013-10-01

From Mark Forsyth, the author of the #1 international bestseller, *The Etymologicon*, comes a book of weird words for familiar situations. *The Horologicon* (or book of hours) contains the most extraordinary words in the English language, arranged according to what hour of the day you might need them. Do you wake up feeling rough? Then you're philogrobolized. Find yourself pretending to work? That's fudgelling. And this could lead to rizzling, if you feel sleepy after lunch. Though you are sure to become a sparkling deipnosopbist by dinner. Just don't get too vinomadefied; a drunk dinner companion is never appreciated. From antejentacular to snudge by way of quaafftide and wamblecropt, at last you can say, with utter accuracy, exactly what you mean.

Oxford Dictionary of Word Origins - Julia Cresswell 2010-09-09

Contains alphabetically

arranged entries that explore the origin, evolution, and social history of over three thousand English language words.

The Glamour of Grammar - Roy Peter Clark 2010-08-16

Early in the history of English, the words "grammar" and "glamour" meant the same thing: the power to charm. Roy Peter Clark, author of *Writing Tools*, aims to put the glamour back in grammar with this fun, engaging alternative to stuffy instructionals. In this practical guide, readers will learn everything from the different parts of speech to why effective writers prefer concrete nouns and active verbs. **THE GLAMOUR OF GRAMMAR** gives readers all the tools they need to "live inside the language"--to take advantage of grammar to perfect their use of English, to instill meaning, and to charm through their writing. With this indispensable book, readers will come to see just how glamorous grammar can be.

The Wordsworth Book of Intriguing Words - Paul Hellweg 1993

The Unfolding of Language -

Guy Deutscher 2006-05-02

Blending the spirit of *Eats, Shoots & Leaves* with the science of *The Language Instinct*, an original inquiry into the development of that most essential-and mysterious-of human creations: Language. Language is mankind's greatest invention-except, of course, that it was never invented." So begins linguist Guy Deutscher's enthralling investigation into the genesis and evolution of language. If we started off with rudimentary utterances on the level of "man throw spear," how did we end up with sophisticated grammars, enormous vocabularies, and intricately nuanced degrees of meaning? Drawing on recent groundbreaking discoveries in modern linguistics, Deutscher exposes the elusive forces of creation at work in human communication, giving us fresh insight into how language emerges, evolves, and decays. He traces the evolution of linguistic complexity from an early "Me Tarzan" stage to

such elaborate single-word constructions as the Turkish sehirlilestiremediklerimizdensiniz ("you are one of those whom we couldn't turn into a town dweller"). Arguing that destruction and creation in language are intimately entwined, Deutscher shows how these processes are continuously in operation, generating new words, new structures, and new meanings. As entertaining as it is erudite, *The Unfolding of Language* moves nimbly from ancient Babylonian to American idiom, from the central role of metaphor to the staggering triumph of design that is the Semitic verb, to tell the dramatic story and explain the genius behind a uniquely human faculty.

Learn Spanish Via

Etymologies - S. Morgan Friedman 2018-10-17

This new method to learn Spanish makes each word come alive in your mind. Knowing where each Spanish vocabulary word came from makes it trivial for you to remember them. Once you

know that the Spanish "mirar" (to look at) is related to the English "admire," "miracle," "mirage" -- all things you look at -- you'll always remember "mirar." Once you know that the Spanish for "lighthouse" is "faro," named after the King of ancient Egypt who built the Great Lighthouse at Alexandria, the "Pharaoh," then you'll always remember "faro." Once you know that most "ct" sounds in English are a parallel to the "ch" sound in Spanish, you'll always remember that "noChE" (night) is similar to "noCTurnal", "ocho" (eight) is like "oCTogon", "leche" (milk) is like "laCTose," etc. And so on! From the creators of the hit site, SpanishEtymology.com

Word Origins - John Ayto
2008-05-29

The average contemporary English speaker knows 50,000 words. Yet stripped down to its origins, this apparently huge vocabulary is in reality much smaller, derived from Latin, French and the Germanic languages. It is estimated that every year, 800 neologisms are

added to the English language: acronyms (nimby), blended words (motel), and those taken from foreign languages (savoir-faire). Laid out in an A-Z format with detailed cross references, and written in a style that is both authoritative and accessible, *Word Origins* is a valuable historical guide to the English language.

Chambers Dictionary of Etymology - 2000

The Elements of Eloquence - Mark Forsyth 2016-11-03
FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER THE ETYMOLOGICON. 'An informative but highly entertaining journey through the figures of rhetoric ... Mark Forsyth wears his considerable knowledge lightly. He also writes beautifully.' David Marsh, Guardian. Mark Forsyth presents the secret of writing unforgettable phrases, uncovering the techniques that have made immortal such lines as 'To be or not to be' and 'Bond. James Bond.' In his inimitably entertaining and

witty style, he takes apart famous quotations and shows how you too can write like Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde or John Lennon. Crammed with tricks to make the most humdrum sentiments seem poetic or wise, *The Elements of Eloquence* reveals how writers through the ages have turned humble words into literary gold - and how you can do the same.

[The Unknown Unknown](#) - Mark Forsyth 2014-09-04

Mark Forsyth - author of the Sunday Times Number One bestseller *The Etymologicon* - reveals in this essay, specially commissioned for Independent Booksellers Week, the most valuable thing about a really good bookshop. Along the way he considers the wisdom of Donald Rumsfeld, naughty French photographs, why Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy would never have met online, and why only a bookshop can give you that precious thing - what you never knew you were looking for.

The Unexpected Evolution of Language - Justin Cord Hayes 2012-09-18

This book is awesome awful! Did you know that "awful" first originated as a compliment? How about the fact that it was perfectly fine for someone to defecate in their living room? Or that at one time a bully was actually a sweetheart? You may think that these things sound outlandish, but hundreds of years ago, the words "awful," "defecate," and "bully" meant something entirely different than what we know today. The Unexpected Evolution of Language reveals the origins of 208 everyday terms and the interesting stories behind their shift in meaning. Arranged in alphabetical order, you will enjoy uncovering the backstories to terms like: Awful - worthy of respect or fear; inspiring awe Bimbo - slang for a stupid, inconsequential man Defecate - to purify; cleanse Invest - to clothe; to dress Nice - foolish; stupid Relay - hunting term meaning fresh pack of hounds From "aftermath" and "sophisticated" to "empty" and "prestige," you will absolutely love seeing just what kind of damage time has done to the

English language.

English Words from Latin and Greek Elements - Donald

M. Ayers 2021-11-09

Since 1965, Donald Ayers' English Words from Latin and Greek Elements has helped thousands of students to a broader vocabulary by showing them how to recognize classical roots in modern English words. Its second edition, published in 1986, has confirmed that vocabulary is best taught by root, not rote. The importance of learning classical word roots is already acknowledged by vocabulary texts that devote chapters to them. Why a whole book based on this approach? Ayers' text exposes students to a wider range of roots, introduces new English words in context sentences, and reinforces vocabulary through exercises. It promotes more practice with roots so that students learn to use them as tools in their everyday encounters with new words. English Words is written from the standpoint of English; it neither attempts to teach students Latin or Greek

nor expects a knowledge of classical languages on the part of instructors. Its success has been demonstrated at both the secondary and college levels, and it can be used effectively with students in remedial or accelerated programs. An Instructor's Manual (gratis with adoption) and a Workbook are also available.

The Etymologicon - Mark

Forsyth 2011-11-03

THE SUNDAY TIMES

NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER.

'Witty and erudite ... stuffed with the kind of arcane information that nobody strictly needs to know, but which is a pleasure to learn nonetheless.'

Nick Duerden, Independent.

'Particularly good ... Forsyth takes words and draws us into their, and our, murky history.'

William Leith, Evening

Standard. The Etymologicon is an occasionally ribald,

frequently witty and unerringly erudite guided tour of the secret labyrinth that lurks beneath the English language.

What is the actual connection between disgruntled and grunted? What links church

organs to organised crime, California to the Caliphate, or brackets to codpieces? Mark Forsyth's riotous celebration of the idiosyncratic and sometimes absurd connections between words is a classic of its kind: a mine of fascinating information and a must-read for word-lovers everywhere. 'Highly recommended' Spectator.

Dictionary of Word Origins -

John Ayto 2011-04-01

Uncover the hidden and often surprising connection between words. Written in a clear and informative style, the more than 8,000 articles reveal the origins of and links between some of the most common English-language words. What is the link between map and apron, acrobat and oxygen, zeal and jealousy, flour and pollen, secret and crime? Did you know that crimson originally comes from the name of tiny scale insects, the kermes, from whose dried bodies a red dyestuff is made? That Yankee began as a nickname for Dutchmen? That omelette evolved from

amulette, "a thin sheet of metal," and is a not-too-distant cousin of the word laminate? That jeans find their antecedent in jean fustian, meaning "a cotton fabric from Genoa"? They also contain an extensive selection of words whose life histories are intrinsically fascinating or instructive. This dictionary shows how modern English has developed from its Indo-European roots and how the various influences on the language—from migration and invasion to exploration, trade, technology, and scholarship—have intermingled. It is an invaluable addition to any English or linguistics library.

A Christmas Cornucopia -

Mark Forsyth 2016-11-03

The unpredictable origins and etymologies of our cracking Christmas customs For something that happens every year of our lives, we really don't know much about Christmas. We don't know that the date we celebrate was chosen by a madman, or that Christmas, etymologically

speaking, means "Go away, Christ". Nor do we know that Christmas was first celebrated in 243 AD on March 28th - and only moved to 25th December in 354 AD. We're oblivious to the fact that the advent calendar was actually invented by a Munich housewife to stop her children pestering her for a Christmas countdown. And we would never have guessed that the invention of crackers was merely a way of popularising sweet wrappers. Luckily, like a gift from Santa himself, Mark Forsyth is here to unwrap this fundamentally funny gallimaufry of traditions and oddities, making it all finally make sense - in his wonderfully entertaining wordy way.

The Illustrated

Etymologicon - Mark Forsyth 2021-11-04

A new, beautifully illustrated hardback edition of the bestselling Etymologicon, published on its tenth anniversary.

Anguished English - Richard Lederer 2006

A collection of humorous language bloopers including

misspelled words, bungled translations, mangled modifiers, and much more.

The Logic of English Words -

Logophilia Education

2018-06-27

Logophilia Education (estd.

August, 2010) is the first and only Etymology Education

organisation in the world.

We're passionate in our belief that a strong and sophisticated vocabulary is the most

essential skill that students

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you study is written in words.

All subjects have their own

terminology. Without a strong

understanding of English

words you will never really

study well, and will end up

finding shortcuts to learning

(e.g. rote-memorising, using

mnemonics, and so forth).

Logophilia, therefore, teaches

the structure of English words

with the intent of getting

students to become very strong

in vocabulary, and dictionary-

independent. This method of

teaching, done through

Logophilia's unique paedagogy,

is called Etymology Education.

We promote Etymology

awareness as a life skill, and aim to get it into mainstream

school curricula worldwide,

thereby simplifying and

sophisticating language

comprehension for everyone.

We teach (experiential

vocabulary programmes), quiz

(the Logo+philia™ Gala

Olympiad), & write (books,

blogs, apps, and vocabulary-

learning aids), to help you see

the logic of English words.

[The Concise Oxford Dictionary](#)

[of English Etymology](#) - T. F.

Hoad 2008-06-26

A guide to word origins offers

entries covering the history

and sense-development of a

major part of the modern

English vocabulary.

Euphemania - Ralph Keyes

2010-12-14

How did die become kick the

bucket, underwear become

unmentionables, and having an

affair become hiking the

Appalachian trail? Originally

used to avoid blasphemy, honor

taboos, and make nice,

euphemisms have become

embedded in the fabric of our

language. Euphemania traces

the origins of euphemisms from

a tool of the church to a form of gentility to today's instrument of commercial, political, and postmodern doublespeak. As much social commentary as a book for word lovers, Euphemia is a lively and thought-provoking look at the power of words and our power over them.

Keep Her Safe - D. M. Simons 2011

Three thirteen-year old children find a creature that is the result of an illegal cloning experiment. They decide to help her, and are pursued by a relentless assassin.

The Thinker's Thesaurus: Sophisticated Alternatives to Common Words (Expanded Third Edition) -

Peter E. Meltzer 2010-05-03
An entertaining and useful alternative to run-of-the-mill thesauri, a new edition of a unique reference offers original synonyms with contextual examples from books, magazines and newspapers. Simultaneous.

As Right as Rain - Caroline Taggart 2013

The English language is

littered with linguistic quirks, which, out of context, seem completely peculiar. As *Right as Rain* will explain how on earth 'off the cuff' came to express improvisation, why a 'gut feeling' is more intuitive than a brainwave, and who the heck is 'happy' Larry.

The Art of War for Writers - James Scott Bell 2009-12-09

Strategies and Tactics for the Master Novelist Successfully starting and finishing a publishable novel is often like fighting a series of battles. You not only have to work hard to shape memorable characters, develop gripping plots, and craft dazzling dialogue, but you also have to fight against self-doubts and fears. And then there's the challenge of learning to navigate the ever-changing publishing industry. That's why best-selling novelist James Scott Bell, author of the *Write Great Fiction* staples *Plot & Structure* and *Revision & Self-Editing*, came up with the ultimate novel-writing battle plan: *The Art of War for Writers*. You'll find tactics and strategies for idea generation

and development, character building, plotting, drafting, querying and submitting, dealing with rejection, coping with unrealistic expectations, and much more. With timeless, innovative, and concise writing reflections and techniques, *The Art of War for Writers* is your roadmap to victory.

Other-Wordly - Yee-Lum Mak
2016-10-11

Discover words to surprise, delight, and enamor. Learn terms for the sunlight that filters through the leaves of trees, for dancing awkwardly but with relish, and for the look shared by two people who each wish the other would speak first. *Other-Wordly* is an irresistible ebook for lovers of words and those lost for words alike.

Strange to Say: Etymology as Serious Entertainment

Deborah Warren 2021-08-30
“You can’t stop language, because when all’s said and done is never.” In her witty account of the origins of many English words and expressions, Deborah Warren educates as she entertains—and entertain

she does, leading her readers through the amazing labyrinthian history of related words. “Language,” she writes, “is all about mutation.” Read here about the first meanings of common words and phrases, including dessert, vodka, lunatic, tulip, dollar, bikini, peeping tom, peter out, and devil’s advocate. A former Latin teacher, Warren is a gifted poet and a writer of great playfulness. *Strange to Say* is a cornucopia of joyful learning and laughter. Did you know... Lord Cardigan was a British aristocrat and military man known for the sweater jackets he sported. A lying lawyer might pull the wool over a judge’s eyes—yank his wig down across his face. In the original tale of Cinderella, her slippers were made of vair (“fur”)—which in the orally-told story mistakenly turned into the homonym verre (“glass”). Like laundry, lavender evolved from Italian *lavanderia*, “things to be washed.” The plant was used as a clothes freshener. It smells better than, say, the misspelled Downy Unstoppable

with the ad that touts its “feisty freshness,” unaware that feisty evolved from Middle English *fisten*—*fart*.

The Etymologicon - Mark Forsyth 2012-10-02

This perfect gift for readers, writers, and literature majors alike unearths the quirks of the English language. For example, do you know why a mortgage is literally a “death pledge”? Why guns have girls’ names? Why “salt” is related to “soldier”? Discover the answers to all of these etymological questions and more in this fascinating book for fans of *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*. *The Etymologicon* is a completely unauthorized guide to the strange underpinnings of the English language. It explains how you get from “gruntled” to “disgruntled”; why you are absolutely right to believe that your meager salary barely covers “money for salt”; how the biggest chain of coffee shops in the world connects to whaling in Nantucket; and what, precisely, the Rolling Stones have to do with gardening. This witty book will

awake the linguist in you and illuminate the hidden meanings behind common words and phrases, tracing their evolution through all of their surprising paths throughout history.

[Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing](#) - Mignon Fogarty 2008-07-08

Online sensation Grammar Girl makes grammar fun and easy in this New York Times bestseller *Are you stumped by split infinitives? Terrified of using "who" when a "whom" is called for? Do you avoid the words "affect" and "effect" altogether? Grammar Girl is here to help!* Mignon Fogarty, a.k.a. Grammar Girl, is determined to wipe out bad grammar—but she's also determined to make the process as painless as possible. A couple of years ago, she created a weekly podcast to tackle some of the most common mistakes people make while communicating. The podcasts have now been downloaded more than twenty million times, and Mignon has dispensed grammar tips on Oprah and appeared on the

pages of The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. Written with the wit, warmth, and accessibility that the podcasts are known for, Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing covers the grammar rules and word-choice guidelines that can confound even the best writers. From "between vs. among" and "although vs. while" to comma splices and misplaced modifiers, Mignon offers memory tricks and clear explanations that will help readers recall and apply those troublesome grammar rules. Chock-full of tips on style, business writing, and effective e-mailing, Grammar Girl's print debut deserves a spot on every communicator's desk.

Carnal Knowledge - Charles Hodgson 2015-02-03

From head to toe to breast to behind, Charles Hodgson's Carnal Knowledge is a delightfully intoxicating tour of the words we use to describe our bodies. Did you know: -eye is one of the oldest written words in the English language? -callipygian means "having

beautiful buttocks"? -gam, a slang word for "leg," comes from the French word jambe? A treat for anyone who gets a kick out of words, Carnal Knowledge is also the perfect gift for anyone interested in the human body and the many (many, many) ways it's been described.

Word Origins...And How We Know Them - Anatoly Liberman 2009-03-16

A guide to the science and process of etymology for the layperson explains how the origins and history of hundreds of words are determined, discussing such topics as folk etymology, changes of meaning in language history, borrowed words, and the methods of etymology.

The Meaning of Tingo - Adam Jacot de Boinod 2007-02-27

Did you know that in Hungary, pigs go rof-rof-rof, but in Japan they go boo boo boo? That there's apparently the need in Bolivia for a word that means "I was rather too drunk last night but it was all their fault"? Adam Jacot de Boinod's book on extraordinary words from

around the world will give you the definitions and phrases you need to make friends in every culture. A true writer's resource and the perfect gift for linguists, librarians, logophiles, and international jet-setters. While there's no guarantee you'll never pana po'o again (Hawaiian for "scratch your head in order to help you remember something you've forgotten"), or mingmu (Chinese for "die without regret"), at least you'll know what tingo means, and that's a start. "A book no well-stocked bookshelf, cistern top or handbag should be without. At last we know those Eskimo words for snow and how the Dutch render the sound of Rice Krispies. Adam Jacot de Boinod has produced an absolutely delicious little book: It goes Pif! Paf! Pouf! Cric! Crac! Croc! and Knisper! Knasper! Knusper! on every page."—Stephen Fry

Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories - Wilfred John Funk 1978

Life stories of words, how, when and where they

originated, and how their meaning changed and developed through the centuries.

The Oxford Guide to Etymology - Philip Durkin
2011-07-07

This practical introduction to word history investigates every aspect of where words come from and how they change. Philip Durkin, chief etymologist of the Oxford English Dictionary, shows how different types of evidence can shed light on the myriad ways in which words change in form and meaning. He considers how such changes can be part of wider linguistic processes, or be influenced by a complex mixture of social and cultural factors. He illustrates every point with a wide range of fascinating examples. Dr Durkin investigates folk etymology and other changes which words undergo in everyday use. He shows how language families are established, how words in different languages can have a common ancestor, and the ways in which the latter can be

distinguished from words introduced through language contact. He examines the etymologies of the names of people and places. His focus is on English but he draws many examples from languages such as French, German, and Latin which cast light on the pre-histories of English words. The Oxford Guide to Etymology is reliable, readable, instructive, and enjoyable. Everyone interested in the history of words will value this account of an endlessly fascinating subject.

The Origin of Names, Words and Everything in Between -

Patrick Foote 2018-10-15

The bestselling reference that, “from the casually curious to etymology junkies . . . will have something for everyone.”

—William C. Fox of the YouTube channel The Exploration with William C. Fox What is something that literally everything in existence has in common? It all has a name! With *The Origin of Names, Words and Everything in Between*, you can learn the origins of these monikers.

From countries and cities to toys and animals to even planets, learn the etymology of interesting words in a fun and entertaining way. Learning doesn't have to be boring. With his fun sense of humor, Patrick Foote—of the YouTube channel Name Explain—explains each appellation with jokes and quips you're bound to enjoy. Full of pictures and packed with great information, *The Origin of Names, Words and Everything in Between* does exactly what it says it does—it explains the origin of names in a fun and easy-to-digest way. After reading this book, you will: Know why, exactly, Russia is called Russia Be able to entertain yourself and your friends with interesting fun facts Discover the origins of the names of planets, animals, countries, and much more “Patrick has made me realize that even the most mundane and ubiquitous words can have an endlessly fascinating story. His whimsical and friendly tone also makes any topic entertaining and accessible. Hmm . . . now all of a sudden I

would love for Patrick to explain ‘mundane,’ ‘ubiquitous’ and ‘whimsical!’” —Betty Chen of the YouTube channel

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gardening. This witty book will awake the linguist in you and illuminate the hidden meanings behind common words and phrases, tracing their evolution through all of their surprising paths throughout history.

Workbook to Accompany the Second Edition of Donald M. Ayers's English Words from Latin and Greek Elements -

Helena Dettmer 2005-10-01

For more than forty years, *English Words from Latin and Greek Elements*, by Donald M. Ayers, has shown thousands of students the way to a broader vocabulary by teaching them to recognize the classical roots found in many English words. When the second edition of that text appeared in 1986, it was joined by a workbook that has proven exceptionally popular in reinforcing those vocabulary skills. Each lesson in the Workbook complements the text with a variety of exercises: short-answer, matching, multiple choice, word analysis, fill-in-the-blank, and true-false. The Workbook has now been revised to make it more relevant and useful. It

features a new dictionary exercise and word analysis exercises, the replacement of true-false exercises that have caused the most difficulty for students, and the elimination of archaic words and other items that have become dated. The authors have also improved the clarity of the instructions for individual exercises, in some cases adding notes or providing sample answers. As part of the revised front matter, there is a new introduction written just for students to help them get the most out of the workbook.

English Words and the Workbook have met with unqualified success in English and Classics courses at both the advanced secondary and college levels. This revision of the Workbook helps to ensure the continuing relevance of the roots approach to vocabulary building for tomorrow's students.

The First 50 Pages - Jeff Gerke
2011-10-28

Seeking writing success? Start at the beginning... Whether you're looking to get published

or just hoping to hook your reader, first impressions are vital. Compelling opening scenes are the key to catching an agent or editor's attention, and are crucial for keeping your reader engaged. As a writer, what you do in your opening pages, and how you do it, is a matter that cannot be left to chance. The First 50 Pages is here to help you craft a strong beginning right from the start. You'll learn how to:

- introduce your main character
- establish your story world
- set up the plot's conflict
- begin your hero's inner journey
- write an amazing opening line and terrific first page
- and more

This helpful guide walks you through the tasks your first 50 pages must accomplish in order to avoid leaving readers disoriented, frustrated, or bored. Don't let your reader put your book down before ever seeing its beauty. Let *The First 50 Pages* show you how to begin your novel with the skill and intentionality that will land you a book deal, and keep readers' eyes glued to the page.