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Editorial Review

Review

What an excellent guide! Well done David. I'll definitely give it to all of our journalists. - Alan Kohler, editor in chief, Business Spectator and Eureka Report. One of the most powerful tools we have in communication is the use of the right word in the right context in the right application. The tragedy of management is we pay so little attention to getting this right. The right word backed by enthusiasm, commitment and the authentic passion of a leader shakes the heart and rattles the brain. - Mark Cutifani, CEO, Anglogold-Ashanti. Every writer/communicator should have a copy of David's bible. Keep this next to the laptop and you're on the way to producing clean and clear copy. - Chris Pash, writer of Cliche of the Week. For those moments when a hastily written note might accidentally turn a new friend from a Boer to a bore (or even a boar or, worse, a boor), David Coe has created a neat aide memoire. - Michael Gill, former publisher of the Australian Financial Review. Thanks for your wordsmith (I love the broad possibilities of that word) guide, which is a handy and useful checklist. I was particularly glad to see 'accept' and 'except' in there as they are my two black beasts. - Robyn FitzRoy, chair, WealthPortal.

From the Author

After spending decades working for major newspapers in Australia, England and New Zealand, I had built a collection of editorial style books.

That collection inspired me to write 1,101 Words2watch.

Each of the style books in my collection had a small section on commonly misused words and that was my favourite section in each book.

But no book had a definitive collection and I was inspired to see how many I could collect.

My book *1,101 Words2watch* may not itself be the definitive collection but it is a good start - and I have since collected hundreds more for future editions.

From the Inside Flap

This is a guidebook for wordsmiths. Its aim is to remove confusion between commonly misused words, not to delineate every possible meaning of the words.

So it gives the central meaning from which others are formed. For example, "boil" (to turn to steam) and "broil" (to cook by direct heat). "Boil" also means to cook in boiling water, which can be inferred from the meaning of "boil'.

Where a word has multiple separate and distinct meanings, all are given when that word can also be confused with others. For example, "bore" means to pierce as well as dull or tiresome but maybe confused with "boor", "boar" and "Boer".

Where a word has variant spellings and multiple meanings, like "bogey", "bogy" and "bogie", the sources' weight of opinion was used to determine the primary and alternative spellings.

This book in based on English spellings and identifies US spellings where appropriate.

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From reader reviews:

Todd Crain:

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