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Even the most profane practitioner of the vulgar tongue must sometimes wonder, "Am I doing it right?" This highly entertaining and crucially informative visual guide to the art of swearing employs a variety of quick-read charts and helpful strategies to take salty skills to the next level. Offering history and etymology along with guidance, quips, insults, answers to lingering questions, and much more, *How to Swear* celebrates the rude ingenuity of using a naughty word to express surprise, excitement, anger, joy, or disgust, limited only by the imagination. It's inspiring. It's educational. It's dirty. It's here to change lives or, at the very least, add some f*#&ing color to the conversation.

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Neenz says

Great fucking book.

Laurie says

I won this book and it was delivered very quickly. It's a really cute looking book. The graphics are really adorable. It seemed really stretched out, and based upon the information enclosed, it could have been a much shorter book. The swearing is mostly British English. I was hoping for more insight and more actual usage.

Candice says

Brilliant! I especially enjoyed the sentence diagrams!

Nikki says

Obviously don't go for this if you don't like swearing or don't approve of swearing or find it offensive. This isn't an in depth thing, it isn't a history of swearing (though it does occasionally touch on history in very brief ways). Take the title at face value. It is straight out how to swear, with charts and graphs. I appreciated the attention to parts of speech and tenses. Generally the whole thing amused me greatly.

Aurora Dimitre says

|This book was won from a Goodreads Giveaway|

This was interesting! I thought it was really entertaining and also vaguely informative--if there was one thing, I would have appreciated more etymology and less charts, but I did like the charts. Maybe just add some more pages with more etymology.

But overall? Decent. Thirteen or so chapters, each focused on a different expletive. Short bit of history on the word. A bunch of ways to use the word. Straight forward and to the point. This book did exactly what it told me it was going to do.

Leesa says

They say people who swear lack intelligence and that we can't hold an intelligent argument. We swear to make up for our lack of vocabulary.

Then they did the research and it turns out people who swear a lot are not only more intelligent but also more honest, more expressive and generally healthier.

That's why I picked up this book. To take something like the most offensive words in our language and to put them in some sort of language text book. It's broken down into chapters with etymology and sentence structures which I find really amusing. It's really very well done with line graphs and Venn diagrams with some beautiful illustrations.

It is very well done but all in all, it's just good for a laugh.

Simplekind says

Where was this book when I was taking my English Grammar class. The sentence structure part alone could have really saved me.

881 says

Not really worth the read. Nothing you can't learn from walking around the city and hearing.

Cat says

Oh, YES! I got a sneak peek of this book from a friend who won it! This one is a keeper. Loads of fun, and unique, ways to curse. Cursing explained. Stephen Wildish has a winner of a book, in my opinion! It would make a great gift for the bud who swears like a Marine. Entertaining from front to back cover.

Jenn says

I won a copy of this book.

This book was just a little bit awesome. So many fun, proper ways to use curse words (along with phrases you may not have heard before). Might be good for ESL students (adult language). I was *really* excited that Wildish included "Bollocks"! Get this for your favorite logophile or English major.

Emily says

Well, I learned somethings.

Jenee says

Such a comical, gag book. I don't curse that much, definitely not in any of my conversations but a book on when the words become "necessary." And I use that word very loosely.

Simon says

Great 100th book of the year. Etymology and profanity. How could it be wrong???

Inge Janse says

Een gezellig overzicht van mijn favoriete Britse scheldwoorden, inclusief al hun mogelijke toepassingsvormen. Veel liefde voor de venndiagrammen, want venndiagrammen. Ook props voor de bijzonder uitgebreide analyse van alle toepassingsvormen van fuck, in alle mogelijke soorten semantische diagrammen en etymologische kruisverbanden.

Het boek heeft als logisch probleem dat je vanaf hoofdstuk 3 het wel weet (hee, nog een historisch perspectief, en nog een woordenwolk, en en en...), en er dan nog een stuk of 7 moet. Ik had - denk ik - liever gezien dat elk scheldwoord zijn eigen type hoofdstuk had gekregen, in plaats van deze soms nogal repetitieve aanpak. Afijn, het is maar 15 minuten lezen, dus het is vooral een uitstekend cadeau, en misschien iets om uit voor te lezen tijdens een nachtelijk bacchanaal met idealiter veel ex-studievrienden.
