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Do you know the connection between the expression A HARROWING EXPERIENCE and agriculture, between BY AND LARGE and sailing, between GET YOUR GOAT and horses, or between STEAL YOUR THUNDER and show business? You probably have heard the comparisons HAPPY AS A CLAM, SMART AS A WHIP, PLEASED AS PUNCH, DEAD AS A DOORNAIL - but have you ever wondered why a clam should be happy, a whip smart, punch pleased, and a doornail dead? By playing the fifty games in this book, you'll discover the answers to these questions as well as hundreds of other semantic delights that repose in our marvelous English language.

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Cherie Kephart says

The Play of Words is an creative and fun collection of challenging games to entertain and exercise our brains. Lederer has a masterful command of language. His genuine enjoyment for words shines in each page.

Elizabeth Leonard says

a book of ongoing fun.

Nohreen says

A fun & challenging book with plentiful of games. Included are metaphors, sound devices, language logic...

Darlena says

If some of the items weren't dated (terms we don't use any more), this would have been a 5 Star book. My teenager and I did a section each night and enjoyed the brain stretches.

Homeschoolmama says

Came across this at a used and rare book store yesterday- what a gem! I just started looking at this one. I love Richard Lederer. I remember growing up reading his columns in the newspaper. His writing is witty, clever, full of interesting etymology, word plays, and as someone said, semantic antics. ... And of course puns! Anyone interested in linguistics, etymology, word plays, etc., should read this book! It's lots of fun.

Lisa says

The Play of Words: Fun & Games for Language Lovers by Richard Lederer (1991)

Melody says

Wonderful book by a funny and erudite guy. Love words? Love this!

Kimberly Purcell says

I loved this. I love puns and other word play. It's been a while since I read it, but I remember it being fun.

Lady Dixie says

I'm such a sucker for this type of book because I enjoy taking the quizzes myself. Fun for an afternoon of light reading, this one should probably stay in the bookstore.

Janice says

Lederer is so good with words. My 11th grade Omnibus enjoys playing the games when we have a few extra minutes.

Yewon Ha says

Book cover was very good. And it has some quiz, I like that. Also some pictures are fun!

Aj says

A fun book for word-lovers, with games on metaphors, rhymes, etymology, possessive phrases, alliteration and more. Some references are outdated, as it was published in the pre-digital age (1990).

Gayle says

Fun read, especially entertaining while I was housebound after a hospitalization. Lederer loves language so much, and it's contagious.

Robert Owens says

Lederer is a master with words. He was involved with S.P.E.L.L. My mother is the one who purchased this

book.

Cheliturner says

Fun book. Witty and humorous. I use parts of it for my music students as an interdisciplinary unit involving music and metaphors.
