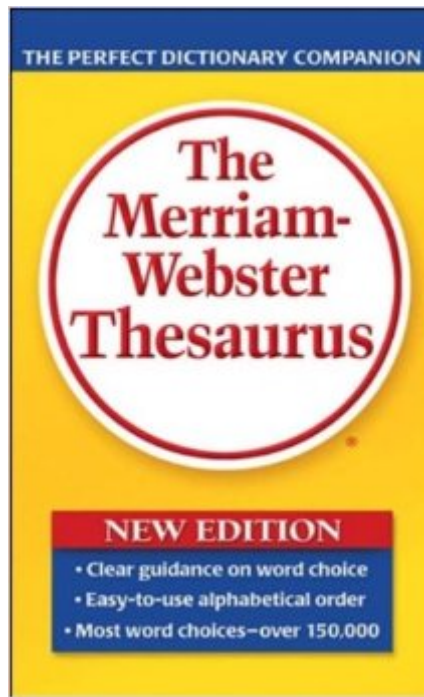


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# The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus



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## Customer Reviews

When I got back into writing this year, I figured I needed a thesaurus more current than the old Random House College Edition Thesaurus, circa 1984, that was in my desk. And using [...] just didn't provide enough context to the words. This Webster Thesaurus was a cheap purchase which I figured would be easy to use - heck, a thesaurus is a thesaurus, right? I was wrong. Using it for about a month now has been an endless source of frustration. Almost every word I seem to look up has a one sentence definition followed by a reference to another word, where the synonyms actually are. So I have to flip to that page. It is 667 pages long and yet it seems very few of the entries are actually useful. And when I finally get to a page with a lot of synonyms, I rarely seem to find the right word that I want, for whatever reason. Just a massive disappointment. I'm currently deciding between The Oxford Writer's Thesaurus or Roget's College Thesaurus and when either of them arrive, I'm throwing this thesaurus into the trash. It's wasted much more time than it was worth.

Even people with good eye sight will struggle with this...had I known that I would have got the large

print version. As for the thesaurus itself.. it is pretty good. There are a few little code symbols you have to remember and you may have to bounce around the book a bit to get that "perfect" word. It is full of words though and probably a good buy for kids grades 8-12. If it would have had just a little bit larger print I would have rated it 4 stars but being able to read it is an important thing...especially if you have to work on something a little later in the evening when your eyes are slightly strained all ready.

In general, I find my old copy of Roget's Thesaurus -- the one with the index of words in the back -- to be the most useful thesaurus on my shelf. There's just something about having to choose the shade of meaning you want before looking at a list of synonyms. Plus there's the incredible organization of words by area of knowledge. But this isn't a review of that thesaurus. This thesaurus is great when convenience and quick access to synonyms are essential. It's as fast as looking up words in a dictionary, compared to the old Roget's style which takes about twice as long. So that makes it useful when writing school papers, magazine or online articles. Probably also if you're writing "popular fiction" or pop songs. But if you're writing "literary fiction" or serious poetry -- when you really have time to find the right words -- I'd recommend the older Roget's type instead. But it's a mass market paperback, designed for speed and convenience. For that, it succeeds in spades. If you're interested in the history of dictionaries and thesauruses, you might enjoy the recent *The Story of Ain't: America, Its Language, and the Most Controversial Dictionary Ever Published*. And if you simply love words and playing with them, check out *THE Book of Word Games: Parlett's Guide to 150 Great and Quick-to-Learn Word Games*.

When I first got the book, it seemed too small to be useful, but when I opened it I found that the print was small. This makes it to where a lot is packed into a relatively small space. Works for me, but be aware of the small print if you have trouble reading anything that small.

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