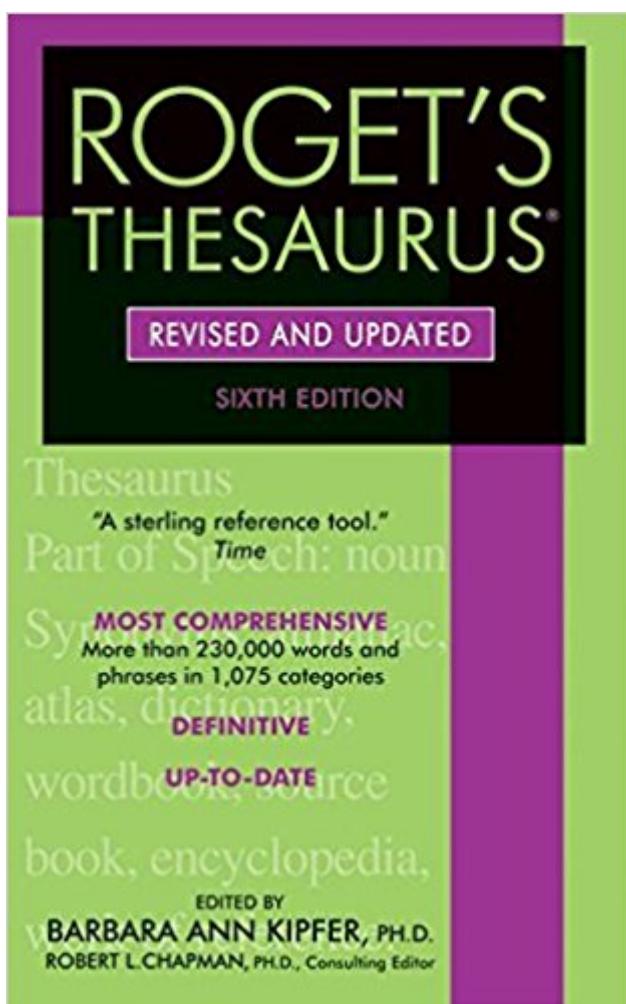


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An older version, "The New American Roget's College Thesaurus in Dictionary Form" is my all-time

favorite. But I thought it was time for a more recent edition. Very disappointed in this LITTLE book. Be sure to note the dimensions; it's amazing what an inch or so (or lack of) does. The new version is printed on a grey stock with small type and is hard to read. I also wish they'd kept the basic page numbers. It's an excellent resource and I use a thesaurus often in editing, but this is not one I reach for because of these "small" things.

its a good thesaurus to take back and forth to school, Also its compact so it doesn't take much room in my school bag which is wonderful considering that I have to carry it back and forth everyday

nice

It's organized by category instead of organized alphabetically (which to me would make infinitely more sense)---why is that?? It actually makes it a lot harder to search for the word you want. Otherwise, it's a pretty good thesaurus and you can get it really cheap everywhere.

The index of this volume is a disaster. As another reviewer has pointed out, the index covers but a portion of the entries. Whole categories are omitted -- e.g. "Success" (409) does not appear at all. And what is there is often misleading, if not outright wrong -- e.g., "Really" is indexed as "astonishment" and "yes" (with no parts of speech), whereas a key entry, under Existence, is missing. Almost as bad, words are indexed as the wrong part of speech (e.g., "loquacious" as a verb, "change one's mind" as a noun) and as the wrong lexical element (since when has "businessman" been a synonym of "businesswoman" or "misbehavior" of "good behavior"?); words are double indexed (two separate occurrences of "aloof" appear under "distant

After loosing my older edition of a Roget's Thesaurus that I acquired several years ago, I was thrilled to get my hands on the newest release. I love the set up, and that there are so many more words than other thesauruses, but am quite disappointed with the index. In the earlier edition I owned, almost half of the book was made up of the index, I am pretty sure nearly every word in the thesaurus was listed in the there. And although it was a lot to get through to find a single word, it was useful for other things, such as a finding the spelling of a word, or perusing through a section when I couldn't think of exactly what word was coming to mind. The index in this edition is pathetic by comparison. It takes up less than five percent of the size of the book. Automatically, that tells me that only about five percent of the words in the book are indexed, which is a terrible waste. Why

even have an index at that point? I do not intend to stop using this thesaurus just because I can no longer trust the index to be a great source of help. I'm sure I'll eventually learn how to locate words using the Synopsis of Categories at the beginning of the book. But I will greatly miss the extensive index of my previous edition.

First off I think Roget's Thesaurus is the best book ever written. I use various versions constantly. Roget's International Thesaurus, with its index in the back for locating words, is for me as a crossword addict and professional writer the most helpful thesaurus. The other versions have alphabetized entries like a dictionary and give you far fewer words from which to choose. My old edition is so worn out the cover has fallen off. My only criticism is that I wish it would be printed in hardback.

I am a copywriter and I find this thesaurus very useful. It has a different approach to wording. The only thing is that rarely you might not be finding a word you are looking for, yet, it is creative and it works well. I would recommend this thesaurus to every writer or student preparing their projects or writing their essays.

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