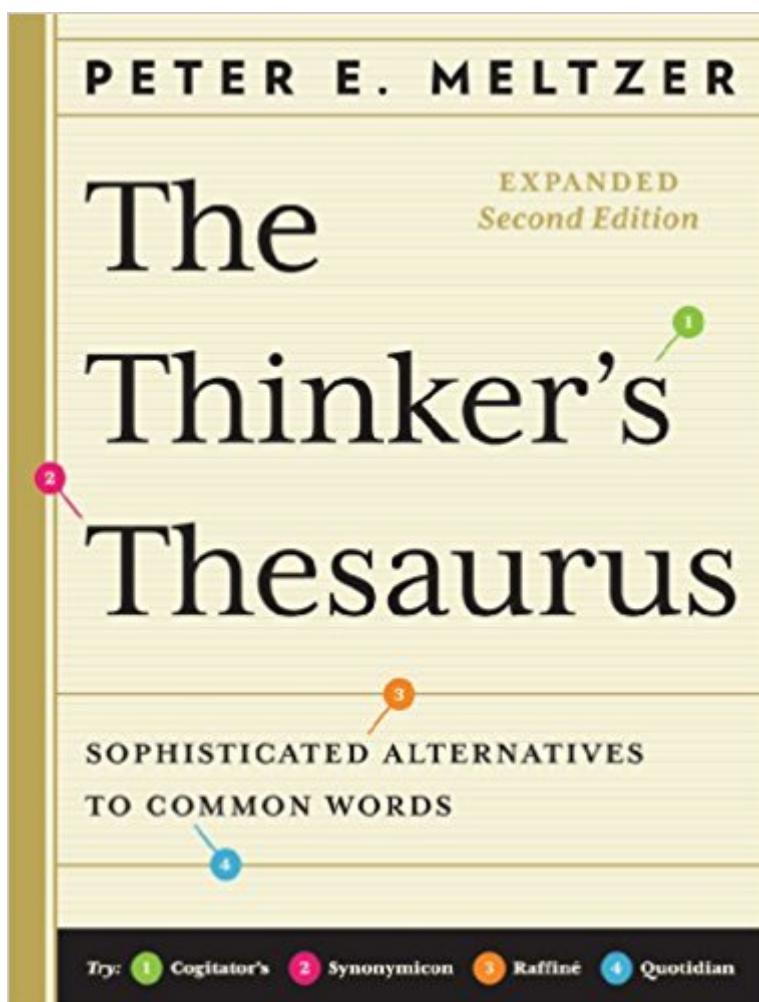


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# The Thinker's Thesaurus: Sophisticated Alternatives To Common Words (Expanded Second Edition)



## Synopsis

The go-to guide for finding those exceptional and unexpected words that will bring your writing to the next level. Do you find that your regular thesaurus spits out the same old words already running through your head? Are the lists boring, repetitive, and generally unhelpful? Peter E. Meltzer thought so and decided to create a unique thesaurus that would offer interesting, original synonyms along with contextual examples. He quotes from a range of recent media— including books and hundreds of magazines and newspapers—to reassure readers that though the words might be unfamiliar, they are all completely legitimate words in current use. The first edition was the top-selling thesaurus in the United States on numerous occasions. The second edition has been expanded by 50 percent and includes a new introduction that lays out the goals and methods of the thesaurus. This highly entertaining and informative book is truly a dream come true, not only for logophiles but for anyone wishing to enhance their writing through these wonderful words.

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"Delves into the mostly untapped reservoir of the English lexicon, offering readers more than top-of-mind word choices." --"Dow Jones Newsletter"

Peter E. Meltzer, the author of the best-selling *The Thinker* and *So You Think You Know Baseball?*, is an attorney and a former professor at Rutgers University School of Law.

This is a perfectly delightful book (ambrosial, one might say): a thesaurus containing unusual (selcouth) or archaic (superannuated) synonyms for common words. It is, of course, utterly frivolous (nugacious), insofar as the tendency in modern writing is to dumb things down to the lowest common denominator, and anyone using unfamiliar words is immediately branded a snob, a poseur, or (God forbid) an elitist (a mandarin). In the 21st century, any word or phrase not used regularly in the Common Core curriculum, or not easily rendered in absurd abbreviations for use in Twitter, is considered worthless (nugatory) or even sinister (baleful). But those few readers who still adore the infinite varieties of language and wordplay will find the book a source of joy, erudition, and blessed relief from our "democratized" language. One reviewer has complained that the book is not "complete," because there are innumerable words which are not included, but this is not meant to be the latest edition of Roget: it is rather a collection of enjoyable synonyms for thousands of words that we use routinely, not even suspecting that a synonym exists. Logophiles will be enraptured; logomaniacs will be momentarily satisfied; and anyone else who simply enjoys language will be hugely entertained.

I started it January 14. I'm plowing through it A to Z, in a strictly abecedarian march. I hope to finish the letter B before the Super Bowl, and Z by Thanksgiving. The word selection is advanced, The definitions concise & tachlis. The examples are recent and fill out the meaning. It's better than a vocabulary book if you are trying to prepare for an SAT type exam. It's better than a first generation thesaurus if you are trying to find the word that gives a special nuance.

Bought it for my Kindle and wish I had gotten the paper format. It would be easier to flip through. Was disappointed in the number of vocabulary words defined. Was hoping for a larger selection.

As a poet I am always looking for unusual alternatives to mundane words. This book provides that, alongside useful definitions and synonyms. Great addition to the bookshelf, although it will probably spend a greater proportion of the time on the desk. Open..

great reference for writers!

Wonderful thesaurus. Made with quality and style.

As a writer, I am always looking to learn about the etymology of words. This is a great source for

making your writing much more interesting. I love this book!

I am very pleased with this thesaurus. Most thesaurus will give you a synonym(s) for a word but the Thinker's Thesaurus gives you the correct synonym with an explanation and examples. For students, new writers, seasoned writers and lovers of the English language this is a MUST HAVE for your reference library. Not only did I purchase the Kindle edition for my Kindle Fire but I also purchased the paperback. Well worth the money.

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