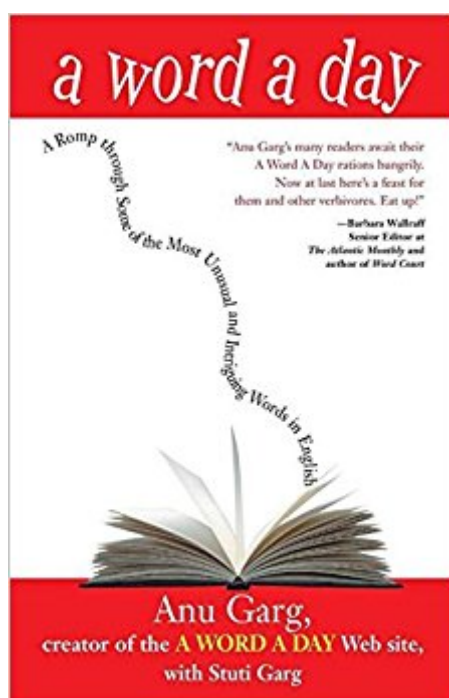




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# A Word A Day: A Romp Through Some Of The Most Unusual And Intriguing Words In English



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Words. While many of us don't usually require a very large vocabulary, we do need to know the meaning of the words we, and others, use. For example, when a friend tells us with pride they just passed a difficult test about oology, who among us would not be embarrassed by not knowing oology is the study of birds' eggs? And you could surprise your dentist next visit by informing him you have a friend with disatema - a gap between two adjacent teeth. Both those and many other interesting words are in this excellent book, which should be in every word lover's library.

interesting.

Anu Garg is a word maven. I recommend subscribing to his A.Word.A.Day daily emails. The New York Times accurately describes it as "A delightful, quirky collection."

Great book very interesting about the language

Awesome!

indeed intriguing words. some of them completely new for me. I always enjoy Anu Garg. it's fun to read through and also fun to pick up and start where it opens as a daily pleasure

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I have been subscribing to Anu's "A Word A Day" for number of years and have greatly increased my vocabulary. This book further helps me in understanding the origin of unusual words.

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