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From the best-selling author of '14,000 Things To Be Happy About' comes a compendium of more than 18,000 fascinating facts about words. Practical enough to use as a dictionary and fun enough to use as a conversation piece, 'Word Nerd' is aimed at the nerd in all of us.

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Lyndy says

This book is interesting-- and it wasn't that I really didn't like it enough to finish it, just that I don't have time to read a dictionary!

Steven says

"Word Nerd" is awesome. This book contains much beloved wisdom of word origins.

Anna says

I check this out from the library and realized it read more like a dictionary. I still would like to go through this book, but I need to buy it so I can do it at a leisurely pace.

Tamara Evans says

A wonderful book for people who love words and learning interesting facts about how words are used.

Dan says

Very very interesting book on the nature of words and their original meanings.

Mazie says

This is my favorite book. I'm a nerd like that.

Kathrynn says

This is interesting because the book that I own looks EXACTLY like this one, same ISBN, same publication date, same number of pages, except one minor detail. My book title is:

"Word Nerd More than 17,000 Fascinating Facts About Words"

I guess I got fewer facts! ;-)

I searched the Internet and all the titles that I could find say 18,000 facts. Go figure?

Somebody doesn't have their "facts" together... (Sorry. I couldn't resist that one.)

As for the book contents: I like it. This is the same person that wrote or compiled the Flip Dictionary, which I think is very cool.

Under "H, Haagen-Dazs is made up; it does not mean anything in any known language."

or

"Habit derives from the Latin stem habere, "have, hold"; we all know that a habit, good or bad, has a hold on you"

David says

Well, I think we all know my particular weakness by now. Rosie is more likely to bear the Donald's lovechild than I to leave the store without this addition to my collection.

Kiersten says

This is a hilarious, useful, random book. I'd highly recommend it - and if you are already a lover of words, this is an absolute must-read!
