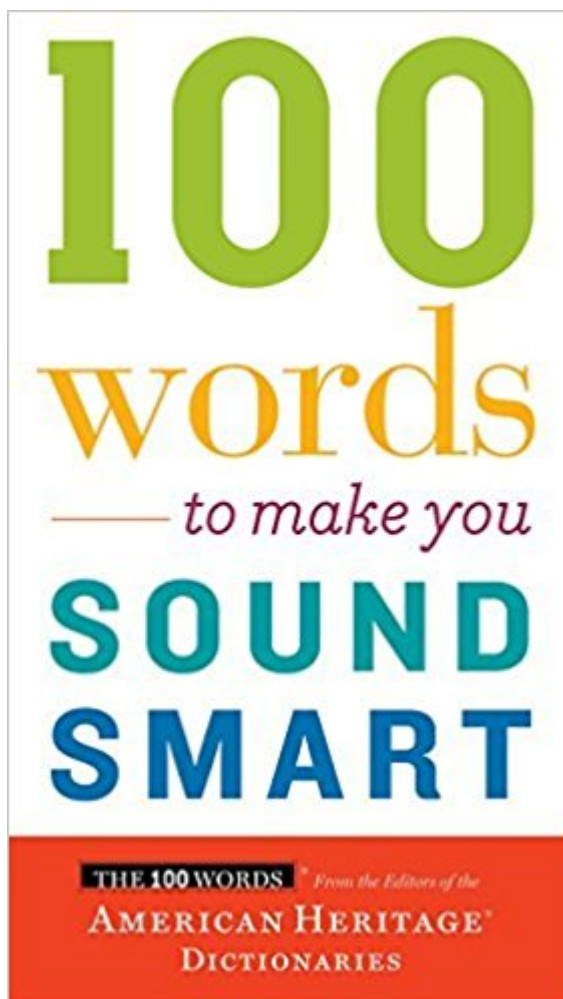




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# 100 Words To Make You Sound Smart



## Synopsis

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I love this. I try to read it every day and learn new words. It has a lot of good words that people should know and that definitely make you sound smarter. I think enriching your vocabulary is so important. Everyone should own this book! It not only tells what each word means and how it's pronounced but also includes a brief history and example. Brilliant!

I am a zealous (word #100) reader, so I already have a fairly advanced vocabulary and I did not find any new words here to use. But it is always a good thing to refresh one's understanding of those like byzantine, Catch-22, kitsch, and Svengali if for no other reason than to dust off old friends and start using them again. This book, however, does offer more. First, it employs some superb quotes to illustrate the correct meaning of the words in context. Second, in some cases it gives the background of the term you are using (e.g., Machiavellian, quintessential, or white elephant) so that it takes on a richer character, which makes it easier to recall and to apply in more nuanced ways. For the advanced student, I would recommend the "mispronounces" book in this series--after all, you can't sound smart without saying your words correctly and the vocabulary level is more challenging.

Useful information. I really enjoyed looking through and seeing if there were other words I wasn't aware of. Great job.

I think this book would be best for junior high students! It's not appropriate for even semi-educated adults!! Sorry I bought it

It is what it is; a book with less frequently used words, usage, pronunciation and examples. If you have one of those words of the day calendars, use that. Otherwise, it's a good small book you can carry with you and use to increase your vocabulary. However, please be sure to study the word

usage reference. There is nothing worse than big words incorrectly used.

My son and I have set out to learn 2 new words each day and to use them in our everyday interaction with others. It is fun learning new words with him.

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