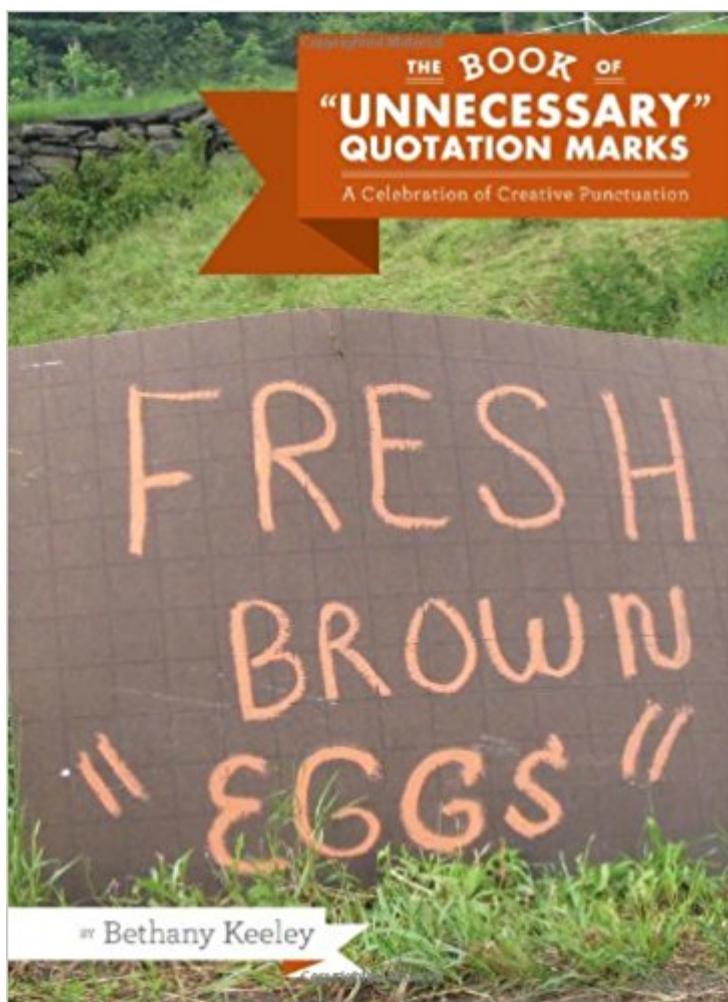


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The Book Of "Unnecessary" Quotation Marks: A Celebration Of Creative Punctuation



Synopsis

From the sarcastic to the suggestive, here are quotation marks as we love them best, doing horrible damage to the English language. Who wouldn't have second thoughts about ordering the "hamburger" on the diner's menu? Would it be best to skip the "blowout" sale at the department store? What hidden price must be paid for something marked "free"? Assembled by the creator of the wildly popular "Blog" of "Unnecessary" Quotation Marks, this book surveys the havoc wreaked by quotation marks on signs, menus, placards, and posters that leave reality upended by supposed "facts." This smarty-pants guide is "perfect" for desperate grammarians, habitual air quoters, and anyone who appreciates a good laugh.

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Customer Reviews

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I'm a word nerd. I mostly wanted to start out this review that way because it rhymes. However, it does help explain why the subject matter of this book appeals so much to me. There's just something about quotation marks, and their rampant misuse, that makes me laugh. The pictures throughout the book are excellent examples of well-meaning people trying and failing to communicate, but the real treat is the commentary provided by the author. Snark is doled out efficiently and with no malice. It never feels like we're laughing AT the writers of these signs and

notices. More like we're laughing NEAR them, and hoping they'll see us laughing and decide to laugh along with us. Well deserving of a place on your bookshelf or coffee table.

This book is not very long and easily finished in one sitting. But if you have a basic understanding of English grammar you'll laugh a little at the mistakes themselves but laugh a lot of the inspired literal interpretations.

A really cute book for a coffee table. I gave it to my boyfriend for part of his birthday present and we laughed at a lot of them. The captions by the author are the best.

The title of this description says it all. It was pretty epic. I need 8 more words so unicorn potato

Hilarious book! Amazingly, the captions are almost as amusing as the pictures themselves. Leave this out when you have company and you will not have to do any entertaining of your own!

Just what I wanted

Bought as a white elephant gift. It was a hit at the party! Now it has a permanent position at the receiver's toilet as reading material.

I have been following the blog on which this book is based, and have even contributed to the site, so it was nice to see it come out in book form. The author's wit in commenting on the various signs, posters, etc. is quite keen and I enjoyed every page. Whether unnecessary quotation marks are a pet peeve of yours or not, you will enjoy the humor that accompanies the pictures. A great addition to the humor or language section of your library!

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