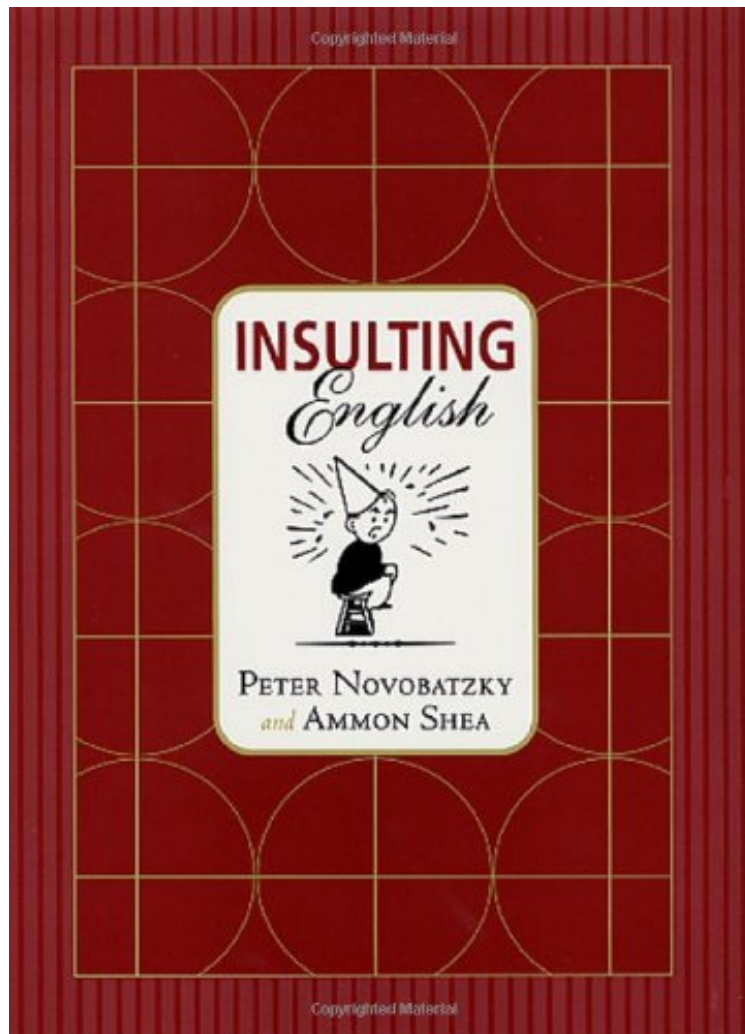


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unprincipled politician. Nah, George Bush wouldn't be that, would he ? Of course not. Let's just say he's an empleomaniac entheomaniac -- relax, he won't know what it means until he can find a dictionary. (Even then he might look it up as "impleomaniac.") An emploeoemaniac is a person who is excessively eager to hold public office. An entheimaniac is someone who is literally insane about religion. Or would you just prefer to call me a "philodox" ? It applies to those who writes opinionated reviews. It's a fun book. Granted, you're not likely to memorize a couple of dozen of these words and drop them into casual conversation. Instead, the delight comes from seeing the words and reading the descriptions; some are so fitting, so perfectly fitting -- especially to be used behind someone's back (to be sure of avoiding any big stupid fists). These aren't the usual words you find in a dictionary. On my computer, every one is flagged by SpelChek. If you want to be truly insulting, and who doesn't have at least a few friends who need to be truly insulted, it's why you need the book Naffin. Now, there's a nice gentle-sounding term. Almost affectionate. It describes a person who is almost an idiot. Ever meet a shotclog ? That's a nasty person who is tolerated because he's buying all the drinks. Even at that, it's probably best not to use the term until he quits buying the drinks and leave. We all know what "geek" means, but what about "gink." It's an insignificant person. Perhaps, instead of the too-often-heard "it looks like ...," it would be better just to say it looks grizely -- it means extraordinarily ugly. You've all heard about "impeccable" as praise ? How about "peccable" ? Yes, it's a real world, it means liable to sin. Once, many years ago, I knew a publisher whose favorite term was "cretin." Unfortunately, in his limited acumen, he was never able to come up with a new word and he soon bored everyone with his snoutband attitude. Well, if nothing else, you may conclude that I'm a sophomaniac. I won't tell you what that means -- instead, buy the book. 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Delightful, empowering, strange, funny By SHEILAH This innocent-looking little hardcover book will arm you with wonderful, little-known words that are perfect for describing all mannner of offensive people (compulsive shouters, men who wear too much cologne, unpleasant drinking companions tolerated only because they are buying the booze, and on and on). Surprises abound in this no-holds-barred tour of the rich underbelly of our language. Everyone will find something useful and funny in it. in it. Nicely illustrated, with amusing sample sentences, anecdotes and histories of the words included. A cool gift. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. No decency here, thank god By joseph welch Glossaries of obscure words are not generally regarded as being within the most humorous of genres but Insulting English proves to be the exception. Finally, a book that enables one to increase one's vocabulary and learn how to better verbally eviscerate one's fellow man in one fell swoop. At long last the fetid treasure trove that is the English language has been laid open to the masses.

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