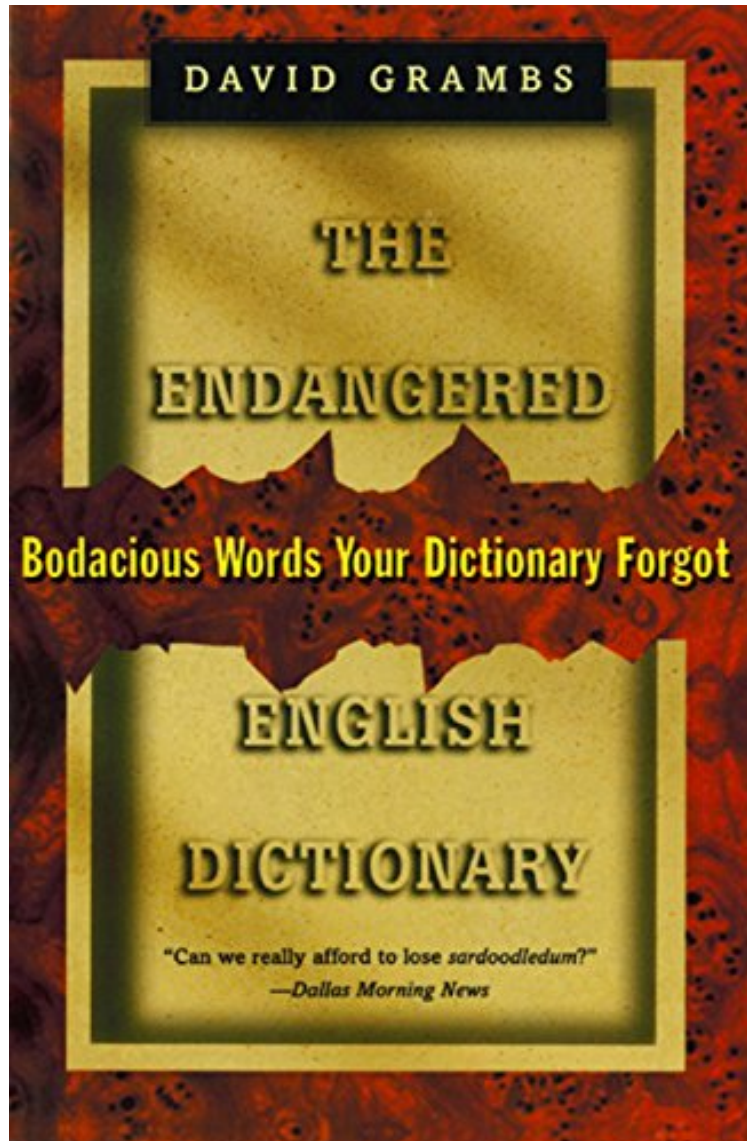


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words as "infrangelic" and "mysot" can be casually used in day to day conversation, the words garnered by Mr. Grambs are just plain fun. Even for people with only a casual interest in English or writing will find this book strangely compelling. It's a book that is just a hit or a miss. My family is filled with big readers. My father found it boring. My mother bought her own copy within a couple of days. My brother put it down in a minute. My sister-law read it almost straight through. The book will allow you to almost always get the last "word."

Kurzbeschreibung "Like animals, plants and book reviewers, words can become extinct, but Grambs is here to salvage the most missed of the lexical dinosaurs." Patricia Holt, San Francisco Chronicle We often hear about the richness of the English language, how many more words it contains than French or German. And yet modern desk dictionaries are the result of a paring away of that glory, so that merely standard, functional, current words remain. The price we pay for such convenience is the thousands of delightful words we never see or hear. This book is an effort to save some of those words applicable to everyday life and countless word games from extinction. The resultant treasure trove of exotic verbal creatures is an indispensable resource for every lover of language. A selection: egrutten: having a face swollen from weeping numquid: an inquisitive person sardoodledum: drama that is contrived, stagy, or unrealistic mimp: to purse one's lips. de Sometimes it seems that there are as many collections of archaic words as there are archaic words. Most of them are amusing in their own esoteric sort of way, but few aim for more than entertainment value. David Grambs watches over words gone (or going) by in the same way that the National Wildlife Federation watches over grizzly bears and timber wolves. He would like his readers to think of his Endangered English Dictionary as "a constant reminder of the words that could have been, that fell through the cracks. Or--" he challenges, "if you and enough others make imaginative use of this book--that still could become part of our everyday usage." Toward this goal, Grambs has chosen "common-use, nontechnical words," and he has arranged his book as a two-way dictionary. So if you are looking for a compact way to describe something--a flower, say--that smells strongest at night, try "noctuo-lucent." If you were a delicate blossom, or even a whole "tuzzymuzzy" (a bunch of flowers), you too might wish to avoid the "sizzard" (unbearably humid heat) of summer days. --Jane Steinberg Pressestimmen The next time you see some guy stagger out of a bar ready to take on the world, 'drunk and feeling brave,' you can dismiss him with a single word: potvaliant! That short, fat person nearby on the subway is fubsy, and his thickset companion is spuddy. The loudmouth a few seats away is bloviating, his babblative chatter little more than clatterfart. This can be addictive. . . --Jonathan Yardley Now that Grambs has introduced me to it, I plan to make good use of 'bloviation,' meaning talking windily, as in political candidates or sports commentators. --Digby Diehl