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The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus For Large Print Users



Synopsis

An all-purpose thesaurus at an attractive price.- More than 157,000 synonyms, antonyms, related and contrasted words, and idioms- Alphabetically organized for ease of use- Brief definitions describe shared meanings --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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Customer Reviews

The Merriam brothers desired a continuity of editorship that would link Noah Webster's efforts with their own editions, so they selected Chauncey A. Goodrich, Webster's son-in-law and literary heir, who had been trained in lexicography by Webster himself, to be their editor in chief. Webster's son William also served as an editor of that first Merriam-Webster dictionary, which was published on September 24, 1847. Although Webster's work was honored, his big dictionaries had never sold well. The 1828 edition was priced at a whopping \$20; in 13 years its 2,500 copies had not sold out. Similarly, the 1841 edition, only slightly more affordable at \$15, moved slowly. Assuming that a lower price would increase sales, the Merriams introduced the 1847 edition at \$6, and although Webster's heirs initially questioned this move, extraordinary sales that brought them \$250,000 in royalties over the ensuing 25 years convinced them that the Merriams' decision had been abundantly sound. The first Merriam-Webster dictionary was greeted with wide acclaim. President James K. Polk, General Zachary Taylor (hero of the Mexican War and later president himself), 31 U.S. senators, and other prominent people hailed it unreservedly. In 1850 its acceptance as a resource for students began when Massachusetts ordered a copy for every school and New York

placed a similar order for 10,000 copies to be used in schools throughout the state. Eventually school use would spread throughout the country. In becoming America's most trusted authority on the English language, Merriam-Webster dictionaries had taken on a role of public responsibility demanded of few other publishing companies. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

The standard in thesaurus: a must have for every home, every library. Paired with the Merriam Webster Dictionary this Thesaurus becomes a formidable writing tool offering several different alternative words for nearly every word in the English Language. I bought this for my Son when teaching him how to keep a journal. he now uses his thesaurus every day and loves just looking for new words in it!

This was purchased for my ten year old autistic son. He has enjoyed reading through it and it has helped him expand his vocabulary. He prefers actual books as opposed to digital copies. The size isn't too wide nor too tall making it easy to transport. He carries this either in his backpack to school or also with his other notebooks and dictionary when at home, in the van, etc. It is seemingly perfect for what he needs it for!

Print is so small even someone with 20/20 vision has a hard time seeing the print.

I'm not a very good speller. Sometimes my spelling is so bad a dictionary is useless. If I can think of a similar word, the Thesaurus often lists the word I'm looking for. I needed a new Thesaurus as my last one was falling apart. The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus does well for me and I've already used it several times. This Thesaurus has a short dictionary definition of each word. I'm sure this makes this soft covered book a little bigger (it is slightly over 1-1/4 inches thick, 4" wide, and 6-7/8" tall).

Tiny book with print so small you need a microscope to read it. Horribly designed. Terrible quality edition!!

When I first got the book, it seemed too small to be useful, but when I opened it I found that the print was small. This makes it to where a lot is packed into a relatively small space. Works for me, but be aware of the small print if you have trouble reading anything that small.

The perfect addition to a budding writer's reference library! Inexpensive, easy to handle, and it

should survive a LOT of look-ups.

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