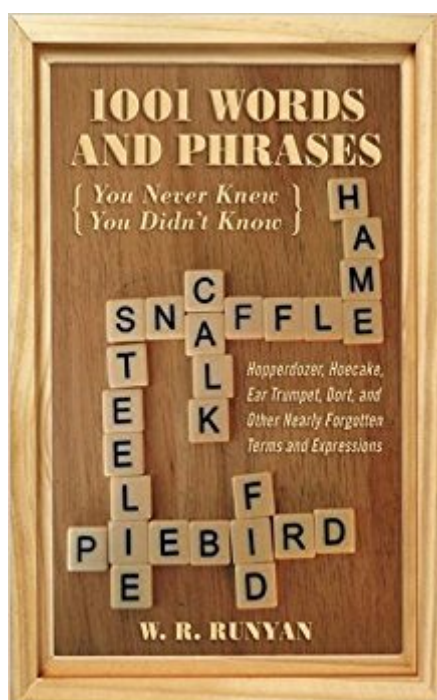


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1,001 Words And Phrases You Never Knew You Didn't Know: Hopperdozer, Hoecake, Ear Trumpet, Dort, And Other Nearly Forgotten Terms And Expressions



Synopsis

As times change so do the things we use and what we call them. W.R. Runyan has compiled a fascinating collection of words and phrases that, once common everywhere in America, are little known today. This book is a celebration of our linguistic past that will be a treat from word lovers everywhere. Do you know any of these: Snaffle, Steelie, Gully Washer, Cabriolet, Calk, Hardpan, Carbuncle, Pie Bird, Fid, or Hame? Did you know that a "Horse Apple" is actually an orange? Or that "Rolley Holley" is a marble game? With over one hundred illustrations, this is a book that will take you on a walk back in time and give you a chance to hear from generations past—in their own voice, with their own words.

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Customer Reviews

W. R. Runyan grew up in Oklahoma during the horse-powered era. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy and was an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University. He is now retired and lives in Dallas, Texas.

If you're looking for an interesting book to read about quirky words and phrases, this is probably not going to interest you. Despite the title, there are precious few phrases, as such. If, however, you are a writer, pursuing historical fiction, or if you are a jeopardy freak such as I, 1,001 Words and Phrases... is precisely the sort of book that can make your writing a hit, or your next appearance with Alex Trebek (if you're incredibly lucky regarding category selection) a major success. Why is that? On several occasions (too few to be sure) the author has included illustrations to demonstrate

the work meaning. For example, are you familiar with a: * Bung Hole, [screen shot #1] or * When they had wanted to clean their carpet, what was the tool that got the job done back in the olden times? [Screen shot #2] Or, * Do you ever wonder that the your old great grandpa did when he was homesteading and there was a blizzard outside and he or his faithful one simply had to go pee? [Screen shot #3] For these three, I am attaching screen shots. But there is a slew of other items that might interest some... Bottom Line This is not so much a reading tome as it is a reference work of great value primarily to researchers or writers interested in historical times. As such, I rate it four stars out of five. Comments regarding your opinion of this book or of my review, whether favorable or unfavorable, are always welcome. If you buy the book based on my review and become disappointed, especially, I do want to know that and I want to understand how I can improve as a book reviewer. Just please be polite. Thank you.

Mistakes abound in this book but the worst thing about it is that so much of these words pertain to farming and farm tools, including plowing, plowing, and plowing. The writer is vague when he doesn't understand what a hair receiver is, for example, or that provision is made for a hansom cab driver, not "provisions" which are presumably attached to the cab for the driver to eat !!! An embarrassment to read by anyone who has a knowledge of past times. Like me !!

Words are interesting, and the stories behind them are fascinating. I was familiar with some of these words already, since my closest friends were my parents' age and older, but this book taught me more. I recommend it to all philomaths.

Interesting. Fun. Some of these words and phrases I already knew, but then I'm an Old Guy. A good deal for the price (\$0.99).

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I really was looking forward to reading this book. The title piqued my interest, but the contents really left me disappointed. As a collector of often thought absurd objects such as "pie birds" I was hoping to open a treasure chest here. But I found that three quarters or more of the entries are well known

words and phrases to me. I mean who doesn't know what an "ox" or a "radiator ornament" is? Or a "model A" or "model T"? And they incorrectly identify a "LaSalle" as a car made by Cadillac when it was actually a Chrysler product? The author also lists most all now defunct automobile companies like "Hudson" or "Hupmobile", "DeSoto" and "REO" to name a few, but misses the truly unique companies like Darrin , Henry J or Frazer. Who doesn't know what a "dutch oven" or a "dishpan" is? This book really misses the mark in this readers opinion.

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