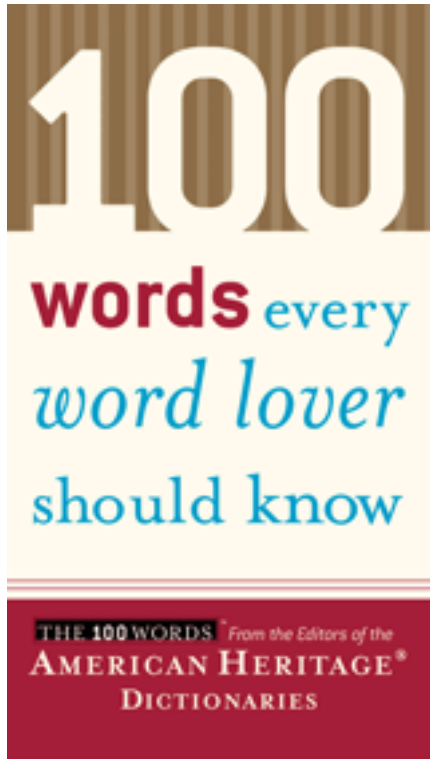


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100 Words Every Word Lover Should Know

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For the newest title in the best-selling 100 Words series, the Editors of the American Heritage® Dictionaries have carefully selected 100 words sure to be appreciated by language lovers, word mavens, and anyone who enjoys the variety and richness of the English language.

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Here is a complete list of the words in *100 Words Every Word Lover Should Know*:

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internecine
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koan
laconic
lagniappe

maharajah or maharaja
malapropism
meretricious
mesmerize
meticulous
milieu
mitochondrion
nemesis
nictitate
nostrum
nudnik also nudnick
obloquy
obstreperous
oxymoron
palaver
pejorative
precarious
prestidigitation
preternatural
quark
quixotic
redolent
repugnant
rubric
sang-froid or sangfroid
sarcophagus
schwa
serendipity
sesquipedalian
shaman
sinecure
snakebit also snakebitten
soporific
succotash
susurration
syzygy
tantalize
theory
timbre
troglodyte
ullage
umlaut
vicissitude
visceral
voluptuous
wassail

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litotes
lucubrate
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