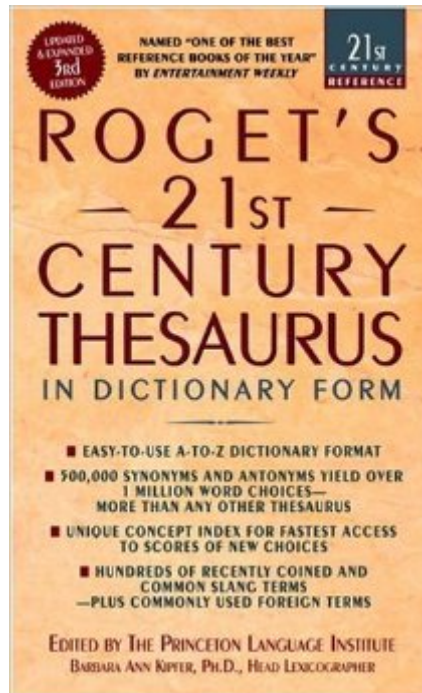


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## Customer Reviews

As a professional editor and non-traditional college student (English major), I frequently need a thesaurus to select the most precise terms for a wide variety of applications. This particular thesaurus is excellent. It is broad in scope and the Concept Index is a fantastic tool that I have used again and again. I had a previous edition and ordered the third as soon as I saw that it was out. (My husband is also a writer and we had been stealing it from each other. Now we each have one and I'm ordering another for my desk at work.) Keep in mind that a thesaurus is best used to find words

that you already know. Don't use it to sound fancy - if you aren't sure of the exact definition of a word, look it up in a good dictionary or use another word. One more caveat: the font size in the mass market edition is extremely small. Happy Hunting!

I bought three thesauri at the same time. I do quite a bit of technical writing and I needed multiple sources to draw from. I ordered this title, along with Webster's New World Roget's A-Z Thesaurus, and Roget's International Thesaurus. The first synonym I needed was for "coordinate," as in "to coordinate..." Roget's 21st Century gave me 23 words and phrases, Webster's gave only seven, and Roget's eight. I've found similar disparities among the volumes for numerous other words. Roget's 21st Century is a terrific little book, inexpensive, small, and easily stays beside my PC. The others, well, I wish I'd saved my money. But they'll come in handy at some point, I'm sure.

My criticism is only related to the very small type used in the paperback version-I can't read it at all without a magnifying glass. I also have the hardback version of this thesaurus and it is wonderful-I would give it 5 stars. Wanted another thesaurus for another location but the paperback is useless to me because of the tiny print.

This may be probably the single most useful thesaurus out. I found the word associations to be robust and precise, with many words you would expect as well as some words you don't including idioms. But wait! There's more! In a comprehensive appendix, they have a conceptual index that categorizes words. So if you were for instance looking at the word 'incurable', they have a more general way to categorize the words according to features of the word such as it describes something abstract, sensory, a type of motion or a quality of an object. It's hard to describe, but this conceptual index isn't in any other thesaurus, but it should be. Well worth the pain of the small print.

I had been using a thesaurus from another company that was so frustrating that I searched for one that actually gave me the alternative words I needed. I found Roget's 21st Century and couldn't be happier with its many options and descriptions. After ordering my copy, I found another Roget's thesaurus that I had lost years ago, and although it was older, it was still better than the other company's (Webster). I believe Roget's is the most helpful thesaurus for writers and am pleased for the opportunity to say so.

This book has been a great help to me while writing my college papers. The synonyms are very

accurate and the thesaurus has a wide range of words I never even thought would be in here. You will love this book, if you are looking for a simple, clear cut view of a specific word, or the root of a word, and the synonyms and antonyms of that word. I love this book. It is my only thesaurus reference book I have in my personal library.

I purchased this for college. I use it on every paper that I write. It's extremely easy to navigate. The concept index was a little confusing at first but once I figured it out it became an invaluable tool. It helps when I can't quite think of the word I want to use. Anyway I highly recommend it to all college students. More so than the rogets college thesuarus because this one seems to be a little more thorough, giving more for each word.

I think Roget's is the best thesaurus out there, but HOLY COW! THIS version is ridiculous!! I practically need a microscope to read it! Seriously, the print is smaller than the words on those little pamphlets in OTC meds! The font is smaller than 8. Again, I think Roget's is the best, but I can't use this at all! I wish I hadn't wasted my money.

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