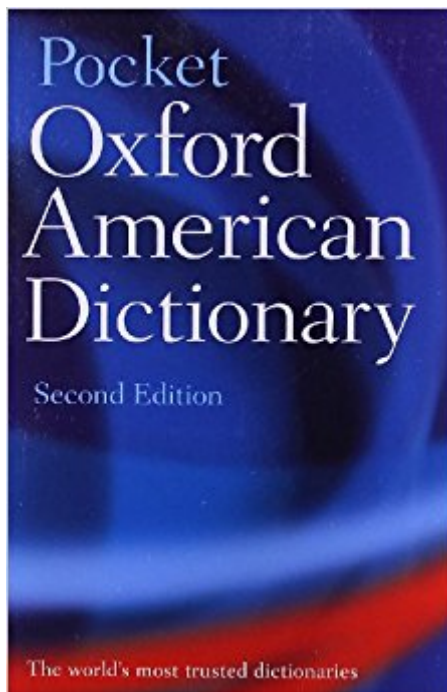


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This is a wonderful dictionary for the price. The reason I gave it 4 stars, it has no roots. You have no idea if the word is from Latin, or Old English.

I am a graduate student in NYC. Not a native speaker of English. The reason I bought this dictionary is because I felt tired with searching internet for some usage of a phrase or a slang. This dictionary is handy and really informative - it includes many frequently used phrases, and also provides some examples for explanation. Very good for me.

This 978 page dictionary is definitely not for a pocket - except perhaps in an overcoat. However, this is the best coffee table or side-desk dictionary I have used because it has a large quantity of words and it is simply a pleasure to pick-up and grasp - much of which comes from being a paperback. It is ergonomically right-sized. After buying one for me, I have since purchased three more (two for my children and one for their friend as a graduation gift). This book does not include the etymology of any word and it is written with a small font size, but this allows the book to be jammed with so many words. This is not a discounted book, but it is fairly priced because I use it most everyday.

This book is more "desk sized" but it is VERY much better than the Webster's I was using. At 978 pages, small font, it has far more words than other dictionaries you'd want to keep handy for quick reference. It isn't perfect. It didn't have "plein-air" when I needed it but it has at least 5 times the number of entries the other has and at a college plus level. Great value!

This is a great dictionary, though I wouldn't call it a "pocket" dictionary. I was looking for something on the smaller side to keep in my backpack for college but this is too big. It is my own fault for not reading the dimensions. I will keep it at home though.

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