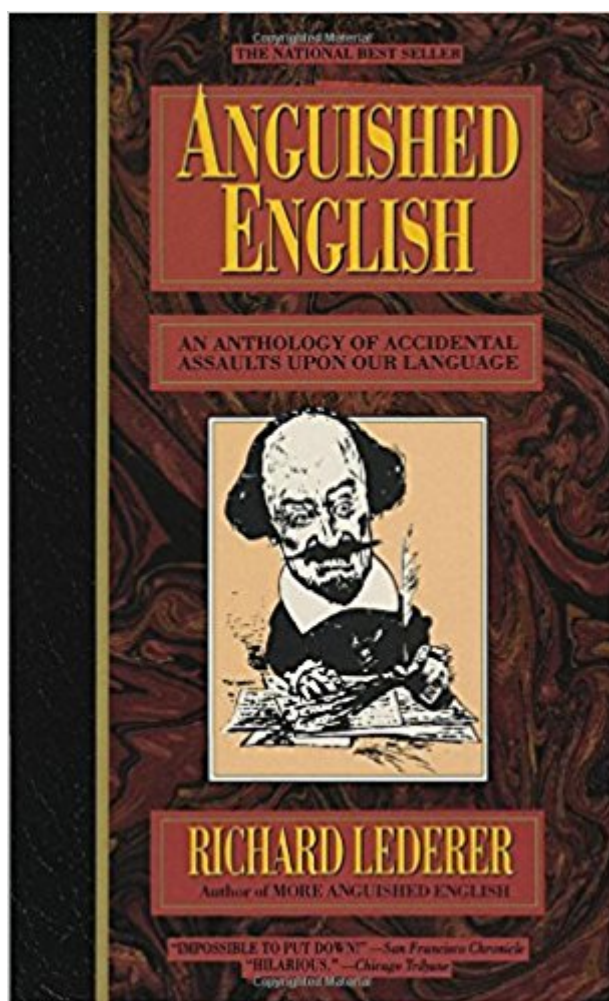


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In today's world of dumbed-down, cheap, and dirty jokes, I've come to truly prize humor that has some intellectual roots to it. Most jokes grow old once you've heard them once. Slapstick loses its appeal once you know what's going to happen. I literally grew up with this book, and it completely

sidesteps that problem. My dad used to have sessions where he'd read it out loud to us, while skipping over the (unfortunate) less child-appropriate gags. I'm pretty sure we've laughed more at it than any movie, comedy routine, or any other form of media. To this day, I still cannot read this book without laughing out loud. The compiled "history of the world" chapter is the funniest thing I've ever read.

One of the funniest books ever written. I recommend you don't try to just sit down and read. Rather take turns reading these little anecdotes out loud. We often have to stop just to catch up on breathing after laughing so hard. This book can be picked up at any point by a group. We buy copies of this as inexpensive gifts for friends.

Lederer has pulled together a nice cross-section of real-life cases. It certainly is an entertaining read, particularly for lovers of the English (or at least the American English) language. Realizing that most if not all of these examples were generated by people with English as a first language is an eye-opener in itself.

Inane, irrational, irreverent, idiotic, impossible, incredible display of the humorous and perverted misuses of our otherwise noble language. If your sense of humor has progressed to rigor or is otherwise moribund, this marvelous, learned, witty and risible compendium of silly syntax will resuscitate your flacid funny-bone. Lederer does more to bring about a real understanding of, appreciation for, and consideration of functional language than any textbook of grammar and usage published in the last millennium. Every person who reads, or writes, or speaks English should read this very, very, very, very enjoyable "rump" (sic) through English as she is spookened!!!

Absolutely FANTASTIC read! I purchased this for my father for Christmas this past year, and he can't put it down. My father is not a reader, but he absolutely loves books and articles, etc. about the mistakes found in advertisements, novels, newspapers, and more. This is one of his favorites, and he read it within the day. I will already be purchasing more for him for birthdays, Father's Day, and more. A great pick!

I read his Reader's Digest article many years ago: "This Crazy Language." He had great observations like ... Why do we park in a drive way and drive on a parkway? I expected an entire book full of these gems. But either I got the wrong book or no such book exists. This book contains

collections of mistakes, errors, misstatements, grammatical blunders and so on. As a former English teacher who had to read and correct such trash, this book held no interest for me. I glanced through it, chuckled at some tidbits and discarded it. Paul August

What makes Lederer's calendar so special is that the errors usually aren't just "Engrish" or cheaply funny typos. He spots all sorts of instances where people unknowingly use wording that allows for multiple, highly amusing interpretations. These are vastly funnier and more satisfying, for reasons I can't quite figure out how to articulate - I think you really need to read a few of them for yourself to understand. I had the 2011 calendar as well, and I thought he did an amazing job with that one. 2012 unfortunately resorted to cheap laughs too often, although there were still a lot of gems in there. I plan to buy the 2013 calendar, but I'm crossing my fingers that it's closer in quality to 2011 than to 2012.

This is a great book that has held up well over time. I often keep an extra copy or two to give to someone recuperating from an illness. Richard Lederer, an English professor, took actual quotations from students, sick note excuses from parents, and a wealth of other hilarious sources. He has plucked the best and condensed it in this little book. I should warn you, however, that I have never found any of the "sequels" to be nearly as entertaining as this original one.

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