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David; Dirda, Michael; Lahman, David; Merritt, Stephin; Prose, Francine; Smith, Zadie; Strouse, Jean Auburn : Oxford American Writer's Thesaurus before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oxford American Writer's Thesaurus:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. My New Best FriendBy MJZI just picked this up to replace my grossly out of date thesaurus and am really pleased. It's in alphabetical order! That in itself was enough to sell me on it. No more spending five minutes trying to track a word down, like I did with my old one. This also offers examples of how to use words in a sentence (another thing my old one did not have) along with some interesting histories and facts about certain words and their usage. In the center of the book are several pages of thematic lists including: Animals, colors, drinks, food and so on, each broken into separate categories. The Literary Words and Latin Phrases are a nice addition as well. The Language Guide is also a plus as now I don't have to use a separate book when I need to double check myself. This is quite a goldmine of information. It's much more than just a thesaurus. I've only had it for two days and it has already served me well.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent resource then someBy RebeccaThis is an outstanding thesaurus in just about every respect. I have several different versions on my shelf, but this is the one I reach for every time.I have yet to look up a word and not find it (as has happened with the other versions). It's formatted like a dictionary, meaning there are synonyms listed for each meaning/definition of the word, making it easy to find the *right* synonym for how you intended to use it. In addition, each definition includes a sentence (in italics) to demonstrate how the word is typically used. Personally, I find that really helpful.It's also very

comprehensive, often listing words AND phrases that I don't find in other references or from an online thesaurus (which I also frequently use, simply for convenience). I've also found that the suggested synonyms are more closely related to one another, unlike the online version which seems to cast a really wide net when it comes to synonyms. I get more accurate and more descriptive words with this book than I do with any other source. The thesaurus also includes "extras" that ordinarily I would probably never even glance at, but in this case actually find helpful. The thematic lists are limited, but if you just need a random example (like a specific breed of dog or butterfly) then it's easier than wading through google. And, if you want to pepper your work with spiffy latin phrases or archaic words, then those lists makes it really easy to sound far more intelligent than you actually are. And yes, I'll admit it - I've even skimmed the grammar section at the back. Damned commas. A note on the "stories" - yes, there are lots of "notes" and "quotes" interspersed throughout the book. Personally, I enjoy them and find them informative. Most of them are just odds ends - funky "word links" you've never heard of or clever quotes, but they're entertaining in a Trivial Pursuit kind of way and don't get in the way of looking something up. Honestly, if you take the time to read them you actually learn something and it does add to your overall understanding of whatever you just looked up - at least it does for me. Overall, I'm more than satisfied with this thesaurus. Well worth the expensive price tag IMO. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Resource By E. G. Eldridge This Is a BIG book, but essential for the serious writer. It has 300,000 synonyms, 10,000 antonyms, notes on usage and correct choice of words, word toolkits, as well as delightful quotations and reflections from notable writers. I can lie in bed and read it for hours. A beautiful book, should be in everyone's bookcase and is an invaluable reference for authors.

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