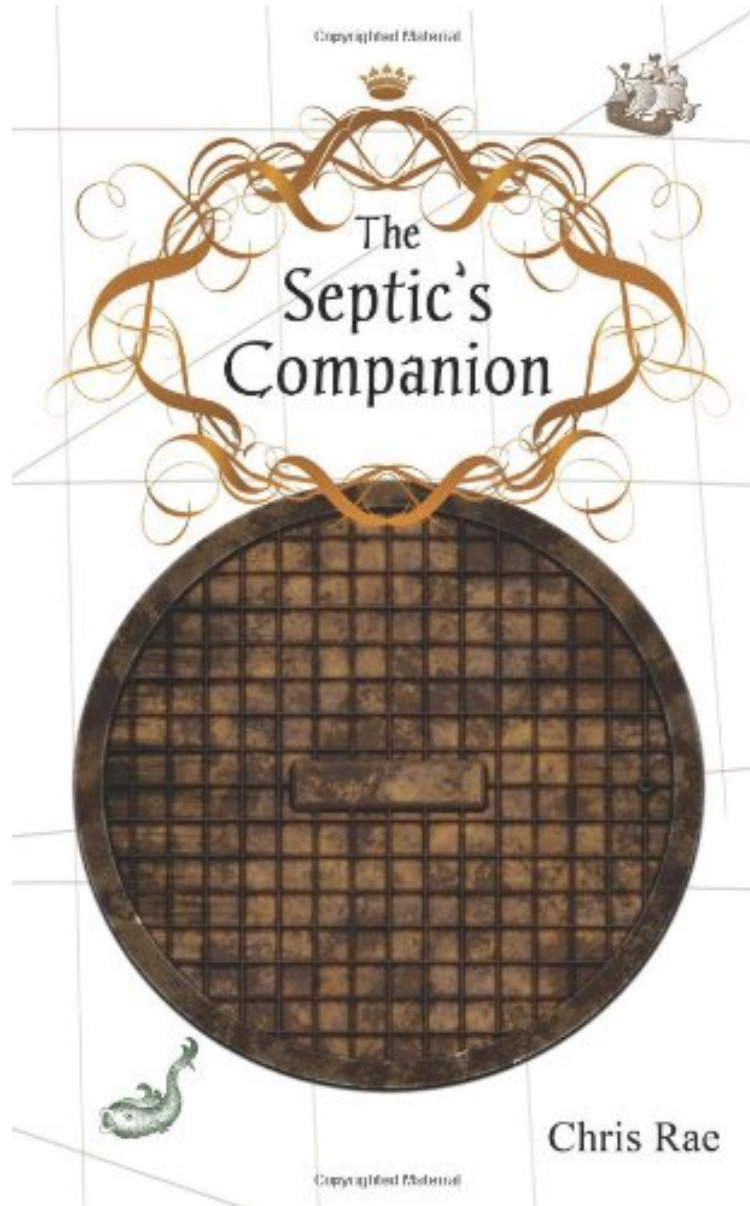


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I should have bought this book a long time ago. By Jess Stoncius I bought the kindle edition of this book after finding the author's website, enjoying it, and looking for more of the same. One of my hobbies is writing, and recently I've been writing for a character who happens to be English, and I needed to make sure I was writing his speech more authentically than I probably was (I found the website looking up whether an English person would use the word "band-aid" or not; it was a good instinct to look this up, because apparently they don't). Since reading this book, I've already found some errors I've made that I wouldn't otherwise have thought about, so it's already been very useful. The book is an extremely quick read (I read it in one night), but it is very enjoyable, and it is something I will read again. The sections on British history, pub etiquette, and the main dictionary all had me laughing out loud in places, which is hard for a book to do. Check out the author's website; if you enjoy his humor there, this book is more of the same. I wish it had been longer, but that's probably my fault and not his. If there are more books by the author, I will definitely check them out, especially if they are as insightful as this one. I bought the kindle edition because I didn't want to wait for the processing time claimed it would take to get me this book. When I downloaded it, the images in the last few pages of the book don't seem to have downloaded properly; I am not sure if it's the file or the kindle app, which I've never used before. It's not anything that detracts from the book's purpose or my enjoyment, but I thought I would make note of it. I also find that the way the dictionary is organized (alphabetically) is slightly less useful for my own purposes than the way the website is organized (by topic), since it is more set up for people coming across a word and looking it up (like an actual dictionary) than somebody needing the British English equivalent of a certain kind of word. This is also my fault, not the author's, and absolutely is not a negative point, just something I felt was worth mentioning in the off chance somebody needs this book for the same purpose as I did. If you enjoy reading things that are funny, have some kind of intellectual interest in the English language yet aren't a boring person, or are acquainted with an English expat who keeps calling you words you don't know (this book explains those, as well...), you should buy this book immediately and read it at least ten times.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fun to read. By Cheryl M. Todd We're taking a 5 week trip to England this summer and in the course of my research I heard the author (Chris Rae) interviewed by Rick Steves so I bought the book. He's very entertaining with numerous quips and jokes included. The book is called Septic Companion because many Brits refer to Americans as Septics and this book is designed for Americans visiting the UK. He has short sections on political geography, the EU, weights measures, currency, language accents, Cockney slang, eating out, going out drinking, telling time, educational system, getting around, driving and a dictionary. It's fun to read and the author provides a lot of basic, but important things to know when traveling to the UK. My only criticism is that most of the book is devoted to British slang dictionary and I wish he would have included more facts of the aspects of British idiosyncrasies. Lots of fun and if you're heading to the UK, or England in particular, you'll enjoy this book and will get some good information. Bob's your uncle!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious and useful! By The13thBlackCat I bought this on a recommendation from another website to help with writing an English character. That night I only intended to skim it a little bit, and ended up reading (and rereading parts of) the whole thing. The author has a keen, wry sense of humor, and the entries (particularly in the dictionary of slang) are very thorough, in their own way. I would definitely recommend this for anyone who wants a reference on British slang and culture for writing purposes, or even someone who is just curious about it.

Written by a Brit, the Septic's Companion is a sarcastic guide to the Queen's English and the British way of life. Two thirds of the book is a simple A to Z dictionary of Britishisms; the rest is devoted to the author's delusional rants about a selection of other topics which may confuse visitors to the U.K. These include, but are not limited to: eating, drinking, weights and measures, currency, education and transport. It is ideal for anyone who is relocating to the U.K., or dating a limey, or working with Brits, or watches British television programmes, or once went to a British pub, or has at some point in their life owned any item which came from Britain. Also it is an excellent Christmas gift.