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spell-checkers, which only correct nonword, typos or spelling errors. This book is the only one available that does more than correct spelling. Linfield and Krevisky have also written "The Bad Speller's Dictionary", "Guide to Films on Jobs" and "The Awful Speller's Dictionary".

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