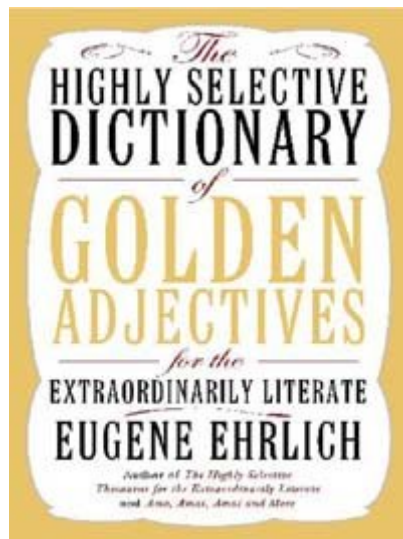


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I give this book five stars for all the terrific words even though they are not organized by subject to make them a more useful reference for writers. They are certainly a fine collection of adjectives.

I've added this to my 'collection' of the Dictionary and Thesaurus in the Highly Selective 'series'. As one who enjoys blogging on the national newspaper sites, finding the right word to express a thought is crucial to such a broad audience.

There are three word books, sort of a series, that I know of by Ehrlich. A 'Selective Dictionary', 'Selective Thesaurus' and this one, Golden Adjectives. I read all three straight through (though the entries are formatted alphabetically.) You'll learn some new words for sure, most of which you should never allow yourself to be caught dead using.

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