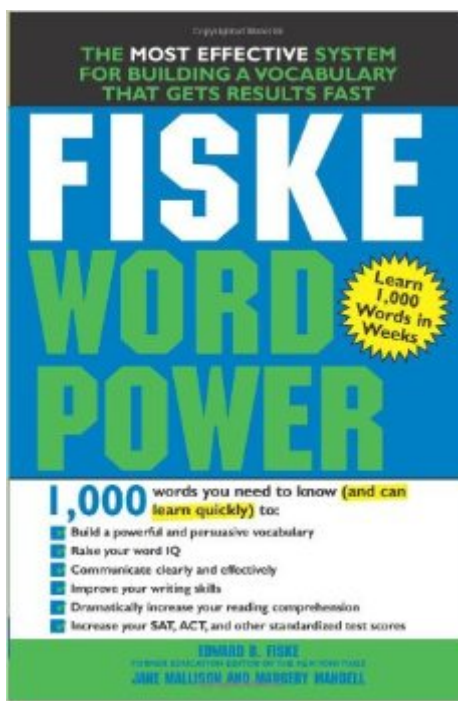


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# Fiske WordPower



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The Exclusive System to Learn-Not Just Memorize-Essential WordsA powerful vocabulary opens a world of opportunity. Building your word power will help you write more effectively, communicate clearly, score higher on standardized tests like the SAT, ACT, or GRE, and be more confident and persuasive in everything you do. But in order to truly increase your vocabulary, you need a system that works. With most guides, you end up only memorizing the new words for a short time, often not even long enough to use them in tests. Fiske WordPower is different. Using the exclusive Fiske system, you will not just memorize words, but truly learn their meanings and how to use them correctly. This knowledge will stay with you longer and be easier to recall-and it doesn't take any longer than less-effective memorization. How does it work? This book uses a simple three-part system: 1. Patterns: Words aren't arranged randomly or alphabetically, but in similar groups that make words easier to remember over time. 2. Deeper Meanings, More Examples: Full explanations-not just brief definitions-of what the words mean, plus multiple examples of the words in sentences. 3. Quick Quizzes: Frequent short quizzes help you test how much you've learned, while helping your brain internalize their meanings. Fiske WordPower is the most effective system for building a vocabulary that gets you clear and successful results.

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SUMMARY---In a phrase, "This book is interesting to browse, but it doesn't give you a 'powerful' vocabulary". Basically, I keep this book by my toilet. It's entertaining to browse through, but most of

the words it offers up are either too common (meaning the average high schooler would probably know them) or too obscure (meaning that they would never be used outside of, well, a book purporting that it'll help build a 'powerful' vocabulary).

**FULL REVIEW---**

**My Expectations:** I'm an essay editor and tutor. My main concentration these days appears to be papers in the sciences, but, in the past, I did a lot of editing and tutoring in Creative Writing, Philosophy, and English. I've worked with students ranging from Grade 10 to university grad studies. I'm constantly looking for books to both show to my students and to amuse myself with. I picked up Fiske WordPower during a trip to America (I'm from Canada) because I thought it might be a good way to pass the time and help students with a weaker vocabulary.

**The Good:** This book is great for browsing. It's set up in a very informal, chatty style that makes it a fun way to read up on some overly erudite vocabulary. The sample sentences they use are especially entertaining. The words are grouped loosely by meaning or function. For example, one of the chapters is titled, "Down with Everybody: Words for Name-calling".

**The Bad:** As a learning tool, this book falls short in many areas. I reckon the developmental editor for this thing didn't quite do his part in accurately targeting the book to an audience. The people who need to learn what "dispute" means are probably not the same ones who need to learn what "obstreperous" means (yes, I pulled the words out of the same general "level").

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