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Cat Out of Hell

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Skios

A Shot in the Dark

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The Accidental Apostrophe

And How to Read One

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The Persnickety Story of English Punctuation

Get Her Off the Pitch!  
Between You & Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen  
A Novel  
A Fun-damental Guide to Punctuation

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*A Guide to Good English*  
G.P. Putnam's Sons Books  
for Young Readers  
“Like a long periodic  
sentence, this book  
rumbles along, gathers  
steam, shifts gears, and  
packs a wallop.” —Roy  
Blount Jr. “Language

lovers will flock to this  
homage to great writing.”  
—Booklist Outspoken New  
York Times columnist  
Stanley Fish offers an  
entertaining, erudite  
analysis of language and  
rhetoric in this delightful  
celebration of the written  
word. Drawing on a wide  
range of great writers,  
from Philip Roth to  
Antonin Scalia to Jane  
Austen and beyond, Fish’s  
How to Write a Sentence

is much more than a  
writing manual—it is a  
penetrating exploration  
into the art and craft of  
sentences.  
Counting Penguins Lerner  
Digital™  
Online sensation  
Grammar Girl makes  
grammar fun and easy in  
this New York Times  
bestseller Are you  
stumped by split  
infinitives? Terrified of  
using "who" when a

"whom" is called for? Do you avoid the words "affect" and "effect" altogether? Grammar Girl is here to help! Mignon Fogarty, a.k.a. Grammar Girl, is determined to wipe out bad grammar—but she's also determined to make the process as painless as possible. A couple of years ago, she created a weekly podcast to tackle some of the most common mistakes people make while communicating. The podcasts have now been downloaded more than twenty million times, and

Mignon has dispensed grammar tips on Oprah and appeared on the pages of The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. Written with the wit, warmth, and accessibility that the podcasts are known for, Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing covers the grammar rules and word-choice guidelines that can confound even the best writers. From "between vs. among" and "although vs. while" to comma splices and misplaced modifiers, Mignon offers

memory tricks and clear explanations that will help readers recall and apply those troublesome grammar rules. Chock-full of tips on style, business writing, and effective e-mailing, Grammar Girl's print debut deserves a spot on every communicator's desk.

**Or, the Life-Saving Importance of Correct Punctuation, Grammar, and Good English**

Michael O'Mara Books

This practical, comprehensive guide to designing and running more effective meetings

will result in less time wasted, more collaborative decision-making, and measurably improved business outcomes. There's nothing more frustrating than an unproductive meeting—except when it leads to another unproductive meeting. Yet every day millions of people conduct meetings—in person or online—without the critical understanding or formal training on how to plan and lead them effectively. This book offers a structured

method to ensure that meetings will produce clear and actionable results. Meetings that are profitable and productive ultimately lead to fewer meetings. This book offers leaders a significant edge by

- Empowering readers to help their groups create, innovate, and break through the barriers of miscommunication, politics, and intolerance
- Making it easier for them to help others forge consensus and shared understanding
- Providing them with proven agenda steps, tools, and detailed

procedures Readers will learn how to resolve or manage common problems, inspire creativity, and transfer ownership to their meeting participants while managing interpersonal conflicts and other disruptions that arise. In a world of back-to-back meetings, this book explains the how-to details behind game-changing tools and techniques.

[Murder by Milk Bottle](#)  
HarperCollins UK  
"This is that rare audiobook that truly

makes the print version come alive. The sound effects alone are priceless, with homage to Grammy Award-winner Bobby McFerrin. If you've ever wondered what punctuation marks sound like, Beach provides hilarious voices and sound effects for each one. A masterful, creative, amusing, must-have production that simplifies the rules of punctuation." -School Library Journal

**Eats, Shoots and Leaves** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
There's a new family in

town: the Punctuations! When Exclamation Point, Question Mark, Period, and Comma join the letters at school, they form words like Wow! and Why? and Yes. But Comma isn't sure where he belongs. He just seems to get in the way. Is he really important? Kids, parents, and teachers will enjoy this latest installment in the Language Is Fun series. With colorful illustration and clever wordplay, *The Day Punctuation Came to Town* is a wonderful introduction to

punctuation and the important role it plays in language.

**Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing** Oxford University Press

"We think of English as a fortress to be defended, but a better analogy is to think of English as a child. We love and nurture it into being, and once it gains gross motor skills, it starts going exactly where we don't want it to go: it heads right for the goddamned electrical sockets." With wit and irreverence, lexicographer

Kory Stamper cracks open the obsessive world of dictionary writing, from the agonizing decisions about what to define and how to do it to the knotty questions of ever-changing word usage. Filled with fun facts—for example, the first documented usage of “OMG” was in a letter to Winston Churchill—and Stamper’s own stories from the linguistic front lines (including how she became America’s foremost “irregardless” apologist, despite loathing the word), *Word by Word*

is an endlessly entertaining look at the wonderful complexities and eccentricities of the English language.

**A Constable Twitten Mystery** St. Martin's Press

From the bestselling author of ‘Eats Shoots & Leaves’, an unexpectedly moving, luminously wise and brilliantly funny novel about a Victorian Poet Laureate.

**What Are Similes and Metaphors?**

HarperCollins UK  
The quirky and charming third crime novel from

New York Times bestselling author Lynne Truss. In the wake of two extremely high-profile murder cases, and with the summer of 1957 finally winding down, Constable Twitten is eagerly anticipating a quiet spell at work. But his hoped-for rest is interrupted when he and his colleagues find a trio of bodies, all murdered with the same unusual weapon: a milk bottle. The three victims are seemingly unconnected—a hardworking patrolman, a would-be beauty queen,

and a catty BBC radio personality—so Constable Twitten, Sergeant Brunswick, and Inspector Steine are baffled. But with Brighton on high alert and the local newspaper churning out stories of a killer on the loose, the police trio is determined to solve the case and catch the killer. Charming, witty, and full of the joyfully zany characters Truss's readers have come to love, *Murder by Milk Bottle* will delight old fans and new alike.  
*A True Relation of the*

*Apparition of one Mrs. Veal* Henry Holt and Company  
A Parthian shot from one of the most important figures in post-war British fiction, The King's English is the late Kingsley Amis's last word on the state of the language. More frolicsome than Fowler's *Modern Usage*, lighter than the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and brimming with the strong opinions and razor-sharp wit that made Amis so popular—and so controversial—The King's English is a must for fans and language

purists.  
*The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation* Macmillan  
We all know the basics of punctuation. Or do we? A look at most neighborhood signage tells a different story. Through sloppy usage and low standards on the internet, in email, and now text messages, we have made proper punctuation an endangered species. In *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*, former editor Lynne Truss dares to say, in her delightfully urbane, witty,



and very English way, that it is time to look at our commas and semicolons and see them as the wonderful and necessary things they are. This is a book for people who love punctuation and get upset when it is mishandled. From the invention of the question mark in the time of Charlemagne to George Orwell shunning the semicolon, this lively history makes a powerful case for the preservation of a system of printing conventions that is much too subtle to be mucked about with.

Bloomsbury Publishing  
USA

From the bestselling author of 'Eats Shoots & Leaves', a wonderfully funny collection of twelve monologues.

**Punctuation Takes a Vacation** HarperCollins  
UK

Anxious about the apostrophe? Confused by the comma? Stumped by the semicolon? Join Lynne Truss on a hilarious tour through the rules of punctuation that is sure to sort the dashes from the hyphens.

[Eats, Shoots & Leaves](#)

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books  
for Young Readers  
reference works.

*Let's Eat Grandma! A Life-Saving Guide to Grammar and Punctuation* Litres

The triumphant concluding volume in David Crystal's classic trilogy on the English language combines the first history of English punctuation with a complete guide on how to use it. Behind every punctuation mark lies a thousand stories. The punctuation of English, marked with occasional rationality, is founded on

arbitrariness and littered with oddities. For a system of a few dozen marks it generates a disproportionate degree of uncertainty and passion, inspiring organizations like the Apostrophe Protection Society and sending enthusiasts, correction-pens in hand, in a crusade against error across the United States. Professor Crystal leads us through this minefield with characteristic wit, clarity, and commonsense. In David Crystal's *Making a Point*, he gives a

fascinating account of the origin and progress of every kind of punctuation mark over one and a half millennia and offers sound advice on how punctuation may be used to meet the needs of every occasion and context.

**The New Well-tempered Sentence**

Bloomsbury Publishing  
USA

The great master of farce turns to an exclusive island retreat for a comedy of mislaid identities, unruly passions, and demented,

delicious disorder On the private Greek island of Skios, the high-paying guests of a world-renowned foundation prepare for the annual keynote address, to be given this year by Dr. Norman Wilfred, an eminent authority on the scientific organization of science. He turns out to be surprisingly youthful, handsome, and charming—quite unlike his reputation as dry and intimidating. Everyone is soon eating out of his hands. So, even sooner, is Nikki, the foundation's

attractive and efficient organizer. Meanwhile, in a remote villa at the other end of the island, Nikki's old friend Georgie has rashly agreed to spend a furtive horizontal weekend with a notorious schemer, who has characteristically failed to turn up. Trapped there with her instead is a pompous, balding individual called Dr. Norman Wilfred, who has lost his whereabouts, his luggage, his temper, and increasingly all sense of reality—indeed, everything he possesses

other than the text of a well-traveled lecture on the scientific organization of science. In a spiraling farce about upright academics, gilded captains of industry, ambitious climbers, and dotty philanthropists, Michael Frayn, the farceur "by whom all others must be measured" (CurtainUp), tells a story of personal and professional disintegration, probing his eternal theme of how we know what we know even as he delivers us to the outer limits of hilarity.

*Anguished English*  
Penguin

A lively account of the authors' haphazard cross-country effort to correct spelling and punctuation errors displayed on public signs relates how they discovered underlying truths about America's educational history and racial heritage.

**An Anthology of  
Accidental Assaults  
Upon the English  
Language** Millbrook  
Press

Photographs and simple text invite the reader to count penguins engaged

in various activities.

### **Twenty-odd Ducks**

Berrett-Koehler Publishers

The classic text on writing well, now refreshed and updated—an essential text for writers of all ages. This is the one guide that anyone who writes—whether student, businessperson, or professional writer—should keep on his or her desk. Filled with professional tips and a wealth of instructive examples, *100 Ways to Improve Your Writing* can help solve any writing problem. In this compact,

easy-to-use volume you'll find the eternal building blocks of good writing—from grammar and punctuation to topic sentences—as well as advice on challenges such as writer's block and creating a strong title. It is a must-have resource—perfect for reading cover to cover, or just for keeping on hand for instant reference—now updated and refreshed for the first time.

*Why, Every Punctuation Mark Counts!* Metropolitan Books

For anyone who wants to

make fewer (not less) grammar mistakes, a lively, effective, and witty guide to all the ins and outs of the English language, reminiscent of the New York Times bestseller *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*. Our language is changing, literary levels are declining, and our grasp of grammar is at a crisis point. From commas to colons, apostrophes to adverbs, there are countless ways we can make mistakes when writing or speaking. But do not despair! Great Britain's most popular

grammar guru has created the ultimate modern manual for English speakers on both sides of the Atlantic. In this brilliantly funny and accessible guide to proper punctuation and so much more, Gyles Brandreth explores the linguistic horrors of our times, tells us what we've been doing wrong and shows us how, in the future, we can get it right every time. Covering everything from dangling participles to transitive verbs, from age-old

conundrums like "lay" vs. "lie," to the confounding influences of social media on our everyday language, *Have You Eaten Grandma?* is an endlessly useful and entertaining resource for all.

*The King's English* Melville House

"Hilarious...This book charmed my socks off."  
—Patricia O'Conner, *New York Times Book Review*  
Mary Norris has spent more than three decades working in *The New Yorker's* renowned copy department, helping to

maintain its celebrated high standards. In *Between You & Me*, she brings her vast experience with grammar and usage, her good cheer and irreverence, and her finely sharpened pencils to help the rest of us in a boisterous language book as full of life as it is of practical advice. Named a Best Book of the Year by NPR, Amazon, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Kirkus*, and *Library Journal*.