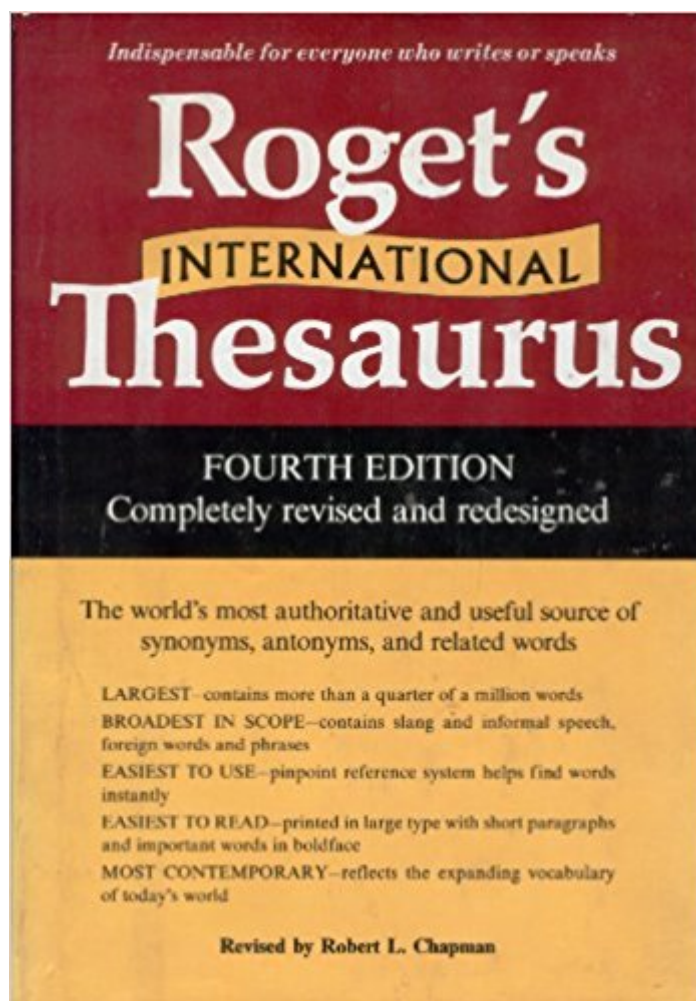


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Dr. Barbara Ann Kipfer is a lexicographer and reviser of Roget's International Thesaurus, as well as author of 14,000 Things to Be Happy About. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Purchasing a new thesaurus is fraught with peril! My 1968 Roget's Pocket Thesaurus crumbles into dust. Now on my desk - a 1983 Roget's Pocket Thesaurus, edited by Mawson, and Roget's International Thesaurus 7th edition (2010), edited by Kipfer. Thankfully, each has an index and preserves Peter Roget's schema of 'biological classification'. Each of these versions has its uses. I more often reach for my 1983 pocket edition because it's handy, literally. The Kipfer is also very good and clues one in to contemporary usage; but at five times the size. If you habitually care for words, there's no grief in having two or even three treasure troves. I also confess to having a Pocket Oxford American Thesaurus 2nd edition (alphabetic form); also truly useful but not truly pocket sized. You could lose yourself in any of the three, especially while writing the paper due in the morning. If I were choosing just one thesaurus to get lost in, my 1983 would win. But combining two

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I was looking for an excellent thesaurus for my personal use as well as a family reference. After reading reviews of numerous books in this category, I settled upon Roget's Thesaurus and am glad I did as this is a well-organized thesaurus that deviates from many others in the category in that instead of following an alphabetical listing of words, it groups words under categories, which proves to be practical as it avoids unnecessary repetitions. This seventh edition (the most recently updated version) contains 464,000 words and phrases which have been organized under categories according to their respective meanings. There is also a comprehensive index for ease of reference. There are fifteen categories: The Body and the Senses, Feelings, Place and Change of Place, Measure and Shape, Living Things, Natural Phenomena, Behavior and the Will, Language, Human Society and Institutions, Values and Ideals, Arts, Occupations and Crafts, Sports and Amusements, The Mind and Ideas, Science and Technology. I found this thesaurus easy to navigate (once you got used to the format), practical, as well as informative. It has proven to be an indispensable reference that helps me with my writing and language needs.

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