BOOKS ON LANGUAGE, WORDS, ETC.

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Books on Crosswords, Counting-out Rhymes and some Riddle Books and Word Games are in my Catalogue of Books on Recreational Mathematics, Etc. Crosswords have been mostly copied into this list. Misprints, Howlers, etc. and Irish Bulls are in Miscellaneous Humour Books, but I have brought Puns here.

I have recently started to add books about books and bookdealers to this file. Publisher's names are sometimes abbreviated and places of publication are often omitted. Full details are in another file.

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AMERICAN


Mencken, H. L.


Mathews, M. M.


SEE ALSO: Morris in Word Games.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND


Chipper, Arthur. The Aussie Swearers Guide. Ill. by Peter Leuver. Gold Star Publications,
Melbourne, 1972.
Lauder, Afferbeck. [pseud. of Alistair Morrison (1913?-1998)].
O'Grady, John [Nino Culotta]. Aussie English. An Explanation of the Australian Idiom.
Ill. by Wep. Ure Smith, (1965), 2nd ptg, 1974, HB.

COCKNEY AND OTHER LONDON

Lauder, Afferbeck. [pseud. of Alistair Morrison (1913?-1998)].
Wheeler, Paul & Broadhead, Anne. Upper Class Rhyming Slang. Sidgwick & Jackson, 1985, HB. [Appears to be a send-up??]

BRISTOL & WEST COUNTRY

Hall, Martin & Cromwell, Andrew. Bristol Swanna Look Rown ... er Wot? Ill. by Adrian Jeanes. Published by the authors (Martin Hall, 19 Marlborough Court, The Grove, Burnham on Sea, Somerset), nd.
Robson, Dirk.
Bristle Rides Again! A third guide to what the natives say and mean in the heart of the Wess Vinglun. Abson, 1972.
"Stil".
"Garge" (Pronounced 'Jarge'). William Chudley and Son Ltd., Exeter, nd.
"Ow Be 'ee, m'dears?" Introduction to the Westcountry. Stil Studios, Exeter, nd [1940s - COPAC], 9th ed., [obtained in 2006.] About half cartoons and half west country dialect.
IRISH

Pepper, John.

OTHER ENGLISH DIALECTS

Publicity Dept., Sheffield City Council, 1981.

BILINGUAL

FRAC TURED ENGLISH
For Fractured French, see R. Taylor in Cartoon Books, and Van Rooten in the general list below.

Carolina, Pedro. [José de Fonseca]. [See Ash & Lake, pp. 52-53.]
Elek, P. & van Praag, A. EnGliSH hoW She IS SPoKE. Ill. by A. van Praag. Elek,
1950, HB.
Lo Bello, N. English Well Speeeched Here. PSS, 1986.
Twain, Mark. English as She Is Spoke. [Essays on language.] Little Blue Book No. 166, Haldeman-Julius Co., Girard, Kansas, nd [1930].
See also: Wheatley, Henry B. Literary Blunders. Elliot Stock, London, 1905, HB.

GIVEN NAMES

See: Dickson.
Partridge, Eric.
Name this Child. A Dictionary of English (and American) Christian Names. Methuen, 1936, HB.
Name Your Child. Shorter form (Hamish Hamilton, 1959); revised and enlarged, Evans, (1968), 2nd ptg, 1971.
Train, John.

FAMILY NAMES

See: Dickson.
Hughes, James Pennethorne. Is Thy Name Wart? Phoenix House, 1965, HB.
Pine, L. G. The Story of Surnames. Country Life Ltd., 1965, HB.
Weekley, Ernest.
The Romance of Names. Murray, (1914), 2nd ed., 1914, HB.
Surnames. Murray, (1916), 2nd ed., 1917, HB.
PLACE NAMES

London names are filed in London books.
See also: Dickson.
Bebbington, Gillian. London Street Names. Batsford, 1972, HB.
Field, John.
Place Names of Great Britain and Ireland. David & Charles, 1980, HB.
Joyce, Patrick Weston (1827-1914). Pocket Guide to Irish Place Names. (As: Irish Local Names Explained, 1870); Appletree Press, Belfast, 1984, 96pp + covers. (At Drom West.)
Taylor, Isaac.
Words and Places. (1864); corrected, with Intro. by Edward Thomas, Dent, (1911), 4th ptg, 1936, HB.

QUOTATIONS

Books of mathematical and scientific quotations are in my catalogue of Recreational Mathematics Books. Humorous quotations, such as The Wit of ... may be in Humour Books.


Crofton, Ian and Fraser, Donald. A Dictionary of Musical Quotations. (Croom Helm, 1985); Routledge, 1988.


Levinson, Leonard Louis. Bartlett's Unfamiliar Quotations. (1971); Allen & Unwin, 1972, HB.


Treffry, Elford Eveleigh. Stokes' Cyclopedia of Familiar Quotations. (Stokes, NY); Chambers, nd [early 20C], HB.


PUNS


Crosbie, John S.


Drew, Simon. Also listed in Humour Books.

A is for Aardvark of Course. An alphabet for the sophisticated youngster or the puerile adult. Antique Collectors' Club, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 2010, HB.

Signed by author/illustrator.

And So I Face the Vinyl Curtain. Antique Collectors' Club, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 2005, HB.

Signed by author/illustrator.


Greeting cards.

No. 504. Nd [bought in 2007.]
No. 505. Nd [bought in 2007.]


Mail order catalogues, 2007 & 2008, in folder. Folder cover has inscription: "Included in this: the answers to Book Title plus our price list showing all the books currently in print. Simon Drew". Present from Sol Saul, Dec 2011, but the Book Title answers were not in it.


A Pig's Ear. Nonsense from the Pigsty. Antique Collectors' Club, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1994, HB.


The Puffin's Advice. A Book for the Single or the Married or Those Thinking of changing from One to the Other. Antique Collectors' Club, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1989, HB.


Spot the Author. Antique Collectors' Club, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 2003, HB. Signed by author.

Spot the Book Title. Antique Collectors' Club, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1998, HB.

Spot the Postcard Booklet. No details except © Simon Drew Dartmouth UK.


The Very Worst of Simon Drew. Antique Collectors' Club, Woodbridge, Suffolk, (1999),
2nd ptg, 2000, HB.  Signed by author/illustrator.
Wonderful Anonymous Quotations Collected and Illustrated by Simon Drew.  20 postcard
Farman, John.  You Can't Tell a Rook by its Cover  Unreliable Proverbs by John Farman.
Pan, 1989, HB.
Gordon, Harvey C.  PUNishment.  The Art of Punning or How to Lose Friends and
Hall, Allen, ed.
Worse Verse from the pages of LOOK!  Ill. by Mel Calman.  Times Newspapers, nd.
More Worse Verse from the pages of LOOK!  Including the Least Worse of Mel Calman.
Hammond, Paul & Hughes, Patrick.  Upon the Pun.  Dual Meaning in Words and Pictures.
Hauptman, Don.  Cruel and Unusual Puns.  Ill. by Annie Levin.  Laurel (Dell), 1991, 2nd
ptg.
Hillier, Bevis.  Punorama or, The Best of the Worst.  Victorian puns selected.  Ill. by Peter
MacKarell.  Whittington Press, Andoversford, Glos., 1974, HB.
House, 1969, HB.
Kelly, H. P.  Irish Bulls and Puns.  Skeffington & Son, London, nd [inscription on flyleaf
dated Sept: 1919], HB.
Lederer, Richard.  Get Thee to a Punnery.  Ill. by Bill Thompson.  Wyrick & Co.,
Charleston, South Carolina, 1988.

SEE ALSO: Pun and Games in the main list.

Lewis, Alan F. G.
A Pun My Soul.  Published by the author, High Wycombe, 1977.
Pundemoniam!  The Collected Puns of Alan Lewis 'The World's Greatest Punster'.
Foreword by Gyles Brandreth.  Ill. by 'Quanda' [Frank Holmes].  Paul Watkins, Stamford,

McMillan, Bruce A.
MUIR, Frank (1920-  ) & NORDEN, Dennis.
Oh, My Word!  (4th collection.)  Eyre Methuen, 1980.
Take My Word for It.  (3rd collection.)  Eyre Methuen, 1978, HB.
Upon My Word!  (2nd collection.)  Eyre Methuen, 1974, HB.
You Can't Have Your Kayak and Heat It.  (1st collection.)  Eyre Methuen, 1973, HB.
You Have My Word.  (5th collection.)  Methuen, 1989, HB.
The Complete and Utter "My Word!" Collection.  [Contains first four collections.]  Methuen,
1983, HB.
Rowley, Hugh.

Puniana or Thoughts Wise and Other-wise  A New Collection of the Best Riddles,
Conundrums, Jokes, Sells, etc, etc.  (1867);  John Camden Hotten, 4th ed, nd
[Chatto took over Hotten in 1873], HB.  C&W, nd [contains publisher's list dated
1890], HB.
More Puniana; or, Thoughts Wise and Other-Why's.  C&W, 1875, HB.
ptg.
Wells, Carolyn, ed.  A Whimsy Anthology.  (Scribner's, 1906);  Dover, 1963.

TONGUE TWISTERS

Anonymous (John Harris??, qv).  Peter Piper's Practical Principles of Plain and Perfect
Pronunciation.  (J. Harris, London, c1820.)  American ed., Carter Andrews, Lancaster,
Massachusetts, (c1830);  reproduced, with Prefatory Note by LeRoy Phillips, LeRoy Phillips,
Book in the World; Ill. by Alex Chin; Sterling, 1978.
Cohen, Mark.  The Puffin Book of Tongue Twisters to Tangle the Tonsil and Jerk the Jaw.
Ill. by Colin West.  (As: Cohen's Cornucopia, Patrick Hardy Books, 1983);  Puffin, (1984),
3rd ptg, 1986.
Emrich, Duncan.  The Nonsense Book of Riddles, Rhymes, Tongue Twisters, Puzzles and
Harris, John.  A Peck of Pepper.  (As: Peter Piper's Practical Principles of Plain and Perfect
Pronunciation, John Harris, London, 1820.)  With new ill. by Faith Jaques and a historical
postscript by Brian Alderson.  C&W, 1977, HB.
PB, 6th ptg, 1977.
Rosenbloom, Joseph.  World's Toughest Tongue Twisters.  Ill. by Dennis Kendrick.
Schwartz, Alvin.  A Twister of Twists, A Tangler of Tongues.  Ill. by Glen Rounds.  (1972);
Deutsch, 1974.
Wells, Carolyn, ed.  A Whimsy Anthology.  (Scribner's, 1906);  Dover, 1963.

WORD GAMES AND PUZZLES, ETC.

Some of the works listed under Cryptography or Party Puzzle Kits in Recreational
Books could be included here.

Anonymous: Dastardly Dingbats, Devilish Dingbats & Diabolical Dingbats are under
Sellers.
Anonymous [Some COPAC entries say this was edited by Robert Kemp Philip].
Family Pastime, or Homes Made Happy: Containing original Anagrams, Charades,
Conundrums, Enigmas, Fire-side Games, Practical Puzzles, Shaksperian [sic]
Charades, Rebuses, etc. etc.  For which The Editor of the "Family Friend" Has
distributed Prizes Amounting to Fifty Guineas, Houlston and Stoneman, London, 1851.

Solutions to Family Pastime, or Homes Made Happy. Houlston and Stoneman, London, 1851.


Anonymous. Puzzlems. Plastic ring-bound booklet with 16 sheets of each of three party puzzles - two picture puzzles and one word puzzle. Beachcraft, Frederick H. Beach & Co., NY, nd [1940s?].

Anonymous. The Snoopy Scrambled Word-Find Puzzle Book. Determined Productions, 1979, dist. by Ottenheimer, but has Dell on cover.

Anonymous - ?? TP missing. The Snoopy Space Puzzle Book. Dell, date missing [c1979, based on previous item]. All the puzzles are word based.


101 IQ Building Word Games. (Originally: 101 Word Games.) Present from Sterling, with publicity flyer.

Allen, Mayme; Kelsch, Janine; Bredehorn, George; Norr, Rita & Tumbarello, Audrey. Pocket Puzzlers: Word Games. Sterling, 1999? (back of TP gives credits for a selection from works of Norman D. Willis).


The Oxford Guide to Word Games. OUP, 1984, HB.

Babington, E. B., ed. Hidden Sense. Seek and Find; or, Double Acrostics. Warne, 1867, HB. WANT The Key to Hidden Sense (Double Acrostics).
Barber, Fred.  
Brandreth, Gyles.
Bredehorn, George.
Perplexing Pencil Puzzles.  Sterling, 2003.  [Compiled from four of his previous books.]  Present from Sterling, with publicity flyer.
Cole, Chris.  Wordplay A Curious Dictionary of Language Oddities.  Ill. by Patrick Khan.  Intro. by Will Shortz.  Sterling, 1999.  Came from Amazon with cryptic information indicating that it had been purchased by the author from Universal Movies in Putney, and had been just read once.  I can't remember ordering it, so perhaps it was a present??
Cranfield, Ingrid.  Word Wise The Q Challenge Word Quiz.  PSS Ltd, 1988.  [Designed to be used with an electronic Quizmaster cursor.]
Dudeney, Henry Ernest.
300 Best Word Puzzles.  Ed. by Martin Gardner.  Includes all of The World's Best Word Puzzles (1925) and extra material from A Puzzle Mine (1941?).  Scribner's, 1968, HB.
Eckler, A. Ross.
Making the Alphabet Dance Recreational Wordplay. (St. Martin's Griffin, NY); Macmillan, 2001.

Word Recreations - Games and Diversions from "Word Ways". Dover, 1979.


Gale, Harold.


Games Magazine.


Gandell, H. L. The "W W" Double Acrostics. Routledge, 1925, HB.

H. P. Gibson & Sons Ltd.

In the Aviary. 16 cards giving poetic clues to bird names. With competitor's sheets, instructions and answer sheet in box. H. P. Gibson & Sons Ltd., London, nd [1940s?].

Missing Words & Spot the Difference. Identical cards for a party game, with instruction/answer sheet in box. Fill in missing words with names of cars; Spot the Difference in two pictures. H. P. Gibson & Sons Ltd., London, nd [1940s?].


Greif, Martin. The Rebus Book. Sterling, 1996. Present from Dalgety at his spring 1999 party with an appropriate rebus attached to TP.


Henderson Publishing (Woodbridge, Suffolk). [Booklets whose pages can be removed to go into a FiloFax notebook.] FunFax Wacky Wordbats. Ill. by Barry Green. Henderson Publishing, 1992. (These are more rebuses than Wacky Wordies.)

Hood, Tom "and his Sister". Excursions into Puzzledom A Book of Charades, Acrostics, Enigmas, Conundrums, &c. By the Late Tom Hood and his Sister. Strahan and Company, London, 1879, HB. [This appears to be an assembly of three annual series, here consecutively paginated.]

James, R. H. ["Jim Jam"].  'Fun Strips'.  Muller, 1978.  [Rebus versions of proverbs.]
King, Graham.

Knox, Ronald A.  A Book of Acrostics.  Methuen, 1924, HB.
Langberg, S. M.  How to Win Prize Contests.  Little Blue Book 1738 (Haldeman-Julius Co.), Girard, Kansas, nd [1940s].

SEE ALSO: Fun and Games in the main list.
Manson, Christopher.

The Practical Alchemist  Showing the way an ordinary house cat may be transformed into true gold.  Owl (Holt) 1988.  [Basically word puzzles.]
McMillan, Bruce A.  (These are photographic depictions of phrases.)
Nash, Bruce.

Naydel, Martin.  Jumble ... That Scrambled Word Game.  A. S. Barnes, NY, 1955, HB.
Salem House Publishers, Topsfield, Massachusetts, 1988, HB. (Had a $3000 prize _ entry
card included.) With printout of solution, from
www.csit.fsu.edu/~barkardt/fun/wordplay/dream.html.
Parlett, David.
Parsons, Colin. Challenge A Colin Parsons Puzzle Magazine. British Crossword Features,
Sutton, Surrey, nd [competition entries are due by 15 Nov 1979; COPAC - Ø].
Ergatoudis unnumbered.
Party Games Publishers. Luton, nd [1940s?].
Picture Posers. Game No. 64. Box of identical cards for use as a party game, with
instruction/answer sheet. Each card has three sets of pictures to identify. 1:
Place Names _ 24 pictures to pair off as place names. 2: Words _ 12 pictures to
pair off as words. 3: Silhouettes _ 9 to identify.
Picture Puzzles No. 5 - Familiar Phrases. Game No. 66. 18 cards of illustrations of familiar
phrases. In box with answer cards and instruction/solution sheet.
Topsy-Turvy. Game No. 10. Folder of 12 solution cards, one question/answer card and
instructions. Idea is for the MC to read the questions and players have to find appropriate
answers on the answer cards. Questions are synonyms/antonyms, sports personalities,
geographic sites.
Pepys Party Games.
Score Words. 12 cards and instruction sheet in box.
Twenty Questions. Adapted from the radio game by Maurice Winnick. Set of 12 cards and
instruction sheet in box. Castell Brothers Ltd., Hatton Garden, London, nd [1940s?].
Phillips, Hubert.
Who Wrote That? Ptarmigan 1948. [PT 5].
Word Play. Ptarmigan, 1945. [PT 4.]
Cross, Beryl & Phillips, Hubert. Triplets. Ptarmigan, 1947. [PT 7].
Planche, Frederick d'Arros. Guess Me: A Curious Collection of Enigmas, Witticisms, Acting
Charades, Anagrams, Verbal Puzzles, Charades, Conundrums, Double Acrostics,
Hieroglyphics, etc., etc., etc. Ill. by George Cruikshank and Others. 2nd ed, Dean and Son,
London, nd [BL gives 1872 and 1879? for its copies which are apparently 1st ed], HB.
Pulsford, Norman.
Rafferty, Kathleen. Dell Pencil Puzzles & Word Games. Dell, NY, 1975. (Has some
logical and mathematical puzzles.)

Reader's Digest.
Includes some Wacky Wordies and some wordles.