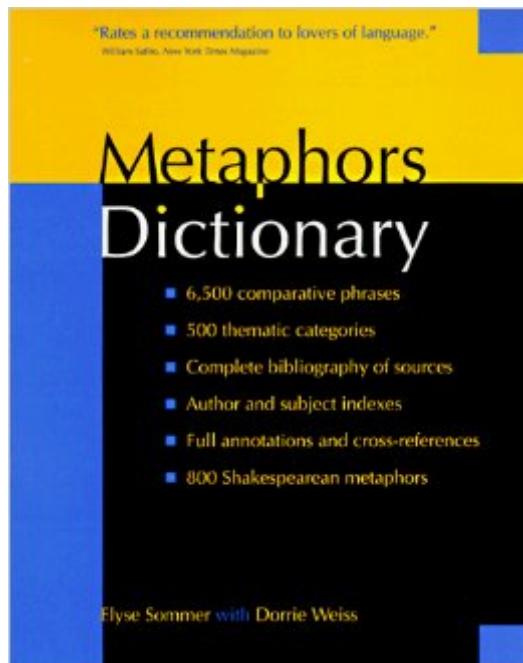


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The dynamics of metaphors is that you can create your own, be it for plays, poetry, prose et al. But often times, like everything in life, there will be moments you come up blank. This is where the metaphor dictionary can be of some service. It has simple presentation, broad subject headings arranged "Thematic categories" all in an alphabetical sequence from A-Z. Examples: Under the broad heading ANCESTRY/ANCESTORS you have a subheading referring you to FAMILIES/FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS; HISTORY. Now below this are a series of metaphors that are correlated to the subject matter. Example- "To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." Below this another example - "Giving an account of as many of our

ancestors as can be gathered out of rubbish of antiquity, which has been carefully sifted for that purpose."And so it goes on and on, from topics like HUMOR to Power to TREACHERY it sites metaphors one can make use of or better yet (which to me is the most important)spark off some insight that leads you to creating your own metaphors.I noticed some disparaging reviews that say it's metaphors that have been flogged to death. Yes, you might see familiar ones but that should not discountenance the fact that there are equally those that are not that redundant.Like I said earlier, it can help serve as a template or source for inspiring you in creatively setting off your own metaphors.It's a useful tool.

This book came in handy for a class that I was taking. The information I needed was all right there rather than me having to look through numerous books and search the internet. I have limited time to study so for me, this book was great.

I bought this to enhance my own writing by familiarizing myself with what has gone before. In my own writing, I can never use what I learned from this dictionary, but I am at liberty to riff off of anything that I read and that's where the book's value comes in. I also have my own separate collection of metaphors and similes that I have created as a springboard for writing ideas..

Not as complete or useful as I wished, but still a very handy reference. I would buy it again, so for those of you who have trouble thinking up good metaphors and similes, this is a great reference.

Disappointing. Most of these metaphors can be found online or are tried and true, at best. Not applicable to simple prose.

This book is beyond what I had thought. I thought that it would give instructions on writing metaphors but it is filled with them written by several different writers. I was also disappointed that the book is full of metaphors because I like to write my own.

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