

## **GREG'S LIBRARY OF AMUSING WORD BOOKS (a partial list)**

Anguished English: An Anthology of Accidents: Assaults Upon Our Language by Richard Lederer

Bedlam Boudoir & Brouhaha or Remarkable Words with Astonishing Origins by John Train

Bloom's Bouquet of Imaginary Words by Jeffrey and Carole Bloom

\*Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable

Dirty Russian: Everyday Slang from "What's Up?" to "F\*%# Off!" by Erin Coyne

The Dord, The Diglot, and an Avocado or Two: The Hidden Lives and Strange Origins of Common and Not-So-Common Words by Anu Garg

Family Words: The Dictionary for People Who Don't Know a Frone From a Brinkle by Paul Dickson

Forgotten English: A Merry Guide to Antiquated Words, Packed with History, Fun Facts, Literary Excerpts, and Charming Drawings by Jeffrey Kacirk.

The Guinness Book of Words by Martin Manser

The Insult Dictionary: History's Best Slight, Streettalk, and Slang by Julie Tibbott

\*Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure, and Preposterous Words by Josefa Heifetz

The Name of the Game: How Sports Talk Got That Way by Lafe Locke

Off the Map: The Curious Histories of Place-Names by Derek Nelson

Southpaws & Sunday Punches and Other Sporting Expressions by Christine Ammer

The Superior Person's Book of Words by Peter Bowler

The Superior Person's Second Book of Weird and Wondrous Words by Peter Bowler

Thereby Hangs a Tale: Hundreds of Stories of Curious Word Origins by Charles Earle Funk

Toposaurus: A Humorous treasury of Top-o-nyms\* (Familiar words and phrases derived from place-names) by John D. Jacobson

\*Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D.

Words To Live By: The Origins of Conventional Wisdom & Commonsense Advice by Charles Panati

## **PLAYING WITH WORDS**

The Game of Words: Acrostics, Alliterations, Malapropisms, Acronyms ... and Many More by Willard Espy

Making the Alphabet Dance: Recreational Wordplay by Ross Eckler

Word Circus: Spoonerisms, Kangaroo Words, Anagrams, Acrostics, Palindromes by Richard Lederer

## **COULD BE USEFUL**

The Deluxe Transitive Vampire: The Ultimate Handbook of Grammar for the Innocent, the Eager, and the Damned by Karen Elizabeth Gordon

The Describer's Dictionary: A Treasury of Terms & Literary Quotations for Readers and Writers by David Grambs

Similes Dictionary by Elyse and Mike Sommer

Verbal Judo: The Gentle Art of Persuasion by George J. Thompson, Ph.D.

Woe Is I: The Grammaphobe's Guide to Better English in Plain English by Patricia T. O'Conner