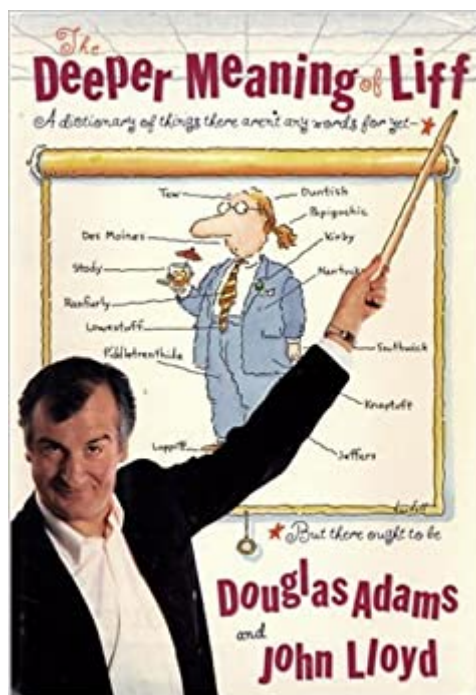




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The Deeper Meaning Of Liff: A Dictionary Of Things There Aren't Any Words For Yet--But There Ought To Be



Synopsis

A rollicking, thought-provoking dictionary for the modern age, featuring definitions for those things we don't have words for, from the New York Times bestselling author behind *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams, and TV producer John Lloyd. Does the sensation of Tingrith(1) make you yelp? Do you bend sympathetically when you see someone Ahenny(2)? Can you deal with a Naugatuck(3) without causing a Toronto(4)? Will you suffer from Kettering(5) this summer? Probably. You are almost certainly familiar with all these experiences but just didn't know that there are words for them. Well, in fact, there aren't or rather there weren't, until Douglas Adams and John Lloyd decided to plug these egregious linguistic lacunae(6). They quickly realized that just as there are an awful lot of experiences that no one has a name for, so there are an awful lot of names for places you will never need to go to. What a waste. As responsible citizens of a small and crowded world, we must all learn the virtues of recycling(7) and put old, worn-out but still serviceable names to exciting, vibrant, new uses. This is the book that does that for you: The Deeper Meaning of Liff "a whole new solution to the problem of Great Wakering(8) 1 "The feeling of aluminum foil against your fillings. 2 "The way people stand when examining other people's bookshelves. 3 "A plastic packet containing shampoo, mustard, etc., which is impossible to open except by biting off the corners. 4 "Generic term for anything that comes out in a gush, despite all your efforts to let it out carefully, e.g., flour into a white sauce, ketchup onto fish, a dog into the yard, and another naughty meaning that we can't put on the cover. 5 "The marks left on your bottom and thighs after you've been sitting sunbathing in a wicker chair. 6 "God knows what this means 7 "For instance, some of this book was first published in Britain twenty-six years ago. 8 "Look it up yourself.

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Douglas Adams was the bestselling author of many works including The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, which was turned into a major motion picture. He died in 2001. John Lloyd is (he says) Britain's most successful television comedy producer since Chaucer and is responsible for Not the Nine O'Clock News, Spitting Image, and Blackadder, among others.

Super awesome book that I have loved for years. Silly words with sillier meanings... I mean seriously necessary words that don't exist with seriously essential meanings. I got this one as a Christmas present and the person was super excited to receive it.

A hugely funny and original idea, wittily expressed, that makes me cry with laughter. I particularly

love the definitions that apply to the place of my birth, Sutton and Cheam. I don't think "genius" is too extreme for the quality of this work: the apex of British humour and Weltanschauung. Don't be scared by that earnest endorsement ... it is just that I sense that the concept and its realization appeal to a particular set of sensibilities, and my English friends and relations love it while some more solemn friends do not, alas, get it. I know that I will treasure this book and return to it often. It is very dipppable-into - but on the other hand, I find once I look, I can't stop reading "just one more".

I've had many copies of this book on and off, and when I lost it in a move i had to have it again. An excellent bathroom or coffee table book, good for quite a few laughs, unless you're the kind of person who doesn't like to laugh. Then it may be an exercise in masochism.

This book is a delight to keep or to give. The only note of caution I would add is to avoid reading The Deeper Meaning of Liff in a public place where snickering, chuckling and guffawing might embarrass you.

I have to qualify the 5 star rating. This is not a book you read cover to cover. Rather it is best enjoyed in small doses. Also if you are unfamiliar with Douglas Adams I would suggest starting with the Hitchhiker's Guide. However if you are a die hard fan and just can't get enough silliness then this is a good one to get.

His novels are better but they would be - they're novels. This is funny and a quick read. As a bonus, you can read bite sized chunks.

Douglas Adams can write no wrong.

quite simply the funniest and cleverest book ever written. adams has the unique ability to visualize definitions from the look and sound of an obscure word, and deliver them in the wittiest way possible; this is comedy at its best. all these words should be promoted to everyday use. we need more fun like this!

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