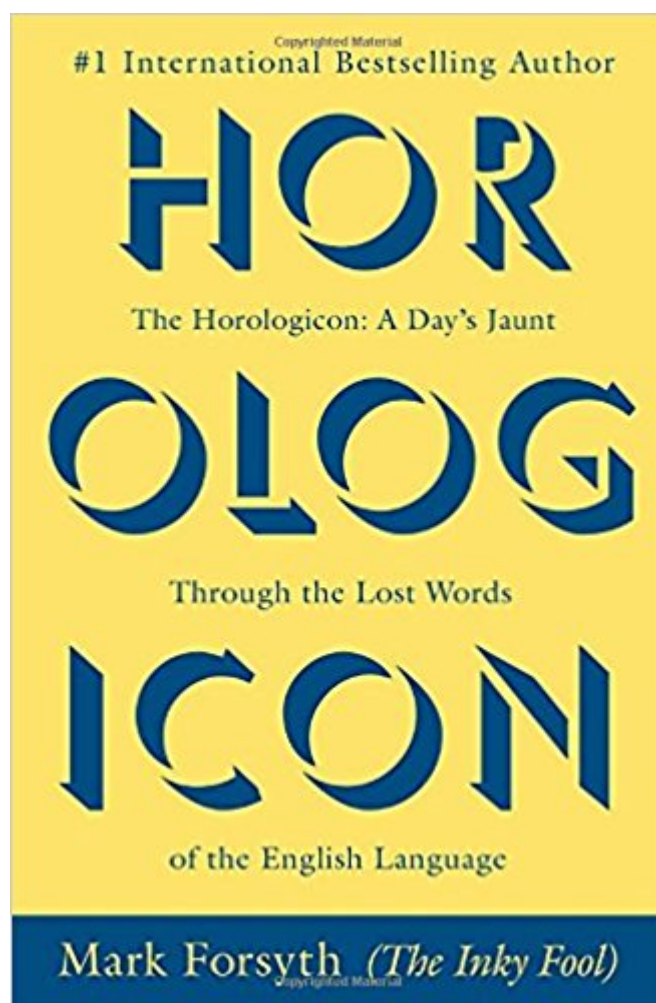




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# Horologicon: A Day's Jaunt Through The Lost Words Of The English Language



## Synopsis

Do you wake up feeling rough? Then you're philogrobolized. Find yourself pretending to work? That's fudgelling. And this could lead to rizzling, if you feel sleepy after lunch. Though you are sure to become a sparkling deipnosopbist by dinner. Just don't get too vinomadedied; a drunk dinner companion is never appreciated. The Horologicon (or book of hours) contains the most extraordinary words in the English language, arranged according to what hour of the day you might need them. From Mark Forsyth, the author of the #1 international bestseller, The Etymologicon, comes a book of weird words for familiar situations. From ante-jentacular to snudge by way of quafftide and wamblecropt, at last you can say, with utter accuracy, exactly what you mean.

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Mark Forsyth is a writer, journalist, proofreader, ghostwriter, and pedant. He was given a copy of the Oxford English Dictionary as a christening present and has never looked back. He is the creator of The Inky Fool, a blog about words, phrases, grammar, rhetoric, and prose. He lives in the UK.

This is about the funniest book I have read (and keep reading) in some time. It’s actually difficult to read in public places, because I (a 69-year old economist) cannot suppress a constant stream of giggles. The author manages to take you on a journey into the world of English words that have all but disappeared, and you often wonder why. The style is the kind of biting humor that only Brits seem to command (although David Sedaris comes close). I certainly would recommend it to anyone looking for an entertaining read that can add to your erudite vocabulary. I’ll definitely get Mark Forsyth’s other books

Mark Forsyth writes some interesting books about language. I got this for my husband for Christmas, and it was a huge hit. He already owned "Etymologicon", also written by Forsyth. If you were a fan of other works by Forsyth, you won’t be disappointed.

A really pleasant read! This book is not intended as a work of reference. It’s a humorous distraction, and you might learn something along the way! Probably not something that’s going to be of much use to you in your everyday life, but that’s not really the point. If you love words, and you don’t mind the occasional smile or even a gentle chuckle, then I don’t think you’ll be disappointed! It’s definitely entertaining enough that I’ll be buying Forsyth’s other books.

So many words that English speakers have used to define our days and our lives it will make any lover of words, or readers or speakers spin with joy and wonder at the creativity of how we expressed ourselves. A joy to read.

A great book on learning the use on words that were once common. Learn the meaning of the archaic word and how they can be incorporated into a modern usage.

Humorous and instructive!

excellent

I LOVE Horologicon! A friend, who knows I love all things etymological, sent me the book. It so intrigued me and was such fun to read that I instigated two more books as gifts for other "wordy" friends. Mark Forsyth describes himself as a pedant. My dictionary uses "unimaginative" in the definition of "pedant" but that, in no way, is fitting for any part of this book. It is cleverly written adapting wonderful old words to narrate a day in the life of.....hour by hour. A fun read while cloistered by this winter's snow!

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