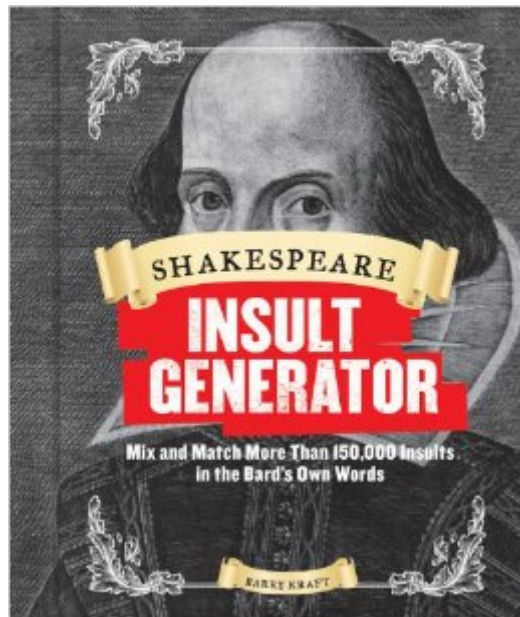


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This book is a gimmick, but it is a cute gimmick. There are a total of 162 words of insult, all taken from Shakespeare's writings (mostly his plays). They are divided into three sets of 54. The top two sets are adjectives and the bottom is nouns. So you can flip through to get a "Goatish Fat-Kidneyed Costermonger" or a "Thrasonical Nook-Shotten Arch-Villain." This last brings up another point. I had heard that Shakespeare had invented words and phrases we find commonplace now, and it turns out that his wordy inventions include insults. "Arch-Villain" was first used in print in a Shakespeare play, so there's a good chance he invented the phrase. As you're flipping through the words, if the back of a word card has a feather, it means that the word first appeared in Shakespeare. The back

of each card has a brief definition of what the word meant in Shakespeare's day, that's 1564-1616. These can be useful because I may never have guessed that "Nook-Shotten" meant "full of nooks and angles, confusing and deceptive." Just as important, a word's meaning may have changed. The Elizabethan definition of "Incontinent" is "indulging lust without restraint", a bit of a change. I liked reading the book's introduction as much as anything. It certainly explains why you need this book: "You will discover the brave new invective-inventive world of Shakespeare's scurrility. And a welcome world it is when compared with the single syllable insult exchanges produced by some contemporary playwrights who believe the F-word is a superior insult. The usage of the F-word, however, is more akin to the pre-linguistic banality of dogs barking at one another than it is to any inventiveness of human wordsmithery.

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