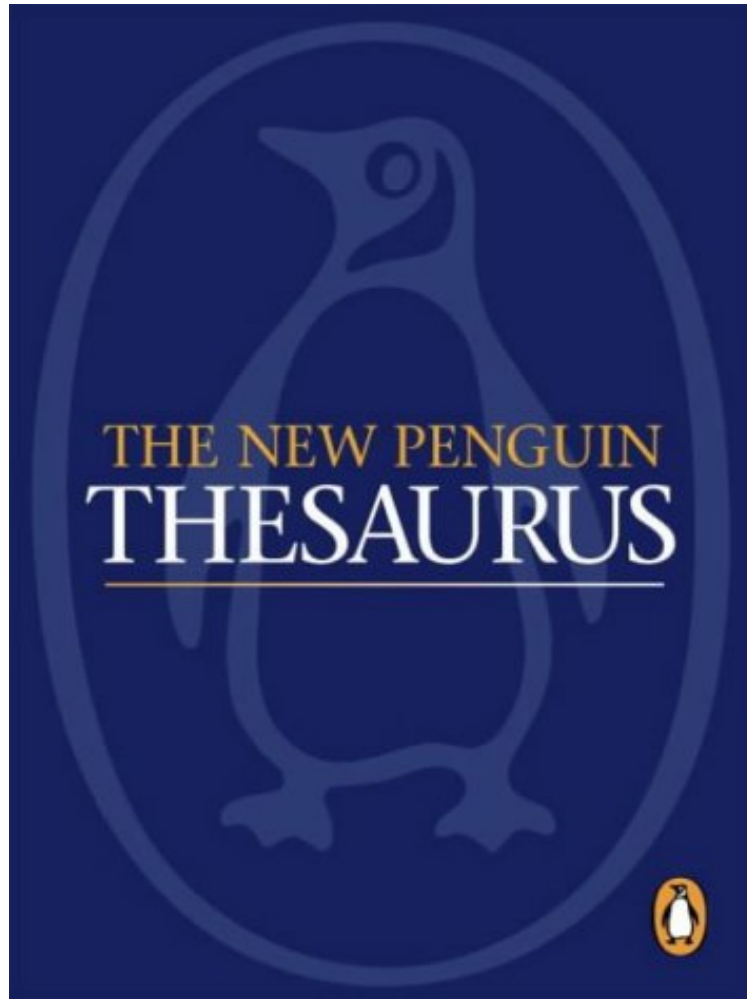


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What's another word for----;and what's just the opposite?By Jerry GuildI have several Thesauruses,or Thesauri,if you prefer, beside me for reference,but I couldn't pass this one up when I saw it.I is,to say the least;excellent,first-rate,top-noych,exceptional,outstanding,superlitive,superb,prime,choice,select,supreme,matchless,sterling,fine,admirable,estimable,work opposed to being inferior,lesser,insignificant,unimportant,lowly,humble,menial,substandard,mediocre,poor,bad,naff,shoddy,crummy,slipshod,ropy,second-rate,second-class,low-quality,unsatisfactory,indifferent,imperfect,or substandard. Being published in England,you will note a few words that are very (bloody) British.Just to show you

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