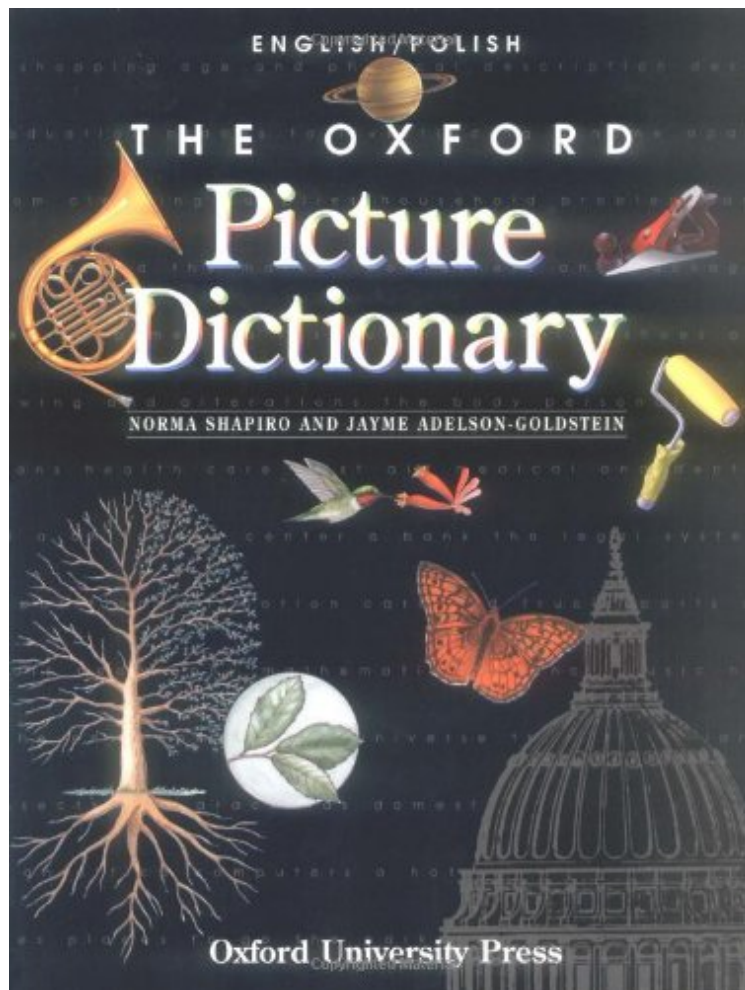


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Review of the English/Polish Oxford Picture Dictionary By Carol Makkyla I am a native English speaker with an extensive background in foreign languages: a Master's Degree in French with a Spanish minor, a reading knowledge of German, and some knowledge of Latin. I taught French for 6 years, one year in the secondary schools and 5 years as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Minnesota. I am thus

somewhat knowledgeable about what it takes to both teach and learn foreign languages. In 1980 I began to study Polish in order to be able to correspond with my relatives in Poland. Polish is an extremely difficult language to learn, with a complicated declension system similar to that in Latin, and though I did well in my Polish classes, I still find it very challenging to correspond in Polish. The English/Polish Oxford Picture Dictionary was clearly written mainly to help Polish speakers learn American English, with all of the drawings recreating the American culture and lifestyle; e.g., the house depicted on p. 38 is a typical American A-frame with an attached garage, not a typical Polish house. In spite of the fact that this dictionary was created primarily for the use of Polish speakers, I have found it very useful to me when composing letters in Polish. This is true in part because it provides translations for many objects used in modern life that you will not find translated in any other dictionary. This is also true because the pictures help clear up some of the confusion left by standard dictionaries. Here is an example. I recently broke my ankle and my foot is in a cast. I wanted to explain what had happened to me to my cousins in Poland. When I looked up "cast" in a standard dictionary, I found only the Polish translation, "casta," meaning one's rank in a society divided into castes, like the caste system in India. "Casta" clearly was not the word I needed to describe what I was wearing on my foot. When I went into the Oxford Picture Dictionary, I found on p. 81 a drawing of a patient wearing a cast on his foot and the Polish translation "gips." This was the word I needed to convey what had happened to me to my family. I conclude that while far from perfect, the Oxford Picture Dictionary can be a useful tool for an English speaker trying to grapple with the Polish language.

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This book is aimed at teaching English to Polish migrants to the USA. As such, it is good and deserves better than three stars. However, it is of no great use to somebody wanting to learn Polish. I had expected it to resemble the Oxford-Duden Pictorial Dictionaries for French and German, and I feel that it should be made clearer that it is not that sort of book.

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