



There are Tittles in This Title: The Weird World of Words

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Michael O'Mara. 1 Cloth(s), 2014. hard. Book Condition: New. Did you know that "Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all of its letters in alphabetical order? Or that just 1,000 words make up 90 percent of all writing in English? Or that "fireflies" aren't actually flies, they're beetles? Published in the United States as The Weird World of Words, this British edition is closer to the source, as columnist Mitchell Symons is in fact a Brit. It is highly browsable, virtually irresistible, and bursting with oddball information about words and their uses, lists of things you never knew had names, tricky palindromes, famous lines from literature and film, bizarre test answers, and many other linguistic tidbits. 192.



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