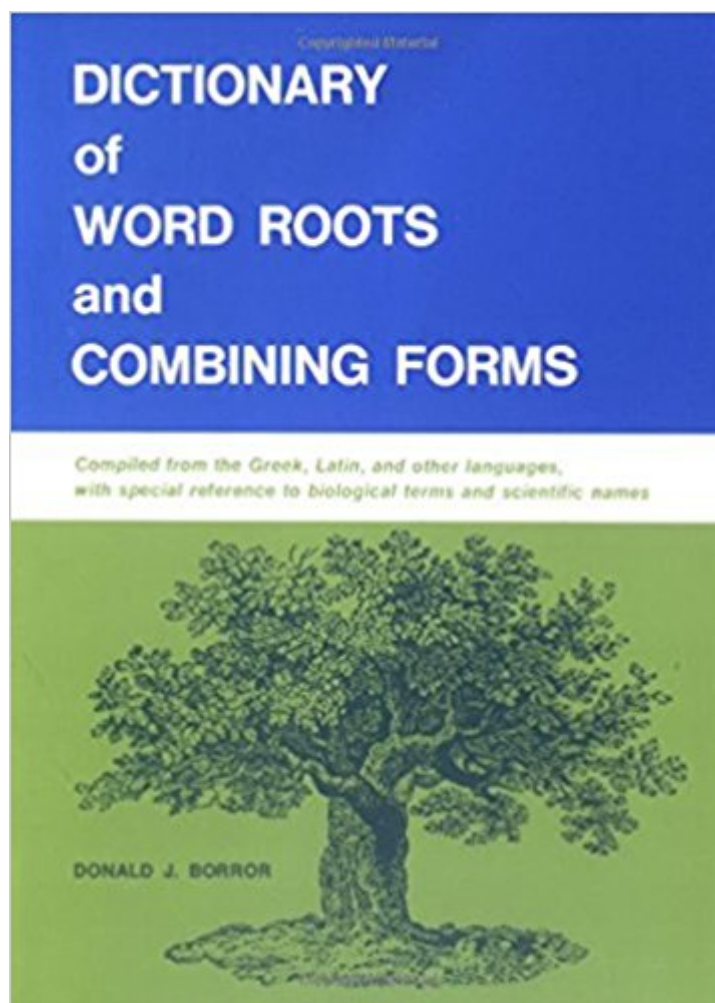


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I may sound kind of nerdy when I say this, but I like dictionaries. I especially like this one. I'm on my second copy. I passed my first copy to a friend who needed it for a test. It should be noted that this dictionary isn't for the average user. This dictionary is for individuals who have a specific use for it. I would say the intended use is for those in the medical and science field as it has special sections devoted to those fields. As a linguist, I have found it to be an excellent book to use as a quick reference to define words simply by their roots and prefixes. I recommend this dictionary to someone who wants to explore the meaning of words without having to use a traditional dictionary to do. This handy little book (under 300 pages), makes finding the definitions of complex words a cinch.

Very helpful book for science majors, could probably use it for life as part of a reference library.

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Very helpful for new student

I've been using this book for 5 years now and I love it. It is simple and easy to use. I started using this book in college when I took zoology and ended up referring to it in all my other biology classes: botany, microbiology, physiology, ornithology, and genetics. Since graduation, I've been teaching high school biology for three years and I have been using it every year. It is great for vocab practice and for creating student vocabulary worksheets. I also have my students use it to create names for a made-up creature in an assignment called "Rat Island". My students enjoy reading through the book trying to find terms for their animal. It is starting to show wear little and I'm thinking of ordering enough for a class set. I love this book. The only part I don't like is that there is no comprehensive list of English to Greek/Latin words. This has not been a big deal, but would be a nice feature to make creating names simpler. Overall, this is a great book that will find its way into the hands of any biologist time and time again.

I bought this book because of my work and my graduate studies. I needed a quick reference for Latin and Greek combining forms and word roots for my medical-related job, so I could be assured

of the spelling rules when combining Greek words to form medical words, especially since my job requires me to be very accurate. In addition to that, I'm taking graduate courses in theology that now require some basic knowledge of Greek word roots. Although I haven't taken up ancient Greek language yet as a subject, I just know this book will be very helpful as it has already been an invaluable resource for me with my other theology subjects. Because of its small size, I keep it in my binder all the time and bring it to all my classes where I can just whip it out and look up any Greek roots that I need help with. The book's Latin word roots and combining forms will also help me by the time I need to study a bit of Latin during the course of my studies. Let me just add, though, that this book in no way takes the place of a good Greek or Latin dictionary that can tell you how the meanings and conjugations of words change with moods and tenses.

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