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The well-received *Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage* (1987) has been updated in this superior second edition. This dictionary of law usage and etymology, not just definitions, is written in a clear and concise style. The number of entries has almost doubled from the first edition, and additional illustrative quotations have been added with complete citations. New terms in this edition include *remote relatives*, *reverse discrimination*, *gray mail*, *shadow jury*, *lynch law*, and *misconduct in the office*.

The entries are arranged alphabetically, interspersed with brief essays on issues of style, grammar and usage, legal lexicology, word formation, and punctuation. The initial words of these essays are capitalized to set them apart. So, for example, there is both a definition of *forbid*, *forbade*, *forbidden* with four quotations from cases or other law books and a discussion of forbidden words and phrases with a list of useless words--*irregardless*, *wheresoever*, etc.

It is unfortunate that the introduction from the first edition was not reprinted in the new volume since it describes the purposes of the book--perhaps the most important is "to make legal writers sensitive to the aesthetic possibilities of their prose, to goad them into thinking more acutely about what works in a given context, and what does not." Even libraries that have the first edition should consider this new one, which is highly recommended for any law collection in public or academic libraries.

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