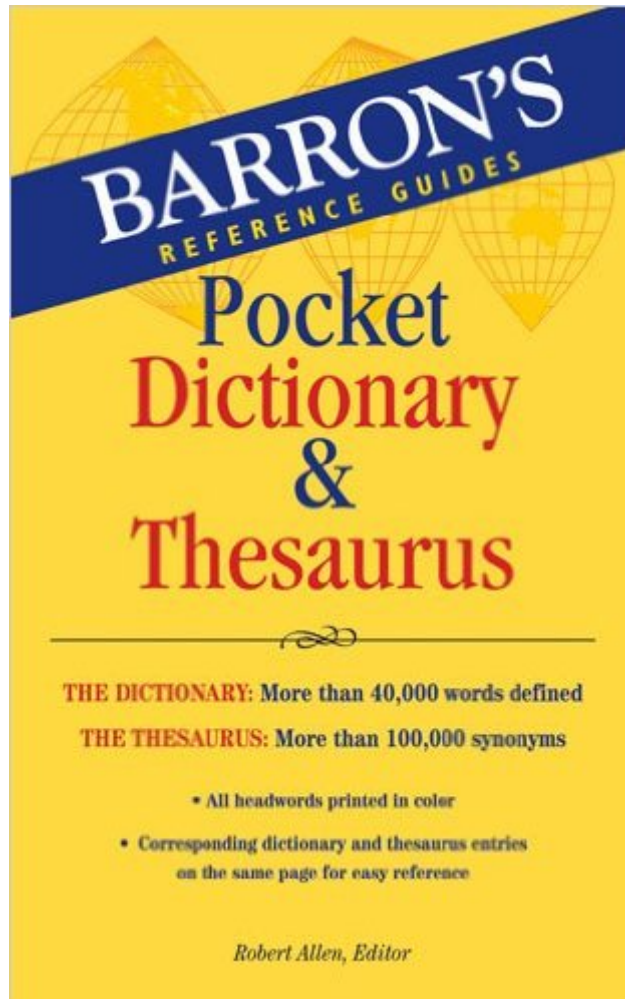


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## Customer Reviews

This book gets 5 stars ONLY if its intended use is for students learning the English language who need a very small paperback that can be used easily next to a computer or fit into a backpack or other carrying piece easily. These might be students learning English as a foreign language or students in certain kinds of middle school and high school English classes and certain kinds of college English classes. Students with advanced vocabularies in English might find the book too basic, leaving out more complicated words and spellings. Having a thesaurus at the bottom of the

page is handy; and the format is a mixture of clarity and lack of clarity. What's clear are those words followed by "an opposite would be," but what's unclear without scrutiny are words listed at the top and seemingly unrelated with no explanation in spots and what at times looks like a repeat of a word and definition from the top but no opposites or ways to create opposites using the words given. I did look closely at several pages and this is my assessment but if anything is incorrect here (I don't have my copy immediately handy), it's probably best to realize that for at least one reader the thesaurus part had its easily understood and helpful moments combined with more complicated scrutiny that someone valuing speedy reading might enjoy less. I personally prefer Roget's thesaurus and its format and personally prefer having many more words included than this dictionary/thesaurus has.

This Barron's Pocket Dictionary comes with a nice, clear protective cover. The paper material is of good quality and each word is in bold blue which makes it easy to see and read. A blue box highlights the alphabet on the edge of each page (makes it easier to jump to the correct page). The size is just right to carry around. And the definitions are easy to understand. I found that more than a few words (which were included in two other pocket dictionaries that I own) are missing from this dictionary. For example, I couldn't locate 'ambiance' or 'enamor' (which was included in both Webster's New World and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Dictionaries). Overall this is a nice-looking and well laid-out dictionary/thesaurus but is a bit limited in the variety of words. This pocket dictionary would probably be better suited for ESL students just learning the language.

Great for students who have difficulty with vocabulary, plus it's small and has both dictionary and thesaurus. This is perfect because sometimes the definition in the dictionary can be more confusing than the word!

This dictionary was aimed for a specific target users, I quote from the back cover: "...reference volume especially created to meet the needs of middle school and high school students" ;if this is the case, one would expect that basic scholastic terms as: axiom; oxymoron; rhapsody; euphony; impressionism; blog ; CPU ; FPD; GDP; quixotic, would be included; hence the 3 stars. Despite of what I just said, there are many useful features in this dictionary & thesauruses: Alphabet letters are listed on the margin of each page. This feature enables effortless search for cross-references and additional headwords. A handy approach to: synonyms, antonyms, slang, idioms and phrases which are listed beneath or aligned to its headword. Each headword with its different meanings is followed by an example sentence to demonstrate its correct grammatical usage. There are also "usage tips"

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I like the dictionary because is small and has all the information. I am learning English and this is very good for study, is good too for present the TOEFL. I recomend it ;)

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