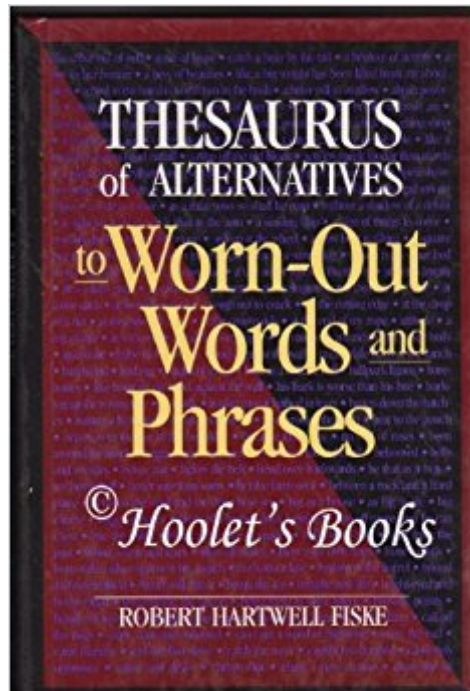




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# Thesaurus Of Alternatives To Worn-Out Words And Phrases



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Robert Hartwell Fiske is the author of Webster's New World Guide to Concise Writing. A former editor at a well-known publishing house, he now owns Vocabula Communications Company, a writing editing and criticism services in Andover, Massachusetts, where he resides. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Not up to Robert's best scrutinizing. Many phrases had the same description as if he wrote it in one night under extreme time pressure without reviewing each individual word. Disappointing submission from one of America's best grammarians.

I would not recommend this book because many of the entries does not give you an alternative, it just says don't use it. I bought this book so I could find better words not to tell don't use it and not give me an alternative. It was a waste of money in my opinion. Sorry but that is the way I feel about it!!

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