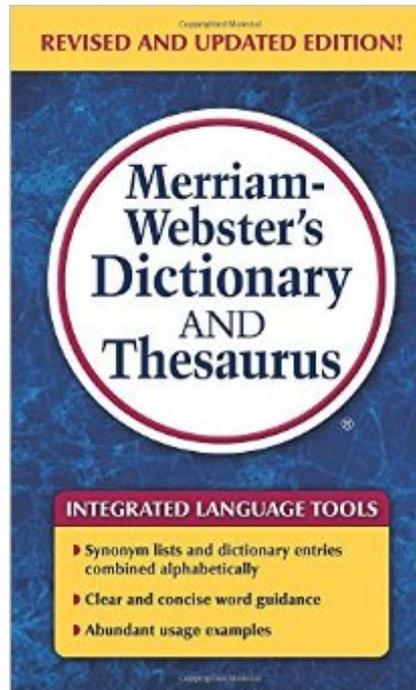


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My 6th grader needed a dictionary and a thesaurus for school (and my 5th grader is always asking me for synonyms) and so I headed over to one of the big book stores expecting to have to buy TWO books. I was quite happy when I saw this one, with both dictionary and thesaurus combined. (It's a lot easier to handle one book than two; it's a lot better for one book on the dining room table than two!) The synonyms easily stand out in small little gray boxes right in the same listing as the definition. They seem to give just about the right number of synonyms so it won't overwhelm my kids. (It is not the The Synonym Finder.) It even has a concise guide to grammar in the back. This thing is perfect for my 5th and 6th graders. Five stars for that purpose.

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