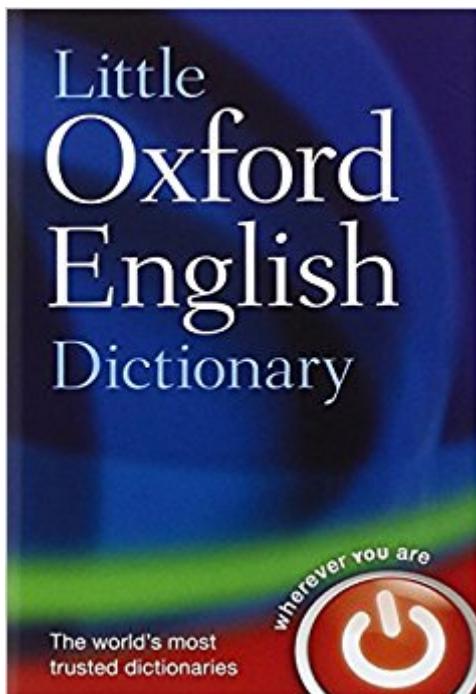


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I purchased one edition of this dictionary while traveling in Europe. I loved that one to death. When the binding broke - I tried to get another one. This dictionary is a bit condescending. The paper is low quality and the print is large and a bit faded. Not all the words have pronunciation guides with the international phonetic alphabet. It has dumb little usage hints in it, and I swear it has few words that are unknown to me. However, when reading *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*, I did find some new words, which I thought was not surprising, and slightly redeeming. The good things about this dictionary: it is a nice size, and has a decent binding, it is a real book. Looking at my old one, however, this dictionary isn't an adequate replacement. I need to find a good book binder to repair it. ;)

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