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meaning ("There was such a din, I couldn't hear myself talk"), others are not ("Why are you so gloomy?"). Some words and sentences seem conceptually far beyond what would be expected in a first thesaurus, ("La Scala in Milan is one of the world's great opera houses"). Only libraries intent on building a collection of children's wordbooks need purchase. This is ineffective as a reference book and too unattractive to invite much browsing. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

It is a valuable reference for school or home, and a lot more fun than the synonym finder in any word processing program. 2004, Kingfisher/Houghton Mifflin, Ages 5 to 8.

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