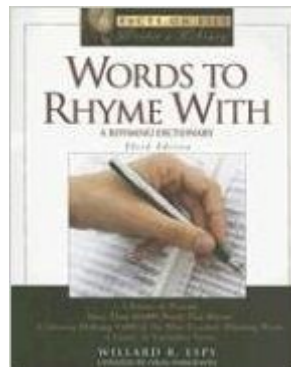




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# Words To Rhyme With: A Rhyming Dictionary (Facts On File Writer's Library)



## Synopsis

The longtime resource of choice for poets, song-writers, and language lovers, Willard R. Espy's acclaimed rhyming dictionary has been updated and expanded to include more than 100,000 rhyming words (thousands new to this edition), divided into single, double, and triple rhymes. The updater, Orin Hargraves, has also expanded and clarified the guide to using the book. Useful new entries include: trademarked words, such as Bake-Off, Faberge, and Winnebago; common acronyms and abbreviations, such as ASAP, DVD, and P2P, which often have simple rhymes; many biographical and geographical names, such as Bristol, Hormuz, Jackson, and Tristan; common new technological terms, such as blog and wi-fi; and, slang or informal words, such as lemme, gotta, and shoulda. A 100-page primer gives readers the essentials of poetic technique, and a glossary defines 9,000 of the most difficult words to rhyme with. Entertaining, clever, and easy to use, this is the authoritative reference on rhyme, by a master of wordplay.

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## Customer Reviews

Espy, who died in 1999, was a journalist, editor, poet, and, foremost, word lover. His "word books," such as *An Almanac of Words at Play*; *O Thou Improper, Thou Uncommon Noun*; *Say It My Way*, and his acclaimed rhyming dictionary, *Words To Rhyme With* (LJ 9/15/86), hold a very special place in the hearts of word lovers everywhere, as much for the fun of Espy's wonderful verse illustrations as for the solid information given. This title is a new edition of what has become the standard

rhyming dictionary. It lists more than 80,000 rhyming words phonetically and divided into single, double, and triple rhymes (rhymes on the last, next to last, and third from the last syllables). In addition, it contains a 100-page "Primer of Prosody" that defines English verse forms and types of rhymes. This edition boasts a glossary that defines 9000 of the most eccentric words to rhyme with and appendixes listing additional words ending in -mancy, -mania, and -phobia. The comprehensiveness and care this compilation displays makes it the complete reference for poets, students and teachers of poetry, and songwriters but also for anyone interested in language and words. A rival in coverage of rhyming words, but without Espy's verses and extra touches, is Rosalind Fergusson's *The Penguin Rhyming Dictionary* (o.p.). Recommended for all libraries. Paul D'Alessandro, Portland P.L., ME Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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As a lyricist and knowing that your vocabulary is like your weapon you fight with against other musicians. This book goes in to details and makes it very simple to learn and understand what the author is getting his point across.

Retired, have started trying to write rhyming birthday wishes. Thought from the description that the book would have words, not syllables, but am getting used to it. Still find the Internet is quicker in finding rhyming words.

Great reference book. I recommend it to any poet who wants to find the exact rhyming word.

As an aspiring poet, this book was an essential reference. It was a former library book, with some ink stamps on page edges and frontispiece, and some library call number on spine. Otherwise it was, unexpectedly, like new. Great seller/

I have shared this with 6 people thanks

This book is definitely heftier and supplemented with additional material you won't find in other rhyming dictionaries. However, it uses an idiosyncratic notation for vowels. Clement Wood's rhyming dictionary, on the other hand, uses the standard notation you find in dictionaries, and then

reminds you of their meaning and order at the bottom of each page, to help you quickly find the right spot for a particular sound. This may sound like nitpicking, but I definitely switched over to Wood's dictionary since, from my experience, the fewer hurdles to getting to the rhyme, the more enjoyable and effective rhyming becomes. It's never bad to have two dictionaries around, however...

I spent about six months updating Words to Rhyme With for the most recent (2006) edition; this gave me an opportunity to get acquainted with Mr. Espy's brilliant command of rhyme, and his unfailing ability to inject humor into his poems. Anyone who delights in the sounds of English will find this rhyming dictionary a joy to have around. The organizational scheme is slightly more challenging than you will find in some other products, but learning how to use it will reward you with new insights into sound patterns in English. The real bonus of this book are Mr. Espy's poems, which are scattered randomly throughout the book.

I like this book quite a bit. It is packed with useful words however, its organization is a bit quirky and could be much easier to use.

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