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**MISADVENTURES IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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**Lifelong word enthusiast Caroline Taggart takes an entertaining look at some of the more confusing aspects of modern English and tries to assess what matters and what really doesn’t.**

Language is a complex and ever-changing creature, so how can we know what is right or wrong at any given time? *Misadventures in the English Language* shows how a comma can make all the difference, why tautologies are simply annoying; how corporate speak can actually mean nothing at all; and why *naughty*, *awful*, *sophisticated* and *virtue* are all words that have evolved to mean something completely different, this book covers all the aspects of the English language that could leave you with cause for concern.

It also considers where we are now, appraising (and often praising) the invention of new words from *kidult* to *piscetarian,* including internet-led abbreviations such as JK and IMHO. By turns an explanation of the rules, a rant against gobbledygook and other modern horrors, this book will aid you in avoiding embarrassing clichés and jargon, and help you put your words in the right places, finally enabling you to revel in the richness of the English language.

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