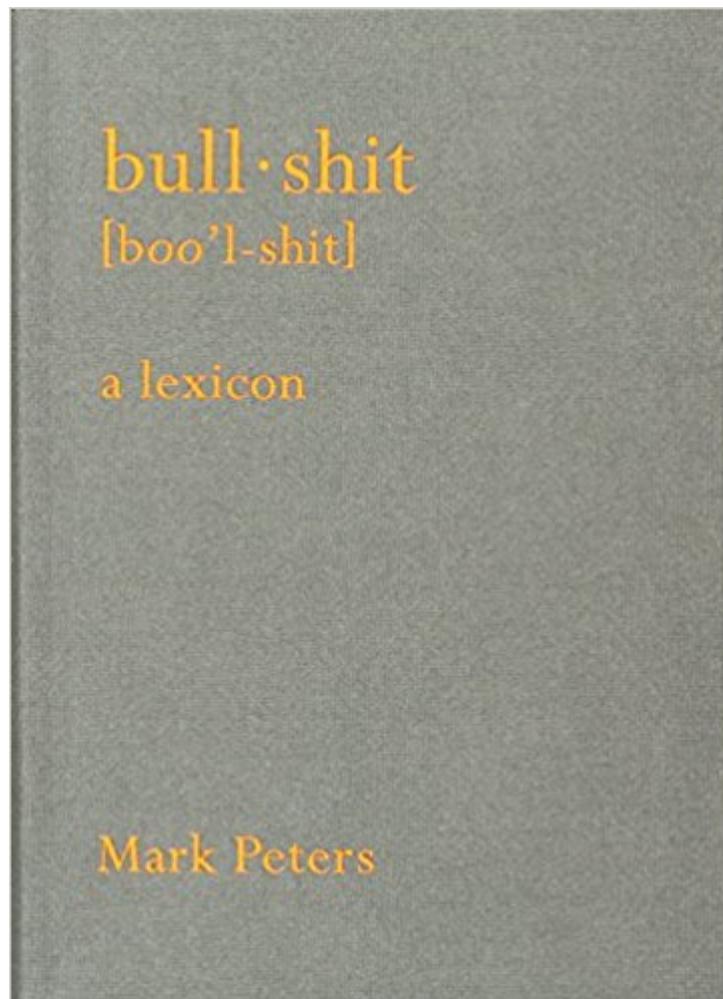


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# Bullshit: A Lexicon



## Synopsis

An irreverent lexicon of the seemingly infinite ways we call bullshit, written by a McSweeney's columnist and etymologist, illustrated by a New Yorker-contributing cartoonist. What's the difference between "balderdash" and "drivel"? Where did "mumbo-jumbo" come from? How should you use "meadow mayonnaise"? What's "felgercarb" and which popular TV show coined it? There are hundreds of common and rare terms for bullshit in English, including borrowings from German, turn-of-the-century sailors, The Simpsons, and beyond. Bullshit is everywhere, but not all of it is created equal. Mark Peters's *Bullshit: A Lexicon* is the handy guide to identifying and calling BS in all of its many forms, from "bunk" and "claptrap" to "applesauce" and "gobbledygook." Packed with historical facts, pop culture tidbits, and definitions for each term, *Bullshit* is perfect for humor readers, language lovers, and anyone looking to describe life's everyday annoyances.

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## Customer Reviews

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## Business Review.

Wondering what to get the profane word nerd on your xmas list? Look no further. Mark Peters' "Bulls\*\*\*: A Lexicon" is the perfect blend of smartypants and partypants. Quoting everyone from Dawn Powell to Kurt Vonnegut, Peters has done his due diligence on the topic and presented it in a hilarious, accessible manner. Another reviewer called it "fun to look at a few snippets to pass the time while waiting in a Doctor's office," like that were a bad thing. I'm going to break it down: this is the perfect bathroom book and I mean that as the highest praise. With this little book by the can, you can laugh a little, educate yourself a bit, and have something to amuse dinner guests with after you finally flush. That said, I think this well-designed little book is much better purchased in hardcover than on kindle; you're going to want to pass it around.

Exceeded my expectations! Is spot on in description of those who meet the elusive yet persistent criteria of an a&&&&&Must readingFound in philosophy section!!!Buy itYou will be amazedTFH

For everyone who enjoys the source, definition, and applicability of words this is a MUST. When, while still within the introduction, you are first exposed to 'Trumpery' -- originally practiced by criminals and scam artists. In the 1400s this word shifted to mean more general nonsense (an Ouija board is a good example of Trumpery. Well worth the time and, in my opinion, truly belongs within a grand book collection.

One of the most entertaining and amusing looks at the many terms we use for BS and their origins. A veritable smorgasbord of nonsense in a portable format. I pre-ordered, being familiar with the author's work and he did not disappoint. Use new terms to call out that Trump loving family member at the next family get together. This book is exactly what it's advertised as; an entertaining bunch of bunk!

I bought two copies of this book, and gave one to a friend for her birthday. She loved the concept, and has since thanked me in person and in writing, calling it the perfect book to have handy during a presidential election year.

A must for anyone who has dealt, or deals with bulls\*\*\* on a regular basis.

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