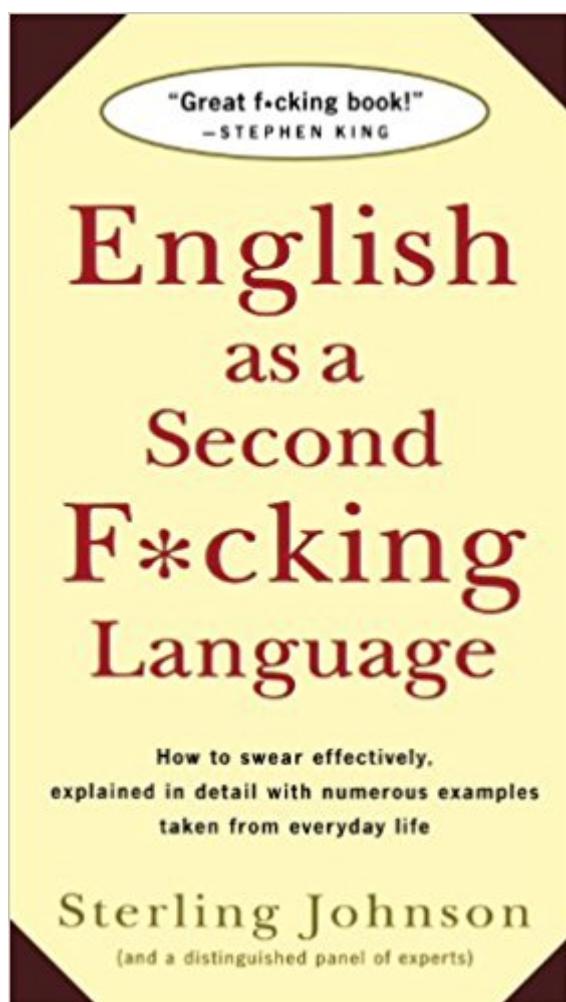


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# English As A Second F\*cking Language: How To Swear Effectively, Explained In Detail With Numerous Examples Taken From Everyday Life



## Synopsis

In the English language, swearing is essential to effective communication. In this hilarious and illuminating guide, you will learn just how to do it - no f\*cking problem. Whether you want to succeed in business, school, or social circles, a strong command of vocabulary is absolutely necessary. Just imagine a stranger to our shores, trying to comprehend the following conversation: John: Mary, would you like to attend the opera this evening? Mary: F\*cking-A. should I wear my black dress? John: Why the f\*ck not? Mary: F\*cked if I know-Oh, f\*ck! I just remembered. It got f\*cked up in the wash. John: Well, f\*ck the opera. Let's stay home and f\*ck. Mary: Good f\*cking idea. English as a Second F\*cking Language (ESF\*L) is the perfect way for nonnative speakers to learn the basics of swearing. At the same time, it also offers native speakers a wide variety of twists and new refinements. Page after page, ESF\*L provides a smorgasbord of swearing synonyms designed to boost your vocabulary-everything from the conventional d\*mn and sh\*t to a host of more inventive terms that would make any truck driver blush. And when you're finished reading, our Final F\*cking Exam is the perfect test of your swearing skills. You'll be surprised by how much you've learned! "Great f\*cking book!" • Stephen King

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As a teacher of English as a Second Language, I often have students asking me about slang. There are no really good websites that I have found on the topic--most of them are outdated or provide words that are not really used, or are not really slang, and many of them try to be "kid friendly," which slang is generally not. So, I tell generally tell my students to watch movies, listen to music, and use urbandictionary.com. But for those who really are interested in learning slang, and don't mind crude topics (I mean, there is a whole chapter on masturbation) I now recommend this book as well. Although published in 1996, it strikes me as not very dated. There are, of course, some words that are no longer used, as well as others that have come in to the language, and there will be considerable variation based on one's geography. But I give it 5 stars instead of 4 simply because it is as good as I would expect a book on slang to be. It is written in an entertaining manner, has example sentences, defines the meaning of the slang, and for the most part contains entries that are quite relevant and accurate.

Sterling Johnson's tongue-in-cheek book aims to teach the art of American English profanity to non-native speakers of the language. It meets what the author claims is a pressing need for them to understand and produce colloquial profanity. Without these language skills one cannot master the full range of English expression and will miss subtle but important nuances of conversation. Worse, an untrained nonnative speaker will be unable to deliver well-targeted invective in situations where it is not only appropriate, but necessary to do so. Either you already know the words and phrases the book covers or you don't. I won't review them specifically. In either case, look forward to an entertaining and accurate guide to angry English. The author has fun with example sentences, names of speakers, and pointed advice about soft-ball swearing to avoid like the [...] plague. (He's had an effect on me.) There is also some discussion of whether Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is an actual name or a sophomoric pseudonym. You will need to make up your own mind. It's light reading

with just the right irreverence for its topic. If you are not the Church Lady, give it a look.

I bought this as a fun gift for a female language teacher, but ended up feeling very uneasy giving it as a gift. Of course the book is going to cover vulgar words (that's the point!), but it goes into a lot of detail on sexual ones. For example, in addition to talking about uses like "f\*ck you," it talks about the act of f\*cking, different ways to f\*ck, and vulgar terms for body parts involved. Obviously you're not going to buy this book for your ultra-Puritan friends in the first place, but just be careful buying this for professional colleagues. It really holds nothing back.

as an English teacher, I just love this!

I got this to give a visiting guest who spoke little English, kind of as a joke. It was WAY too naughty and vulgar for that purposes (I couldn't even read it myself). I am positively NOT a prude, in fact fall near-into the "vulgar" category myself, but... I couldn't go there. My 20-something sons found it very entertaining, as did their friends, and much of the book was read aloud at assorted parties, so it wasn't a dead loss. But it was a tad more extreme than I anticipated.

I didn't learn anything new, but it was fun to read.

i taught english overseas for 2 years and my teen or adult students would almost fight each other to read bits of this. very useful!

A little less than I expected. Purchased as a gift. Was well received. Not sure if the the recipient will use it for true language learning but it is a novel gift.

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