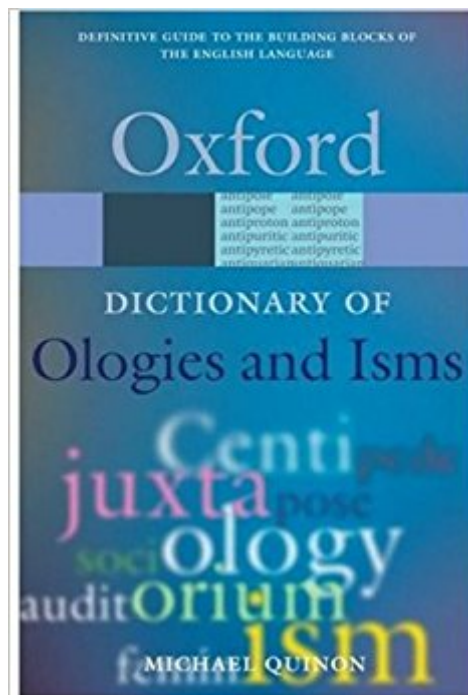




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The terminology of medicine and biology, to name just two fields, is rife with words formed largely by compounding Greek stems. This book enables a layman like me to make sense of them, and of many other words in more common usage. Michael Quinion's explanations of the word parts (usually prefixes and suffixes, but frequently syllables found in the middle of words) are clearly written, and he provides examples of the most common words using each stem. I would estimate

that perhaps 80% of the word stems contained in this book are of Greek origin, either directly or as modified by Latin usage. Since the list of stems is 269 pages long, however, that means that there are plenty of word stems of different origin. This is also one of those rare reference books that are a joy just to dip into and read an entry or two.

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I originally bought this book for some specific needs. Afterwards I just got interested and had fun learning more about English.

The book does not clearly define isms and ologies; it just gives root words, prefixes, and suffixes. Also I was expecting a hardback copy, esp. at that price. I intend to return this item this week.

If you enjoy word origins, you will love this book. Very interesting.

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