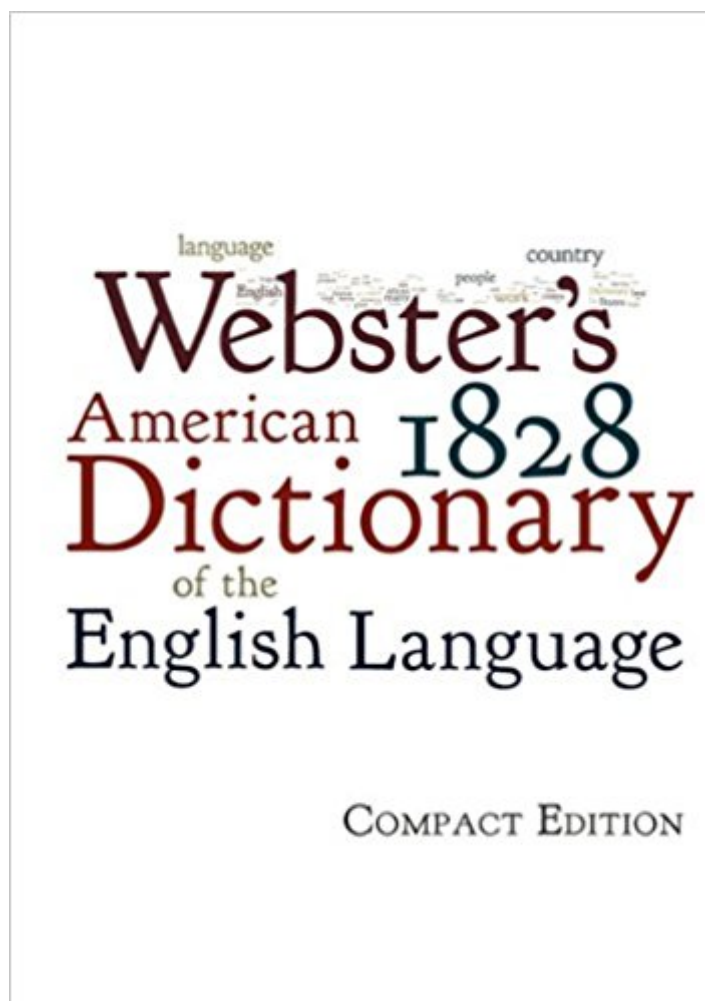


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Synopsis

To make Webster's monumental 1828 dictionary available at a more affordable price, this new edition has been carefully prepared in a proprietary compact format: All of the words, definitions, and examples have been preserved, but the explanations of word origins have been omitted to save space, as has Webster's lengthy technical introduction. Scripture references have been standardized in modern format, and many abbreviations have been spelled out for greater understanding. Also, for the first time since the book's original publication, the text has been newly designed and typeset; the clear, sturdy Charter typeface makes the text highly readable in spite of its small size. Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language is a work of great importance for modern readers who care about traditional values. The founding documents of the United States of America are contemporary with this 1828 dictionary, as are many other important books and documents of that time. The 1828 dictionary defines the language of these materials in the context of their era and thus becomes a valuable reference tool to enhance understanding. In addition, Noah Webster based his work extensively on the King James Version of the Bible, so that not only the words but also the values of the early nineteenth century are reflected in the definitions. As Webster wrote, "In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed. . . . No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people." This new, compact edition is published with the same hope expressed by Webster himself: "I present it to my fellow citizens, not with frigid indifference, but with my ardent wishes for their improvement and their happiness; and for the continued increase of the wealth, the learning, the moral and religious elevation of character, and the glory of my country."

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Customer Reviews

Webster's 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language is my favorite dictionary for studying the bible (the unabridged Oxford English Dictionary is excellent also, but even the compact edition is cumbersome). Webster based his work extensively on the King James Version of the Bible, and he included many bible references in the definitions. I ordered both the paperback and the hardcover editions with the intention of using the hardcover at home and the paperback while traveling. After comparing the two, I found myself using the compact edition almost exclusively. It was newly typeset which made it easier to read, abbreviations were spelled out which made it easier to understand, and I did not use the explanations of word origins that were omitted in the compact edition.

I've used the online version which is fine but some words do not show up. This is not compact in physical size but in font and format. I've uploaded four images on here that you can look at. Two months later I bought two more for my church who only uses the KJV A.V. bibles.

It's one thing to read about history; it's another to read what history-makers wrote themselves. Scholars in high school, college, or beyond, who like to read original historical documents from early America, should also have this early dictionary in order to get the original meaning of the words written by the makers of history. A second benefit to owning this book is the surprising worldview held by our American predecessors that it opens to today's reader. Looking through the pages of this dictionary leads the reader to the inescapable conclusion that, in the early 1800's, the Christian faith was of paramount importance to most Americans. Anyone interested in original meanings, or in a fuller vision of what America once was, should have this book as a reference.

Hmmm, how to begin. Compact Edition probably needs refinement on the description. Compact can have a lot of meanings. Compact here meant the introductory information was omitted. Open the book straight to the definitions. Compact also meant those words and definitions were size 8 (maybe smaller) font. Teeny Tiny print. I was kind of expecting compact to mean something I could stuff in my briefcase or book bag.

Purchasing this dictionary has made my life a little less stressful in researching the correct meaning of a biblical word. To God be the glory!!!!

Today's dictionaries don't hold a candle to this one. I love the references to religion - upon which our Great Country was founded. Back then we all were proud of our religious heritage and speaking about it, living it, was completely "politically correct". We need to remember our faith that brought this country to its' peak - look where we are now that we have forgotten our heritage!

When it says "compact"...I expected a small book! It is NOT SMALL!!!! But it does live up to everything else I would want in this great dictionary!

The early Webster dictionaries are works of genius with superb erudition and literary quality. They contain copious usage notes and examples from great literature such as the Bible, Shakespeare, and Milton. This particular version is not a facsimile of the original; it has been transcribed and edited. The transcription mostly preserves the information content of the original, but it introduces some deficiencies:- the visual layout is dense and cluttered and less aesthetic than a typical dictionary- the words being defined are all caps instead of bold, which makes it difficult to navigate, particularly for children- the transcription process has introduced significant omissions, probably accidental. For instance, all words starting with STRI and STRE are missing except for streak and striae; thus stretch, strict, stride, strike, string, and many other common words are missing. I discovered the stri/stre omission by chance and I have no way to judge the frequency or severity of other potential omissions. I would not buy this version again due to the aesthetics and the large number of missing words

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