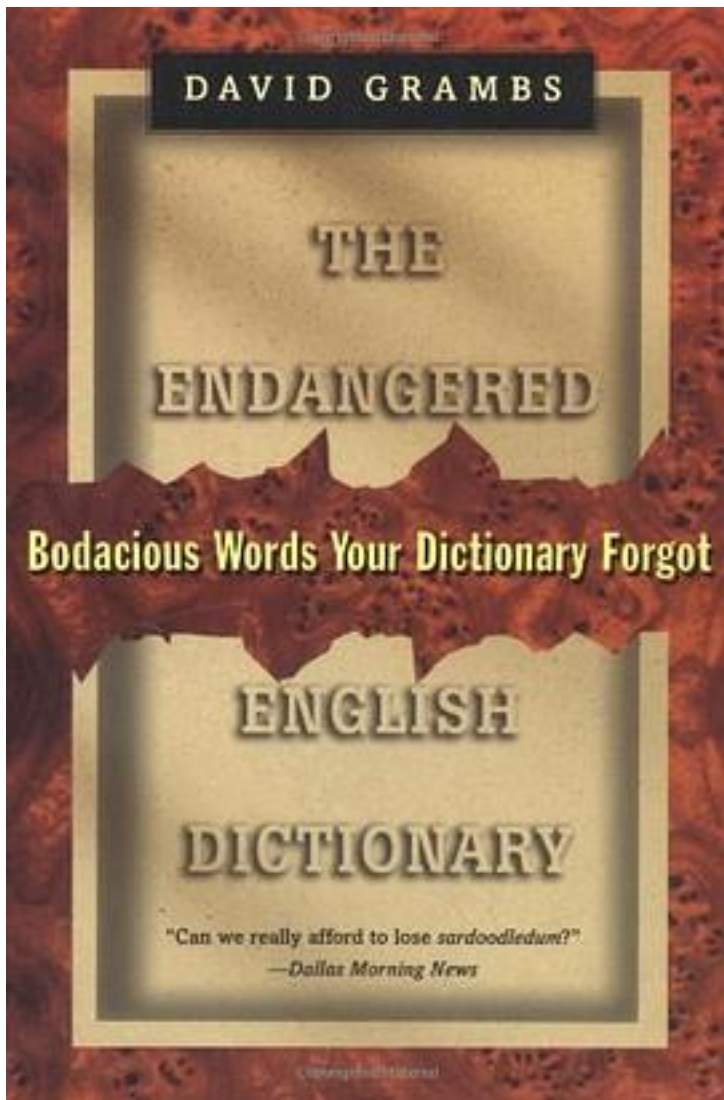


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This book is an effort to save some of those words applicable to everyday life and countless word games from extinction. The resultant treasure trove of exotic verbal creatures is an indispensable resource for every lover of language.

A selection:

egrutten: having a face swollen from weeping numquid: an inquisitive person

sardoodledum: drama that is contrived, stagy, or unrealistic mimp: to purse one's lips

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