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English has hundreds of everyday words that originated or acquired their meanings in unusual ways. Dictionaries don't have the space to tell all the mysteries but Dr. Funk, with humor and insight, tells the strange and intriguing stories of

hundreds of words and how they came to be a part of the language.

Twelve Red Herrings
Minotaur Books

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TALE Stories of Curious

Word Origins Charles Earle

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Singapore, Sydney To B. M.

F. Who patiently and often

has listened to many of these

tales, this book is lovingly

dedicated. PREFACE THIS

book Is the outcome of a

collection of material that

has been slowly

accumulating over the past

thirty years or so, since the

time when, under the

guidance of the late Dr.

Frank H. Vizetelly, I began

to work as his associate in

the editorial department of

the Funk Wagnalls New

Standard Dictionary. The

ancestry of most of the words

that we now use glibly or

find in books or other cur

rent literature, is prosaic. We

can trace their lines of

descent back to Old English,

or Old French, or Latin, or

Greek, or other ancient

source, but beyond the bare

bones supplied by

etymologists, which indicate

those sources, and the steps

by which they became

English words, the

dictionaries tell us little f or

there is little more that can

be told. The ancient Roman

or Greek, say, who may have

been the first to use a word

that has strayed on to us,

perhaps could have told the

story of its origin. It may

have been picturesque, based

upon some historic episode,

like the word anecdote, it

may have come from a tale in lack of space, can rarely supply more than a clue. some older language, for the languages that we consider These are the tales that I ancient were themselves have been collecting and based upon still more which are offered here. A ancient sources, but that number of them may be story, if any, cannot now be already familiar to some determined. Thus what we readers, such as the origin of know about the origins of the tantalize, from the Greek great majority of the words legend of the punishment vm In our present language can - meted out to Tantalus by be found in an unabridged the wrathful Zeus, or echo, dictionary or in a work from the fate of the dealing with etymologies, perfidious nymph of that such as that compiled by W. name. Such tales, though W. Skeat about seventy years familiar to some, are ago, or the one more included here for the benefit recently prepared by Ernest of those to whom they may Weekley. But there are in be new. But I have found our current language a that few but scholars in the number of fairly common language know how the words some old, some new word clue, which was just which were born, or grew, or used, acquired its present ac quired their meanings in meaning that the Portuguese an unusual manner. They gave us coconut because, to came, as our language has, their sailors in the sixteenth from all sources sources of century, the nut resembled a which the dictionaries, for coco, a grinning face that

sylph was a coinage of that master charlatan or genius, depending upon the point of view, the sixteenth-century alchemist, Paracelsus that we owe our terms chapel and chaplain to the cloak or cape worn by the fourth-century monk, St. Martin that the name Easter was taken from a pagan goddess, and that the names of the days of the week denote dedication to ancient pagan gods. Whenever it has been possible, the stories are historical that is, for example, facts in the life of St. Martin are briefly stated to explain why his cloak was venerated the occasion for the coinage of sylph by Paracelsus is summarized a brief account tells why magenta commemorated a battle short sketches of the invasions of the Vandals and Tatars account for such

words as vandal, tartar, and horde-, highly abridged biographies of such persons as the Scottish engineer, John L. McAdam, the Scottish chemist, Charles Macintosh, and others, tell why their names were adopted into the language an explanation is deduced why the French general, Martinet, became a byword in English, but not in French the historical circumstances that introduced the word nepotism are related, and so on, and so on... Thereby Hangs a Tail St. Martin's Press Reaching out to the millions of dog and animal lovers, David Teems offers delightful stories that highlight spiritual principles through the antics and love of his canine companions. Just ask the dog A dog makes

devotion look as if it is the best part of life. And why shouldn't it be? Author and musician David Teems examines the possibilities. Using dogs as a playful yet powerful image of devotion, he gives you a glimpse of what the devoted life is, what it looks like, how it behaves, the possibility of attaining it, and what little work it has to be. The devoted life is filled with: uncommon love irrepressible joy deep and immovable contentment wonder and fascination communion with God Worship is meant to be a way of life, a continuous day-by-day, moment-by-moment event that engages the divine among the ordinary—a life of pure possibility, life as it should be, as it was

designed to be.
As You Like it St. Martin's Press
Bristol dock worker Harry Clifton's unexpected scholarship leads him to pursue a very different life while uncovering the truth about his father's identity.
Thereby Hangs a Tale - Stories of Curious Word Origins St. Martin's Press
"This is a moving story, well told and beautifully written." --Jeffrey Archer In celebration of Jeffrey Archer's latest short story collection, *And Thereby Hangs a Tale*, St. Martin's Press sponsored the "Jeffrey Archer Presents" Short

Story Competition. comes down the
#1 New York Times steps one morning.
bestselling author Her hair, her
and master of the mouth, her hands—ev
short story Jeffrey erything—it's all
Archer is known for wrong. He's certain
the precise wit and it's just not her.
timely revelations But then why is
in his tales, and Danny the only one
now with this short who doesn't
story competition recognize this "new
he has had the wife?" Confused and
opportunity to more afraid than
recognize those he's willing to
same outstanding admit even to
gifts in winner himself, Danny's
Mark Trainer's New responsibilities as
Wife. What if you a husband to a
woke up with a woman he doesn't
lifetime of know and father to
memories but were a son with hidden
unable to recognize problems force
the wife you shared Danny to face a
so many of them future that is only
with? That's slightly less
exactly what knowable than his
happens to Danny past. An intimate
when his wife Eve look at a man

trying to hold his family together while he seems to be coming apart, Mark Trainer's New Wife is a remarkable story brimming with insight and affection.

The Collected Short Stories

Alma Books
A new novella from New York Times, USA TODAY and internationally bestselling author Julie Kagawa in the Iron Fey series. A Midsummer's Nightmare? Robin Goodfellow. Puck. Summer Court prankster, King Oberon's right hand, bane of many a faery queen's existence, and secret friend to Prince Ash of the Winter Court. Until one girl's death came between them, and another girl stole

both their hearts. Now Ash has granted one favor too many, and someone's come to collect, forcing the prince to a place he cannot go without Puck's help - into the heart of the Summer Court. And Puck faces the ultimate choice: betray Ash and possibly win the girl they both love, or help his former friend turned bitter enemy pull off a deception that no true faery prankster could possibly resist. Don't miss the first book in Julie Kagawa's highly anticipated new series, SHADOW OF THE FOX, AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2, 2018
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With over 500 offerings from the most quoted writer in the English language, this modestly priced

volume provides a luxurious assortment of memorable and profound thoughts on love, marriage, truth, beauty, more.

Stories St.

Martin's Paperbacks Jeffrey Archer, the internationally bestselling author of Honor Among Thieves, As The Crow Flies, and Kane & Abel, now serves up this inventive new collection of a dozen short stories -- with a twist. Cleverly styled, with richly drawn characters and ingeniously plotted story lines, each of the twelve pieces ends with a delightfully unexpected turn of

events. An imprisoned man is certain that his supposed murder victim is very much alive....A female driver is pursued relentlessly by a menacing figure in another vehicle....A young artist gets the biggest break of her career....A restless beauty manages the perfect birthday celebration....An escaped Iraqi on Saddam Hussein's death list pays an involuntary visit to his homeland. In each tale, human beings are given an opportunity to seize, a crucial problem to solve,

or a danger to avoid. How will they react? How would you? Capping off the collection are two additional rewards. In the final story, Archer offers a choice of four endings. And buried in each story is another diversion -- a red herring which Archer challenges his readers to uncover.

Star Wars Part the Second CreateSpace

A Chicago Tribune "Best Books of 2014" • A Slate "Best Books 2014: Staff Picks" • A St. Louis Post-Dispatch "Best Books of 2014" The fascinating story of one of the most important scientific discoveries of the

twentieth century. We know it simply as "the pill," yet its genesis was anything but simple. Jonathan Eig's masterful narrative revolves around four principal characters: the fiery feminist Margaret Sanger, who was a champion of birth control in her campaign for the rights of women but neglected her own children in pursuit of free love; the beautiful Katharine McCormick, who owed her fortune to her wealthy husband, the son of the founder of International Harvester and a schizophrenic; the visionary scientist Gregory Pincus, who was dismissed by Harvard in the 1930s as a result of his experimentation with in vitro fertilization but who, after he was

approached by Sanger and McCormick, grew obsessed with the idea of inventing a drug that could stop ovulation; and the telegenic John Rock, a Catholic doctor from Boston who battled his own church to become an enormously effective advocate in the effort to win public approval for the drug that would be marketed by Searle as Enovid. Spanning the years from Sanger's heady Greenwich Village days in the early twentieth century to trial tests in Puerto Rico in the 1950s to the cusp of the sexual revolution in the 1960s, this is a grand story of radical feminist politics, scientific ingenuity, establishment opposition, and, ultimately, a sea

change in social attitudes. Brilliantly researched and briskly written, *The Birth of the Pill* is gripping social, cultural, and scientific history. Popular Shakespeare Tales Quirk Books International bestselling author Jeffrey Archer has enthralled readers with his riveting suspense, surprise denouements, and unforgettable storylines. Now Archer's three acclaimed collections of short fiction are brought together in one irresistible volume. *THE COLLECTED SHORT STORIES A Quiver Full of Arrows* takes readers on a

journey of encounters that befall an assortment of kindly strangers, wary old friends, and long-lost loves. Sly reflections on human nature are at the center of *A Twist in the Tale* in which blindly adventurous game-players compete for stakes higher than they dreamed. Expect the unexpected and you'll still be surprised in *Twelve Red Herrings*, a dozen tales of betrayal, love, murder and revenge capped with a startling twist. Thirty-six stories

in all, each poised to astonish and inspire, revealing "master entertainer" (Time) Jeffrey Archer at his artfully entertaining best. *Tell Tale Delta* After one of their own people repeatedly fails to live up to a pact with the Devil, a petty and morally bankrupt village community is plagued by a swarm of deadly black spiders. Using a complex narrative structure, Gotthelf's cautionary novella shrewdly dissects the iniquitous social dynamics of rural life. *A Chet & Bernie Mystery* Harper

Paperbacks

Nearly a decade after his last volume of short stories was published, Jeffrey Archer returns with his eagerly-awaited, brand-new collection *TELL TALE*, giving us a fascinating, exciting and sometimes poignant insight into the people he has met, the stories he has come across and the countries he has visited during the past ten years. Find out what happens to the hapless young detective from Naples who travels to an Italian hillside town to find out Who Killed the Mayor? and the pretentious schoolboy in *A Road*

to Damascus, whose discovery of the origins of his father's wealth changes his life in the most profound way. Revel in the stories of the 1930's woman who dares to challenge the men at her Ivy League University in *A Gentleman and A Scholar* while another young woman who thumbs a lift gets more than she bargained for in *A Wasted Hour*. These wonderfully engaging and always refreshingly original tales prove not only why Archer has been compared by the critics to Dahl and Maugham, but why he was described by *The Times* as probably the greatest storyteller

of our age.
And Thereby Hangs a Tale St. Martin's Press
Bernie Little and his canine companion, Chet, are private investigators. Both have had some setbacks in life - Bernie in combat, Chet in K-9 dog-training school - but together they make up a team like no other. In Thereby Hangs a Tail, Bernie and Chet are hired to investigate threats made against an unlikely target - a pretty, pampered show dog ...

A Collection of Stories Vintage
Crime/Black Lizard

Fourth Estate Jeffrey Archer Richard Armstrong narrowly escaped Hitler's atrocities in Eastern Europe on his courage and his wits—skills that served him well in peacetime. Having turned a struggling Berlin newspaper into a success story seemingly overnight, Armstrong made a name for himself—and more than a few enemies along the way...Meanwhile, young Keith Townsend enters the international arena, armed with a world-class education and a sense of entitlement to match. Charged with growing his father's newspaper business into a global media force, he and Armstrong are bound to become sworn rivals—until they arrive at the edge of collapse and will do

whatever it takes to stay alive in the game...or die trying.

Short Stories

Courier Corporation Reaching out to the millions of dog and animal lovers, David Teems offers delightful stories that highlight spiritual principles through the antics and love of his canine companions. Just ask the dog A dog makes devotion look as if it is the best part of life. And why shouldn't it be? Author and musician David Teems examines the possibilities. Using dogs as a playful yet powerful image of

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be, as it was designed to be. *And Thereby Hangs a Tale Sphere* This edition brings together three of Jeffrey Archer's classic collections of short stories: *To Cut a Long Story Short*, *Cat O' Nine Tales* and *And Thereby Hangs a Tale*, showcasing the master storyteller's skill like never before. Every reader will have their own favourites: the choices run from love at first sight across the train tracks to the cleverest of confidence tricks, from the quirks of the legal profession - and those who are able to manipulate both sides of the Bar - to the creative financial talents of a member of Her Majesty's diplomatic service -

but for a good cause. In 'Caste-Off', Jamwal and Nisha fall in love while waiting for a traffic light to turn green in Delhi, and in 'Don't Drink The Water', a company chairman tries to poison his wife while on a trip to St Petersburg - with unexpected consequences . . . The stories held in these pages are irresistible: ingeniously plotted, with richly drawn characters and deliciously unexpected conclusions.

The Birth of the Pill: How Four Crusaders Reinvented Sex and Launched a Revolution Litres

In the irresistible second installment of the New York

Times bestselling
Chet and Bernie
mystery series,
which has been
hailed as
"enchanted [and]
one-of-a-kind"
(Stephen King),
Chet gets a glimpse
of the show dog
world turned
deadly. What first
seems like a walk
in the park to wise
and lovable canine
narrator Chet and
his human companion
Bernie—to
investigate threats
made against a
pretty, pampered
show dog—turns into
a serious case when
Princess and her
owner are abducted.
To make matters
worse, Bernie's on-
again, off-again

girlfriend,
reporter Susie
Sanchez, disappears
too. When Chet is
separated from
Bernie, he's on his
own to put the
pieces together,
find his way home,
and save the day.
Spencer Quinn's
"brilliantly
original" (Richmond
Times-Dispatch) and
"masterful" (Los
Angeles Times)
series combines
genuine suspense
and intrigue with
humor and insight
for a tail-wagging
good time readers
won't soon forget.
Thereby Hangs a Tale
Atria Books
Jeffrey Archer's
collection of twelve
spellbinding

stories, A Twist in the Tale, will sweep you on a journey of thwarted ambition, undying passion, and unswerving honor that you'll never forget. No one can weave a web of suspense, deliver a jolt of surprise, or teach a lesson in living like bestselling author Jeffrey Archer. From Africa to the Middle East, and from London to Beijing, Archer takes us to places we've never seen and introduces us to people we'll never forget. Meet the philandering husband who thinks he's committed the perfect murder; the self-assured chess champion who plays a beautiful woman for stakes far higher than cash; and the finance minister who needs to crack the secrets of a Swiss bank.

Thereby Hangs a Tale Macmillan
Experience the Star Wars saga reimagined as an Elizabethan drama penned by William Shakespeare himself, complete with authentic meter and verse, and theatrical monologues and dialogue by everyone from Padmé Amidala to Mace Windu. To Shmi or not to Shmi? Torn between duty to the Jedi, attraction to Padmé, and concern for his beloved mother, yeoman Jedi

Anakin Skywalker struggles to be master of his fate. The path he chooses will determine not just his own destiny, but that of the entire Republic. And thereby hangs a tale. Authentic meter, stage directions, reimagined movie scenes and dialogue, and hidden Easter eggs throughout will entertain and impress fans of Star Wars and Shakespeare alike. Every scene and character from the film appears in the play, along with twenty woodcut-style illustrations

that depict an Elizabethan version of the Star Wars galaxy.

A Story W. W. Norton & Company

Offers fourteen stories of intrigue and surprising twists, many of which are based on incidents recounted to the author in his travels throughout the world.