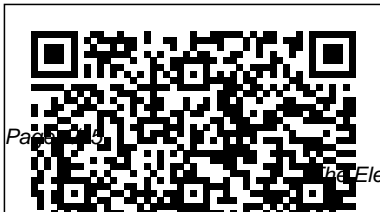


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*Elements of Eloquence The*  
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FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE SUNDAY  
TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER  
THE ETYMOLOGICON. 'An  
informative but highly  
entertaining journey through  
the figures of rhetoric ...  
Mark Forsyth wears his  
considerable knowledge  
lightly. He also writes  
beautifully.' David Marsh,  
Guardian. Mark Forsyth  
presents the secret of  
writing unforgettable  
phrases, uncovering the  
techniques that have made  
immortal such lines as 'To be

or not to be' and 'Bond. James  
Bond.' In his inimitably  
entertaining and witty style,  
he takes apart famous  
quotations and shows how you  
too can write like  
Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde or  
John Lennon. Crammed with  
tricks to make the most  
humdrum sentiments seem poetic  
or wise, *The Elements of  
Eloquence* reveals how writers  
through the ages have turned  
humble words into literary  
gold - and how you can do the  
same.

**A Christmas Cornucopia** Penguin  
Drawing on years of experience of writing,

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teaching and publishing, this book offers essential tools for writers interested in honing their craft. Whether you're a poet, non-fiction writer, novelist, journalist, student or simply a lover of words, it will take you on an exciting and challenging journey to becoming a sophisticated writer. As in the learning of any true craft or art, first the focus is on specific skills, then on consolidating those skills, which by the end will be innate. Through a variety of exercises and freewriting prompts, *Playing with Words* will help you develop your writing, trying out new styles and approaches along the way. Use this book in a class, in a group, or alone in a writer's attic.

#### *The Art of Eloquence* Icon Books

What is the actual connection between disgruntled and grunted? What links church organs to organised crime, California to the Caliphate, or brackets to codpieces? *The Etymologicon* springs from Mark Forsyth's *Inky Fool* blog on the strange

connections between words. It's an occasionally ribald, frequently witty and unerringly erudite guided tour of the secret labyrinth that lurks beneath the English language, taking in monks and monkeys, film buffs and buffaloes, and explaining precisely what the Rolling Stones have to do with gardening. *The Horologicon* (or book of hours) gives you the most extraordinary words in the English language, arranged according to the hour of the day when you really need them. Do you wake up feeling rough? Then you're philogrobolized. Pretending to work? That's fudgelling, which may lead to rizzling if you feel sleepy after lunch, though by dinner time you will have become a sparkling deipnosophist. From Mark Forsyth, author of the bestselling *The Etymologicon*, this is a book of weird words for familiar situations. From antejentacular to snudge by way of quafftide and wamblecropt, at last you can say, with utter accuracy, exactly what you mean.

#### *Eloquence in Public Speaking* Open

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We all know eloquence when we hear it. But what exactly is it? And how might we gain more of it for ourselves? This entertaining and, yes, eloquent book illuminates the power of language from a linguistic point of view and provides fascinating insights into the way we use words. David Crystal, a world-renowned expert on the history and usage of the English language, probes the intricate workings of eloquence. His lively analysis encompasses everyday situations (wedding speeches, business presentations, storytelling) as well as the oratory of great public gatherings. Crystal focuses on the here and now of eloquent

speaking—from pitch, pace, and prosody to jokes, appropriateness, and how to wield a microphone. He explains what is going on moment by moment and examines each facet of eloquence. He also investigates topics such as the way current technologies help or hinder our verbal powers, the psychological effects of verbal excellence, and why certain places or peoples are thought to be more eloquent than others. In the core analysis of the book, Crystal offers an extended and close dissection of Barack Obama's electrifying "Yes we can" speech of 2008, in which the president demonstrated full mastery of virtually every element of eloquence—from the simple use of

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parallelism and an awareness of what not to say, to his brilliant conclusion constructed around two powerful words: dreams and answers.

The Eloquence of Effort "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Timeless wisdom on controlling anger in personal life and politics from the Roman Stoic philosopher and statesman Seneca In his essay " On Anger " (De Ira), the Roman Stoic thinker Seneca (c. 4 BC – 65 AD) argues that anger is the most destructive passion: " No plague has cost the human race more dear. " This was proved by his own life, which he barely preserved under one wrathful emperor, Caligula, and lost under a second, Nero. This splendid new translation of essential

selections from " On Anger, " presented with an enlightening introduction and the original Latin on facing pages, offers readers a timeless guide to avoiding and managing anger. It vividly illustrates why the emotion is so dangerous and why controlling it would bring vast benefits to individuals and society. Drawing on his great arsenal of rhetoric, including historical examples (especially from Caligula ' s horrific reign), anecdotes, quips, and soaring flights of eloquence, Seneca builds his case against anger with mounting intensity. Like a fire-and-brimstone preacher, he paints a grim picture of the moral perils to which anger exposes us, tracing nearly all the world ' s evils to this one toxic source. But he then uplifts us with a beatific vision of the alternate path, a

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path of forgiveness and compassion that resonates with Christian and Buddhist ethics. Seneca ' s thoughts on anger have never been more relevant than today, when uncivil discourse has increasingly infected public debate. Whether seeking personal growth or political renewal, readers will find, in Seneca ' s wisdom, a valuable antidote to the ills of an angry age.

De ira Addison-Wesley Longman

A writing guide for the twenty-first century, Vernacular Eloquence explores how the variety of ways the spoken word can enhance the written word, drawing on examples from blogs, email, and other recent trends.

The Eloquence of Appropriation Crown

Have you ever had an ache or pain, and wished

your body could talk to you and tell you what was wrong? You're not alone! Master storyteller Nancy Mellon, author of Body Eloquence, has guided scores of people through the process of giving their bodies a voice. Drawing from mythology, medicine, biology and energetic healing, she finds the essential stories that characterize each organ of the human body, and trains us how to use these resources to identify the messages that our organs are communicating to us. The heart, for instance, is not just a durable pump, sending oxygenated blood to every cell. It's also a representation of goodwill; a heart-to-heart connection, or an open-hearted friend, are universal stories we can all identify. But a hard-hearted person is one we all avoid. These archetypes are found in mythologies from Native American traditions to Scandinavian tribes to Greek history, and are

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woven together in a fascinating matrix in *Body Eloquence*, showing how our organs are part of our psyche, our history, and our collective mythology.

The Etymologicon and the Horologicon  
Princeton University Press

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • A sharp, funny grammar guide they 'll actually want to read, from Random House 's longtime copy chief and one of Twitter 's leading language gurus **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY O:** The Oprah Magazine • Paste • Shelf Awareness “ Essential (and delightful!) ” —People We all write, all the time: books, blogs, emails. Lots and lots of emails. And we all want to write better. Benjamin Dreyer is here to help. As Random House 's copy chief, Dreyer has upheld the

standards of the legendary publisher for more than two decades. He is beloved by authors and editors alike—not to mention his followers on social media—for deconstructing the English language with playful erudition. Now he distills everything he has learned from the myriad books he has copyedited and overseen into a useful guide not just for writers but for everyone who wants to put their best prose foot forward. As authoritative as it is amusing, Dreyer 's *English* offers lessons on punctuation, from the underloved semicolon to the enigmatic en dash; the rules and nonrules of grammar, including why it 's OK to begin a sentence with “ And ” or “ But ” and to confidently split an infinitive; and why it 's best to avoid the doldrums of the Wan Intensifiers and Throat Clearers, including “ very, ” “ rather, ” “ of course, ” and the dreaded “ actually. ” Dreyer

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will let you know whether “ alright ” is all right (sometimes) and even help you brush up on your spelling—though, as he notes, “ The problem with mnemonic devices is that I can never remember them. ” And yes: “ Only godless savages eschew the series comma. ” Chockful of advice, insider wisdom, and fun facts, this book will prove to be invaluable to everyone who wants to shore up their writing skills, mandatory for people who spend their time editing and shaping other people ’ s prose, and—perhaps best of all—an utter treat for anyone who simply revels in language. Praise for Dreyer ’ s English “ Playful, smart, self-conscious, and personal . . . One encounters wisdom and good sense on nearly every page of Dreyer ’ s English. ” —The Wall Street Journal “ Destined to become a classic. ” —The Millions “ Dreyer can help you . . . with tips on

punctuation and spelling. . . . Even better:

He ’ ll entertain you while he ’ s at it. ” —Newsday

Vernacular Eloquence Crossway

To succeed in the world today, students need an education that equips them to recognize current trends, to be creative and flexible to respond to changing circumstances, to demonstrate sound judgment to work for society's good, and to gain the ability to communicate persuasively.

Eva Yale University Press

In this interdisciplinary study, Henry Maguire examines the influence of several literary genres and rhetorical techniques on the art of narration in Byzantium. He reveals the important and wide-reaching



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influence of literature on the visual arts. In particular, he shows that the literary embellishments of the sermons and hymns of the church nourished the imaginations of artists, and fundamentally affected the iconography, style, and arrangement of their work. Using provocative material previously unfamiliar to art historians, he concentrates on religious art from A.D. 843 to 1453. Professor Maguire first considers the Byzantine view of the link between oratory and painting, and then the nature of rhetoric and its relationship to Christian literature. He demonstrates how four rhetorical genres and devices—description, antithesis, hyperbole, and lament—had a special affinity with the visual arts and influenced several scenes in the Byzantine art, including the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Massacre of the Innocents, the Presentation, Christ's Passion, and the Dormition of the Virgin. Through the literature of the church, Professor Maguire concludes, the methods of rhetoric indirectly helped Byzantine artists add vividness to their narratives, structure their compositions, and enrich their work with languages. Once translated into visual language, the artifices of rhetoric could be appreciated by many. Henry Maguire is Assistant Professor of Art History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Originally published in 1982. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton

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The Horologicon Yale University Press  
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Pandemic Baby Bloomsbury Publishing

*The Eloquence of Effort* echoes the merits of conscientious toil. It provides an insightful look into the benefits of sustained socio-economic effort. To convincingly argue that dreams are only achievable through mind-numbing toil, the writer draws heavily from biographical, philosophical, economic, religious, historical and scientific data. Work is the mission; the multiple rewards are the byproducts, he argues. More importantly, the pleasure resides in the effort, not the results. Against the dark

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backdrop of malignancies inflicted on society by unrepentant leeches, the benefits of worker integrity are sharply focused. The reader is imperceptibly nudged into a higher plane of reality: namely, purposeful effort is supremely rewarding. The writer forces the realization that regardless of the immediate outcome, effort is never wasted. Conversely, indolence is the bane of progress and the root cause of economic crimes. Indeed, corruption in all its diabolical forms is nothing but laziness masquerading as diligence and embraced by those wanting the most for the least. Analysis of biographical data sustains the thesis that industry prolongs life; indolence truncates it - a finding supported by the Second Law of Thermodynamics. The persuasiveness of the arguments is supported by a wealth of references. Together they form the final authority; they have given resonance to the arguments.

The Elements of Eloquence Icon Books  
Rhetoric is among the most ancient

academic disciplines, and we all use it every day whether expertly or not. This book is a lively set of lessons on the subject. It is about rhetorical figures: practical ways of applying old and powerful principles--repetition and variety, suspense and relief, concealment and surprise, the creation of expectations and then the satisfaction or frustration of them--to the composition of a simple sentence or a complete paragraph. --from publisher description.

Empire of Eloquence Random House  
Emphasizing both reading and writing, The Elements of Difficulty helps readers to confront the challenges of interpreting difficult texts and to see those challenges as paths to knowledge, rather than impediments. This short, economical paperback enables readers to

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acknowledge, name, and assess the nature of their difficulties in reading and interpreting complex texts, with the ultimate goal of transforming confusion into understanding.

A Short History of Drunkenness Cambridge University Press

"During his lifetime, Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor was hailed by TIME magazine as the dean of America's black preachers. Newsweek honored him as one of the 12 greatest preachers in the English-speaking world. A civil rights leader, a Presidential Medal of Honor recipient, and a longtime pastor, Taylor was called "the poet laureate of American Protestantism." In this critical volume, scholar and pastor Joseph Evans analyzes the art of Taylor's preaching according to the five classical canons of rhetoric, celebrating in particular his excellence in narrative eloquence, which was the heart of his persuasive proclamation. Through a close reading of Taylor's sermons and careful scholarship in the discipline of rhetoric, Evans provides homileticians

and rhetoricians alike with an incisive and accessible understanding of the oratorical brilliance of the man whose eloquence transcended theological boundaries and sociopolitical and cultural constructs"--

Wisdom and Eloquence Yale University Press

The reuse of buildings and building materials from Roman antiquities into Christian Rome architecture, illustrated in cornices, pavement mosaics, columns and buildings.

The Unknown Unknown David R. Godine Publisher

A wise and entertaining guide to writing English the proper way by one of the greatest newspaper editors of our time. Harry Evans has edited everything from the urgent files of battlefield reporters to the complex thought processes of Henry Kissinger. He's even been knighted for his services to journalism. In *Do I Make Myself Clear?*, he brings his

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indispensable insight to us all in his definite guide to writing well. The right words are oxygen to our ideas, but the digital era, with all of its TTYL, LMK, and WTF, has been cutting off that oxygen flow. The compulsion to be precise has vanished from our culture, and in writing of every kind we see a trend towards more -- more speed and more information but far less clarity. Evans provides practical examples of how editing and rewriting can make for better communication, even in the digital age. *Do I Make Myself Clear?* is an essential text, and one that will provide every writer an editor at his shoulder.

The Gift of the Gab Oldenbourg  
Industrieverlag

Mark Forsyth - author of the Sunday Times  
Number One bestseller *The Etymologicon* -  
reveals in this essay, specially commissioned

for Independent Booksellers Week, the most valuable thing about a really good bookshop. Along the way he considers the wisdom of Donald Rumsfeld, naughty French photographs, why Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy would never have met online, and why only a bookshop can give you that precious thing - what you never knew you were looking for.

King Richard II University of Calgary Press  
From the internationally bestselling author of *The Etymologicon*, a lively and fascinating exploration of how, throughout history, each civilization has found a way to celebrate, or to control, the eternal human drive to get sloshed “ An entertaining bar hop though the past 10,000 years. ” —The New York Times Book Review Almost every culture on earth has drink, and where there ' s drink there ' s

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drunkenness. But in every age and in every place drunkenness is a little bit different. It can be religious, it can be sexual, it can be the duty of kings or the relief of peasants. It can be an offering to the ancestors, or a way of marking the end of a day's work. It can send you to sleep, or send you into battle. Making stops all over the world, *A Short History of Drunkenness* traces humankind's love affair with booze from our primate ancestors through to the twentieth century, answering every possible question along the way: What did people drink? How much? Who did the drinking? Of the many possible reasons, why? On the way, learn about the Neolithic Shamans, who drank to communicate with the spirit world (no pun intended), marvel at how Greeks got giddy and Sumerians got sauced, and find out how bars in the Wild West were never quite like in the

movies. This is a history of the world at its inebriated best.

*Speak Like Churchill, Stand Like Lincoln*  
Routledge

This original book challenges prevailing accounts of English literary history, arguing that English literature emerged as a distinct category during the late sixteenth century, as England's relationship with classical Rome was suffering an unprecedented strain.

Exploring the myths through which poets such as Geoffrey Whitney, William Shakespeare, and John Milton understood the nature of their art, Sean Keilen shows how they invented archaic origins for a new kind of writing. When history obliged English poets to regard themselves as victims of the Roman Conquest rather than rightful heirs of classical Latin culture, it also required a redefinition of their relations with

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Roman literature. Keilen shows how the poets ' search for a new beginning drew them to rework familiar fables about Orpheus, Philomela, and Circe, and invent a new point of departure for their own poetic history.