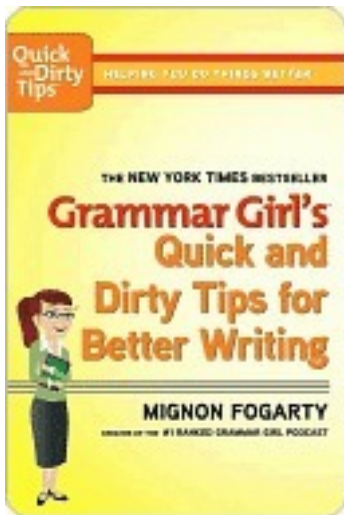

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Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing (Quick and Dirty Tips)



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Description

Online sensation Grammar Girl makes grammar fun and easy in her print debut

Are you stumped by split infinitives? Terrified of using "who" when a "whom" is called for? Do you avoid the words "lay" and "lie" altogether?

Grammar Girl is here to help!

Mignon Fogarty, a.k.a. Grammar Girl, is determined to wipe out bad grammar—but she's also determined to make the process as painless as possible. One year ago, she created a weekly podcast to tackle some of the most common mistakes people make while communicating. The podcasts have now been downloaded more than seven million times, and Mignon has dispensed grammar tips on *Oprah* and appeared on the pages of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*.

Written with the wit, warmth, and accessibility that the podcasts are known for, *Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing* covers the grammar rules and word-choice guidelines that can confound even the best writers. From "between vs. among" and "although vs. while" to comma splices and misplaced modifiers, Mignon offers memory tricks and clear explanations that will help readers recall and apply those troublesome grammar rules. Chock-full of tips on style, business writing, and effective e-mailing, Grammar Girl's print debut deserves a spot on every communicator's desk.

Insightful reviews

Cora: Buenas explicaciones y trucos para problemas con la gramática.

Un muy buen libro de referencia.

Lauren: You've heard her podcast. You've seen her on Oprah. You've downloaded her audiobook. Now you can add the first printed book from Mignon Fogarty (a.k.a. Grammar Girl) to your reference shelf. To the delight of word nerds everywhere, Grammar Girl's *Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing* came out yesterday.

Grammar Girl herself offered me an advance copy for review, which I thoroughly enjoyed reading and highly recommend to both grammar novices and experts alike. As the introduction says, the book is "a practical guide for everyday writers," and in the age of e-mail and blogging, that's all of us.

Fogarty writes with the same sensible yet friendly style and subtle humor that's made her podcast so famous. She gives concrete, everyday examples with help, of course, from Aardvark (a blue aardvark) and Squiggly (a yellow snail) who teach us about language through their "grammar adventures." The result is a surreal, grammatically correct world where cartoon aardvarks and snails know when to use "fewer" instead of "less."

Like her podcast, the book includes Fogarty's trademark tips and helpful memory tricks for learning about grammar, punctuation, and word usage. It's like a handy, bound-up version of her show, complete with questions and comments from listeners. She deftly covers the classics (e.g., it's vs. its) as well as less popular topics (e.g., the correct use of "female" and "woman"). Sidebars provide further explanation and trivia tidbits.

As an editor herself, Fogarty knows what makes our blood pressure rise and shares some of her own pet peeves. But like most reasonable grammarians, Fogarty knows the difference between hard-and-fast rules and what has become acceptable common usage. She also recognizes that the rules change depending on the context (formal vs. informal) and country (namely, American English vs. British English).

Although Fogarty acknowledges the book is not a comprehensive style guide, she suggests many ways to tighten and improve your writing and includes an entire chapter on capitalization. But what really distinguishes this book are the sections on writing for the Internet, generating story ideas, and how to turn Fogarty's tips into a writing career.

Here's my own quick-and-dirty tip: Buy this book. Give it to friends. It could make life easier for editors - as long as we're not out of a job!

Ivonne Rovira: This book rates as two stars or four, depending on who you are. If you're an expert English grammarian, [Mignon Fogarty's Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing](#) isn't for you; what you need is [H.W. Fowler's A Dictionary of Modern English Usage](#) or [Karen Elizabeth Gordon's The Transitive Vampire](#) -- or both, really.

However, for *hoi polloi* grammar needs, Fogarty's slim volume does the trick. If you're stumped on when to use *who* and *whom*, *further* or *farther*, *who's* or *whose*; beset with misplaced modifiers galore, or befuddled by colons, semicolons and hyphens, Fogarty will set you straight without jargon, condescension, or obtuse writing. She makes it easy with mnemonics and other tricks. High-school and even many college students could do worse than add *Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing* to their pile of textbooks.

Jennifer Smith: it is a nice grammar and writing book. If i may decide on just one grammar booklet to have on hand, i would decide upon this one, even over Strunk & White's "The components of Style." it truly is thorough and it is easy (and fun) to read. Mignon's writing variety is personable, friendly, charming, suitable . . . Anymore adjectives I should still throw in there?I'm so comfortable I acquired my palms on a duplicate of this nice book. i have already referenced it numerous times. (I can by no means retain the principles for "who" and "whom" instantly in my head!)A plus is that the ebook covers many questions that experience risen within the age of the web concerning mentioning websites, capitalizing specified words, and masses more. I completely suggest this booklet for college kids and writers!

Adam Parker: In an try to increase my choices for a chum who's writing his first novel, I picked up a publication known as Strunk and White's components of Style; it used to be excess of my head. After a bankruptcy or I grew to become to the joys and quirky writing form of Mignon Fogarty, an writer whose grammar assistance I were utilizing for years through her website. i am

completely happy I did. She took issues like grammar points, notice choice, and punctuation, and made them relaxing to profit approximately past the practicality of the information. I really regarded ahead to choosing this up bankruptcy after chapter. From time to time I might audibly snort whereas reclining in mattress studying in regards to the use of hyphens -- my spouse came across that abnormal and surprising. While you're desirous to increase your realizing of the English language and thus, your writing ability, then I hugely suggest this book. You are going to get pleasure from it.

Mars Dorian: What am I able to say? Fogarty's grammar e-book is among the most exciting I have ever read. Learn that sentence again, simply because I placed 'grammar' and 'fun' within the similar sentence, insane, I know. Seriously, as a way to examine English grammar in a enjoyable and interesting way, try out this book. It's good written, comes with many examples and has a delightful structure. For starters and professionals alike.

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