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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Two StarsBy EricMJonesI expected more.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. TERRIFICBy A. WirkmaaAlthough I've suspected that I might be wrong, I've always thought that my family was the only household that had its own lexicon of words and phrases to describe and refer to things both ordinary and unusual. Fearing that others might think that my folks and I were even more odd than we outwardly appeared to be, I kept it all to myself for a long time. But then along came "Family Words" by Paul Dickson.Now I realize that there is a fascinating and funny world of "inside jargon" common to many people, and Mr. Dickson has tapped into it with his usual wit and intelligence.Whether you come from a family like mine - where "family words" were almost a second language - or if you grew up sticking strictly to the "King's English" (or something at least reasonably close to it), this is a book that you can't help but enjoy, and I recommend it to anyone who is the least bit curious about this "secret garden" of language, or anyone with a sense of humor.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An Enjoyable Read for Family Members of All AgesBy William Young"Family Words: The Dictionary of the Secret Language of Families" is a delightful book that will amuse family members of all ages. Many of the entries will inspire readers to say, "But in our family, we called them ..." Some of the words are

appropriate only within an individual family context, such as the Minnesota family members who referred to their grandmother as "99," because 99 percent of the time when the phone rang, it was her. But others could be useful to anyone, such as the family who uses the term "yesternight" for the evening portion of yesterday. One can tell from the tone and style of the book that the author truly loves language, which is one of the reasons this book is such an enjoyable read.

Providing a vast collection of words developed in households across the country and through the decades, this creative reference book defines crafty words created within specific families. These words carry significant meaning within the originating family unit but are meaningless to those outside. For example, a "gluebottom" is the name for the guest who would not leave and "ootocks" became the expression for shoes and socks when a child was unable to pronounce the words individually. This dictionary includes the stories and interpretation necessary for all readers to appreciate these amusing and useful words and phrases.

From the Back Cover Remember the time when a relative coined a new word-- at a family occasion or under some unusual circumstance? Such expressions are passed down across generations, enriching the lore and joy of family life. Now, finally, Paul Dickson, author of the bestselling "Words" and "The Official Rules", has collected 750 of these words from families all over the country. How do you describe the marks left on your skin by an elastic waistband? They're "puckles". Those left by the pillowcase on your face when you wake up? "Brinkles". The gift that's too practical, like an ironing board or a screwdriver? It's a "gonger". And the food particles that stick to plates are (you knew it all along) "frones". When mathematician Edward Kasner asked his nine-year-old nephew to come up with a word for the number 1 followed by 100 zeroes, the boy answered "googol", a word that is now in standard usage. Other family words that have become mainstream include "nerd" and "humungous". Before you know it, you'll find yourself using the words in this delightful dictionary in everyday conversation. About the Author Paul Dickson is the author of more than 45 books, including The Hidden Language of Baseball, Labels for Locals, and Slang. He lives in Garrett Park, Maryland.