



Great Australian Stories

‘Mistakes are common, but it’s up to you, dear readers, to hold the line. Because while mistakes are generally funny, it is often important to get something right. When a blunder is made, people tend to remember and you may never live it down – just ask Tony Abbott.’

– Andrew Thompson

THE SUPPOSITORY OF ALL WISDOM

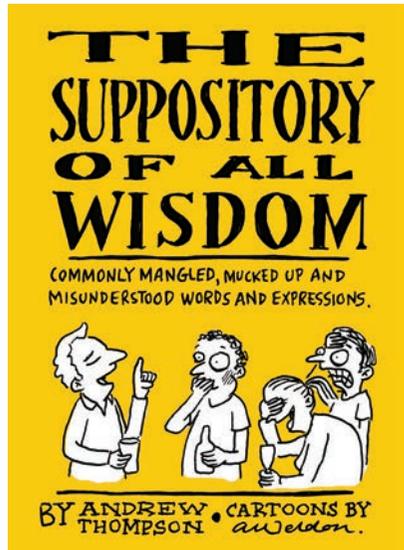
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Cartoons by Andrew Weldon

KEY SALES POINTS

- With a title this good, **The Suppository of All Wisdom** is sure to be a hit.
- The success of previous grammar books proves the potential for this title.
- Includes 40 original illustrations from the hilarious Andrew Weldon.
- This is the perfect gift for anyone with a love of books and words.

DESCRIPTION

Inspired by Tony Abbott's immortal verbal overreach, **The Suppository of All Wisdom** is a hilarious, fully illustrated guide to the words and expressions we most often mangle, muck up and just don't quite understand. You'll be amazed at how many supposedly well-educated speakers make mistakes – from schoolteachers, to newsreaders, to Rhodes Scholar prime ministers.

Too often the misinformed flaunt the rules, and that's a travesty. In one foul swoop, this book will make you sound smarter. It is the ultimate grammar guide, literally awesome, and begs the question: why not buy two?

AUTHOR DETAILS

Andrew Thompson lived in London for 12 years where he practised Law, before embarking on a three-year world tour. He has written three trivia books, *Why Skies are Blue and Parrots Talk*; *Why Do Kamikaze Pilots Wear Helmets?* (published in the US as *What Did We Use Before Toilet Paper?*), and *Why Are Oceans Salty and Chillies Hot?*. He also wrote the novel *The Hemingway Solution*, and a memoir, *Dog Days*, about his American road trip.

CARTOONIST DETAILS

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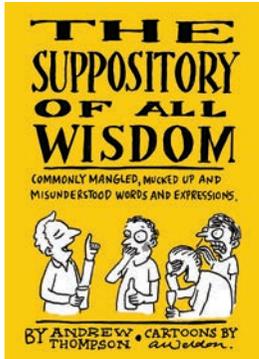
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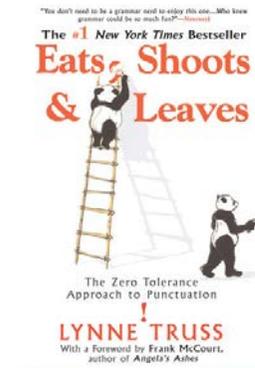


Martin Hughes, Publishing Director at Affirm Press:

‘Thanks heavens I got to read this book first so I can pretend I knew the right words all along! This book is a joy for anyone who loves language and wants to be playful as well as precise.’

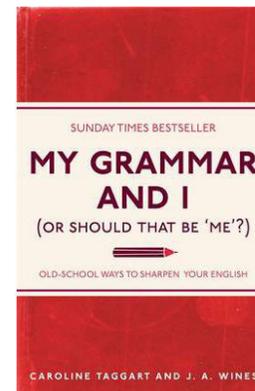


Martin Hughes created Affirm Press after a satisfying stint as editor of *The Big Issue* magazine. He had previously ‘worked’ for Lonely Planet as an author, editor and photographer, travelling around the world having awesome experiences and trading in words. And then he decided to have a crack at book publishing. Despite the negativity spread by many about the industry, he is possibly the most optimistic publisher in Australia – through a combination of strategic thinking, simple idealism and excited naivety.



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I Before E (Except After C) by Judy Parkinson, and **My Grammar and I (or should that be ‘me’?)** by Caroline Taggart

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