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What can words be, or rather, what can't they be? Poet Alastair Reid introduces children and adults to the wondrous waywardness of words in *Ounce Dice Trice*, a delicious confection and a wildly unexpected exploration of sound and sense and nonsense that is like nothing else. Reid offers light words (willow, whirr, spinnaker) and heavy words (galoshes, mugwump, crumb), words on the move and odd words, words that read both ways and words that read the wrong way around (rezagrats), along with much else. Accompanied by Ben Shahn's glorious drawings, *Ounce Dice Trice* is a book of endless delights, not to mention the only place where you can find the answer to the question: What is a gongoozler? Well, all I can say is quoz.

Ounce Dice Trice Details

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From Reader Review Ounce Dice Trice for online ebook

Danielle says

Wordplay at its finest. And those silly, sticky, evocative words!

Deborah says

My most treasured book, saved from my father's office, many years ago. It still has his logo stamped on the inside and smoke damage from the fire that destroyed part of the building. I reread this book periodically when I am feeling down, or nostalgic, or when I wanted to entertain my children, or now my grandchildren, or even myself, with funny words and wonderful illustrations.

Jessica Harrison says

full review at Deseret News

Author Alastair Reid has a fascination with words that he'd like to share with you. And not just any words, although those are interesting, too, but also curiosities, old words no longer used and words he thinks should exist.

Paired with black-and-white illustrations, these tongue-twisting collections of letters may just make you want to create your own concoction of words.

"Ounce Dice Trice" is quirky and unconventional. With poetry and illustrations reminiscent of Shel Silverstein, this book is a witty and fun ride for the entire family.

Deborah says

One of my favorite books, all about words - some real, taken out of context, and listed by categories, like: "Light Words" (lissom, sibilant, nimble...), "Names for Elephants" (Wilbur, Bendigo, Wendell Tubb, Deuteronomy...), etc. Other words are completely invented and defined such as "a GONGOZZLER is an idle person who is always stopping in the street and starting at a curious object like a TINGLE-AIREY." The illustrations by Ben Shahn are also wonderful. O.P., but find it at the library - great fun to read aloud, and likely to lead to imaginative family word play!

Pair this with Richard Wilbur's **Opposites, More Opposites, and a Few Differences**.

Christine says

Ehhh... I wasn't really into this book of wordplay. It might be more fun with an older kid or in a different mood.

Mr. V. says

What a fun book! This book lists cooky words in the English language, using categories that range from "names for your twin cats" to alternate sets of words to help you count one through ten (hence the title). My personal favorite lists: The "heavy" and "light" words -- weigh them as you say them -- only a poet could make these observations. Could ignite an interest in linguistics for children and adults. It's not a dictionary, but it makes you want to dig into one :)

Roxie says

Hilarious wordplay for all ages, excellent black and white caricatures pair and enhance silliness. Side-splitting rhythms, frolicking repetitions and slick shenanigans create a must read work of art!

Deborah says

Hurray! It's back in print! Now I can give this book to my friends. Because to my mind every writer needs a dictionary, a thesaurus, The Elements of Style (illustrated), and this - OUNCE DICE TRICE.

Clare Cannon says

Delightful book about words, meanings and the art of writing. Good for a laugh and very inspirational for budding writers.

Shonna Froebel says

I had bought this book for a gift, but I'm finding it so nice, I might have trouble giving it up. It is a lovely book celebrating words and the sounds they make. From words that sound like what they describe to words that give you certain feelings, you really look at words more closely. There are some lovely circular garlands that lead you through several interesting words back to the beginning. There are lists of words to name different things and different lists of counting words. This is a great book for any age person who likes words.

Grass_Roots Books and Music says

If you love language, words and pronouncing things, you will fall in love with this book. It may have been intended for children, but I keep reading it to myself over and over again. Reid describes his book as "a collection of words and names to amuse and amaze you." This book is more than just lists, however -- Reid's sorting, categories, descriptions and definitions are poetic, funny, and wonderfully clever. Reviewed on

NPR.

Lawrence says

I was delighted that my Mom still possessed this book from my childhood. It's a playful, fun celebration of both the meaning and sound of words (both real and made-up), accompanied by great illustrations by Ben Shahn.

I'll give two representative examples, a list of animal groups:

"A BOOING OF BUFFALOES
A DULE OF DOVES
AN EXALTATION OF LARKS
A NYE OF PHEASANTS
A PIOLING OF PELICANS
A SKEIN OF GEESE
A SKULK OF FOXES
A SMOTHER OF SPIDERS
A SNUTTERING OF MONKEYS
A TREMBLING OF GOLDFISH"

And from a series of linked paragraphs using obscure, forgotten words:

"WHAT IS THE PAXWAX?

The *paxwax* is the tendon at the back of the neck which supports the head, and which flushes red when people are in a *tirrivee*.

WHAT IS A TIRRIVEE?

A *tirrivee* is a temper. Mothers go into a *tirrivee* over the *jiggery-pokery* of children.

WHAT IS JIGGERY-POKERY?

Jiggery-pokery is trickery or mischief or hanky-panky on the part of children, such as pretending to be deaf or teasing a *Tantony*.

WHAT IS A TANTONY?

A *Tantony* is the smallest pig in a litter, so called after Saint Anthony, the patron saint of swineherds. Small creatures are usually given such special names, like kittens or cygnets or *quicklings*."

And so on, delightfully...

Terence says

Ounce Dice Trice is the second in my B-Day trilogy that I mailed to my niece the other day (the first being *Supposing*, by the same author, the third, *The Terrible Troll-bird*).

This book is a romp exploring the magic/fun of words and their power.

Below is a short compilation of some of my favorite words or phrases:

A "consternation of mothers" or a "tribulation of children"

Sounds people & things make:

MRRAAOWL (a more accurate transliteration of a cat's "meow")

HARROWOLLOWORRAH (a yawn)

KINKLUNK (a car going over a manhole cover)

Names for whales: HAMISH, CHUMLEY

A propos of that: "It is most important to be a good namer, since it falls to all of us at some time or other to name anything from a canary to a castle...."

And, lastly:

If someone tells you something you don't believe, look at him steadily and say:
FIRKYDOODLE FUDGE.

Trish says

This is a glorious book to savor and read again and again just for the chance to revel in the beauty of words. It's not just a kids book, though it is sold in that department and though kids would love to have it read to them. The words speak for themselves, are arranged as artfully as poetry on a page, and are accompanied by the most beautiful and skillful illustrations by Ben Shahn. What a collaboration! I recommend it for everyone, and hope, even if you don't add it to your library, that you take the opportunity to look for it, and in it.

Donna says

I loved, loved, loved this book. Did I say I love this book? This is a book for all you long-winded, locquacious, verbose lovers of our fine language. It was really funny and words used I never ever heard of. It just left me feeling Ram Tam Gee Pickagee! Feeling good! In it he gives names to everything. I loved the part where he names twins like Wishy and Washy for fish, Higgledy-Piggledy (good names for pigs) or Shilly and Shally or Dilly and Dally or Knick and Knack. Namby and Pamby are better names for poodles;.Just a fun book. I want to go out and name some birds or something.