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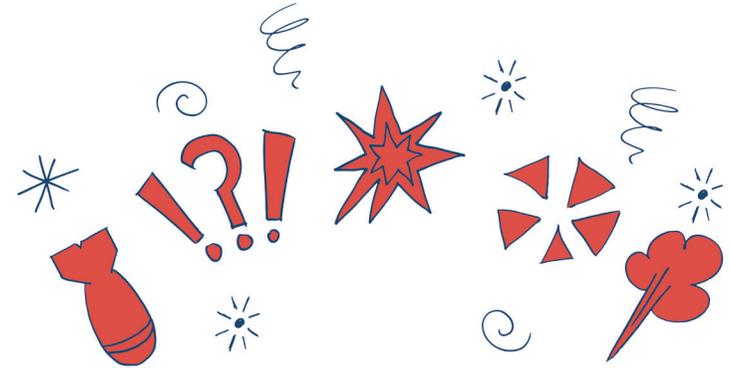
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Preface

There are no cuss words in this book.

You already know them all anyway — what's the point?

This book is about how to cuss, how to cuss well, when to cuss, and how to get away with it. There's also a bit about where to cuss.

That's enough.

So, there will be no cuss words in this book.

Unless I get mad.



Why Do We Cuss?

Because we have to.

With life, comes trouble. Things never go as well as they should, and cussing offers a quick pick-me-up, an energizing cheap thrill, or a generic substitute for knowing the right thing to say.

Cussing is one of the spices of life. Even when life is good, cussing can make it better. It adds emphasis. And, it is oddly inclusive — cussing works best when there's an audience. Cussing is an ancient form of public discourse. It provides a universal rating system of how you're really feeling about things.

Usually no one really teaches us how to cuss. We have to pick it up "in the streets," and perhaps that is

as it should be. Imagine how colorless cussing would be if it was presented from the front of the classroom or a courtroom or a place of worship. If the authority figures and role models in our lives “approved” of cussing, what would be the point? Screw ‘em. (See how it works?)

That’s probably why there are no college courses in cussing, and no post-graduate degrees or honors, like *magna cum profanity*. Perhaps in some dark future these pages can become a textbook on the subject. In the meantime, hopefully, this modest book will provide a bit of guidance, ranging from surly nuance to simply being gross.

One quick note on an age-old academic question. Is it “cussing” or “cursing?” Yes.

It is both. One is correct. The other is right. Obviously, use “cursing” if you’re a stiff and you think you’re too good to use “cussing.” Otherwise, use “cussing.” “Cursing” would be an entirely different book.



Busted!

You’ve been caught, right? That’s why you’re reading this book — you’ve gotten yourself in trouble for cussing. (If you haven’t, you will.)

So what’s the big deal? Maybe you just wanted to be bad for a change, without doing anything *really* bad. Cussing is certainly better than armed robbery, murder, or being a politician.

Cussing is powerful. It can make you feel good. It can also make you pretty low afterwards if you’ve chosen the wrong time, place, person, or wording — so be careful. Before you cut loose with heated words, look around. Who’s watching? Who’s listening? Who’s got a cell phone pointed at you?



If you're going to cuss, don't whine about getting caught. That's the deal.

Getting caught is just another way of saying, "Someone's listening," but if no one is listening, what's the point of cussing anyway?

How do you get away with it?

Be smart. Be subtle. Be devious. And, be ready to apologize (without any more cussing). Pretend that you've learned your lesson.

Say that it just slipped out. Yeah, that's a good one. Try that. It was an accident in the heat of the moment. Good luck.



At Home

All homes are different. Some have absolutely no cussing. Others have lots and lots of cussing.

Mom and Dad may cuss, but that doesn't necessarily mean they want *you* to cuss. Some kids have parents who would never cuss, especially not in front of them.

You can safely assume that if Mom and Dad don't cuss, they certainly don't want you to.

On the other hand, if your answer to, "Where did you learn those filthy words?" is, "From Mom," then you're pretty much off the hook. Cuss away!

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