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From the Back Cover

“Richard Lederer is the true king of language comedy. Anguished English is the funniest book I have ever read.” ?Sidney Sheldon

Anguished English is filled with accidental misuses of language that will delight and entertain you. This book has all the student bloopers, dangling modifiers, misread headlines, and malapropisms imaginable. It’s a must-have for word lovers everywhere.

Advertisement: “Dog for sale. Eats anything and is fond of children.”

In a lawsuit: “Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?” “All my autopsies are on dead people.”

On a Hong Kong tailor shop: “Ladies may have a fit upstairs.”

Describing an accident: “In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.”

About the Author

Richard Lederer is the author of more than 35 books about language, history, and humor, including his best-selling Anguished English series. He is founding cohost of A Way with Words on public radio and his syndicated column, "Looking at Language," appears in newspapers and magazines throughout the United States. He lives in San Diego.

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