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### SHANE AYERS

*Democracy in America* University of Chicago Press  
 Part essay, part discursive dictionary, this is an account and critique of the presence of jargon in our culture, speech and literature. It explores the varieties of language coloured by shop-talk, vogue words, 'buzz words', slang, hackneyed phraseology and hard pressed metaphors; the origins of jargon in literary, journalisitic, commercial and technical settings; and changes in useage and attitudes to useage over time. It incorporates a selective and sometimes satirical 'devil's dictionary' of jargon today.  
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 "Offers reading strategies and student

activities for: world history, American history, geography, government & civics."-Cover.

[Texas : Language and Literacy](#) Gardners Books

The protagonist of this fictional autobiography wrestles with race in America from the perspective of someone who learns that he is considered black but also that he can pass as white if he wants to. His personal ambitiousness and racial ambivalence makes him a sort of American Hamlet: undone by indecision. Will he be "a credit to his race" by advancing an African-American heritage he loves and appreciates in the face of a hostile culture, or will he retreat into the mediocrity of a safe, white, middle-class family life? Along the way, he shares his penetrating observations about race relations in the American north and south,

about the "freemasonry" of subterranean black American culture, about the emerging bohemian jazz subculture in New York City, and about traditions of African American religious music and oratory. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

**Everyday Use** Barrons Test Prep

An aunt imparts wisdom to her teenage niece, inspired by the works of Jane Austen, in this novel from the Man Booker Prize-nominated author. Alice is an aspiring novelist with green hair and zero interest in reading Jane Austen for her college English class. However, her Aunt Fay, a novelist herself, isn't about to let Alice stick her nose up at Austen or other enduring authors. "You find her boring, petty and irrelevant, and, that as the world is in crisis, and the future catastrophic,

you cannot imagine what purpose there can be in reading her," Fay writes her. "My dear pretty little Alice, now with black and green hair . . . How can I hope to explain Literature to you, with its capital 'L'?" Alternating between passages from Jane Austen's novels and accounts of her own career, Aunt Fay pays tribute to a great author, explores the craft of fiction, and charts her niece's development as a writer in this unique book that reveals how Austen—and great literature—is truly, wonderfully timeless.

*The Official ACT Prep Guide* Harper Collins  
The Pathfinder Society is a globe-trotting organization of adventurers, scholars, and warriors all dedicated to exploration, collecting lost knowledge and treasure, and sharing it with the world. *Lost Omens: Pathfinder Society Guide* details everything players and GMs need to know about the Pathfinder Society, from the basics of membership, to the Society's various factions, to the various lodges littered throughout the Inner Sea region. This book is the go-to source for the history and lore of the Pathfinder Society and features new rules content including new equipment, wayfinders, and support for Pathfinder-related archetypes! A useful book in its own right, this helpful volume is a must-have for participants in Paizo's massive Pathfinder Society worldwide organized play campaign, and a great way to get involved in the international campaign!

*The Scarlet Ibis* Virago Press  
A man and his girlfriend wait for a train to Madrid at station in rural Spain, the almost casual nature of their conversation evading the true emotional depth of what's happening between the two of them. "Hills Like White Elephants" is considered to be among Ernest Hemingway's best short fiction, showcasing the author's powerful ability to strip writing down to its bare bones and allow the reader's imagination to fill in the subtext. One of America's foremost journalists and authors, Ernest Hemingway as also a master of the short story genre, penning more than fifty short stories during his career, many of which featured one of his most popular prose characters, Nick Adams. The most popular of Hemingway's short stories include "Hills Like White Elephants," "Indian Camp," "The Big Two-Hearted River," and "The Snows of Kilimanjaro." HarperCollins brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperCollins short-stories collection to build your digital

library.

*History of Plymouth Plantation, 1620-1647*  
The Most Dangerous Game

The Everyday Mathematics (EM) program was developed by the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project (UCSMP) and is now used in more than 185,000 classrooms by almost three million students. Its research-based learning delivers the kinds of results that all school districts aspire to. Yet despite that tremendous success, EM often leaves parents perplexed. Learning is accomplished not through rote memorization, but by actually engaging in real-life math tasks. The curriculum isn't linear, but rather spirals back and forth, weaving concepts in and out of lessons that build overall understanding and long-term retention. It's no wonder that many parents have difficulty navigating this innovative mathematical and pedagogic terrain. Now help is here. Inspired by UCSMP's firsthand experiences with parents and teachers, *Everyday Mathematics for Parents* will equip parents with an understanding of EM and enable them to help their children with homework—the heart of the great parental adventure of ensuring that children become mathematically proficient. Featuring accessible explanations of the research-based philosophy and design of the program, and insights into the strengths of EM, this little book provides the big-picture information that parents need. Clear descriptions of how and why this approach is different are paired with illustrative tables that underscore the unique attributes of EM. Detailed guidance for assisting students with homework includes explanations of the key EM concepts that underlie each assignment. Resources for helping students practice math more at home also provide an understanding of the long-term utility of EM. Easy to use, yet jam-packed with knowledge and helpful tips, *Everyday Mathematics for Parents* will become a pocket mentor to parents and teachers new to EM who are ready to step up and help children succeed. With this book in hand, you'll finally understand that while this may not be the way that you learned math, it's actually much better.

*Wild Geese* BJU Press

"The Gift of the Magi" is a short story by O. Henry first published in 1905. The story tells of a young husband and wife and how they deal with the challenge of buying secret Christmas gifts for each other with very little money. As a sentimental story with a moral lesson about gift-giving, it has been popular for adaptation, especially for presentation at Christmas

time.

*Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*  
Open Road Media

Santiago, an old Cuban fisherman, has gone 84 days without catching a fish. Confident that his bad luck is at an end, he sets off alone, far into the Gulf Stream, to fish. Santiago's faith is rewarded, and he quickly hooks a marlin...a marlin so big he is unable to pull it in and finds himself being pulled by the giant fish for two days and two nights. HarperPerennialClassics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperPerennial Classics collection to build your digital library.

*City Poems* Standard Ebooks

Ashamed of his younger brother's physical handicaps, an older brother teaches him how to walk and pushes him to attempt more strenuous activities.

**The Lady, Or the Tiger? - Scholar's**

**Choice Edition** HarperCollins Publishers  
Mary Oliver is one of America's best-loved poets, the winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Her luminous poetry celebrates nature and beauty, love and the spirit, silence and wonder, extending the visionary American tradition of Whitman, Emerson, Frost and Emily Dickinson. Her extraordinary poetry is nourished by her intimate knowledge and minute daily observation of the New England coast, its woods and ponds, its birds and animals, plants and trees.

*The Old Man And The Sea* Standard Ebooks

Fifteen poems explore the sights and sounds of life in a big city.

*California Edition* Scholar's Choice

A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city.

**What You Need to Know to Help Your Child Succeed** HarperCollins Canada

"The more I know of the world, the more am I convinced that I shall never see a man whom I can really love. I require so much!" Marianne Dashwood wears her heart on her sleeve, and when she falls in love with the dashing but unsuitable John Willoughby she ignores her sister Elinor's warning that her impulsive behaviour leaves her open to gossip and innuendo. Meanwhile Elinor, always sensitive to social convention, is struggling to conceal her own romantic disappointment, even from those closest to her. Through their parallel experience of love-and its threatened loss-the sisters learn that

sense must mix with sensibility if they are to find personal happiness in a society where status and money govern the rules of love. This Ultimate Book Club edition also includes discussion questions and fun facts for the perfect book club get together. It is beautifully designed to be a decorative masterpiece on your shelf and a great way to get your classic book collection started.

Freedom's Plow Amila Jay

Master verbalist Richard Lederer, America's "Wizard of Idiom" (Denver Post), presents a love letter to the most glorious of human achievements... Welcome to Richard Lederer's beguiling celebration of language -- of our ability to utter, write, and receive words. No purists need stop here. Mr. Lederer is no linguistic sheriff organizing posses to hunt down and string up language offenders. Instead, join him "In Praise of English," and discover why the tongue described in Shakespeare's day as "of small reach" has become the most widely spoken language in history: English never rejects a word because of race, creed, or national origin. Did you know that jukebox comes from Gullah and canoe from Haitian Creole? Many of our greatest writers have invented words and bequeathed new expressions to our everyday conversations. Can you imagine making up almost ten percent of our written vocabulary? Scholars now know that William Shakespeare did just that! He also points out the pitfalls and pratfalls of English. If a man mans a station, what does a woman do? In the "The Department of Redundancy Department," "Is English Prejudiced?" and other essays, Richard Lederer urges us not to abandon that which makes us human: the capacity to distinguish, discriminate, compare, and evaluate.

The Miracle of Language John Wiley & Sons

Presents the text of Alice Walker's story "Everyday Use"; contains background essays that provide insight into the story; and features a selection of critical response. Includes a chronology and an interview with the author.

Letters to Alice HarperCollins UK

The Most Dangerous Game BEYOND BOOKS HUB

*A Key Into the Language of America* Creative Company

♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game, also published as *The Hounds of Zaroff*, is a short story by Richard Connell first published in *Collier's* magazine on January 19, 1924. It features a big-game hunter from New York who falls off a yacht and swims to an isolated island in the

Caribbean where he is hunted by a Cossack aristocrat. The story is an adaptation of the big-game hunting safaris in Africa and South America that were fashionable among wealthy Americans in the 1920s. ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ Big-game hunter Sanger Rainsford and his friend, Whitney, are traveling to the Amazon rainforest for a jaguar hunt. After a discussion about how they are "the hunters" instead of "the hunted," Whitney goes to bed and Rainsford hears gunshots. He climbs onto the yacht's rail and accidentally falls overboard, swimming to Ship-Trap Island, which is notorious for shipwrecks. On the island, he finds a palatial chateau inhabited by two Cossacks: the owner, General Zaroff, and his gigantic deaf-mute servant, Ivan. ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ Zaroff, another big-game hunter, knows of Rainsford from his published account of hunting snow leopards in Tibet. Over dinner, the middle-aged Zaroff explains that although he has been hunting animals since he was a boy, he has decided that killing big-game has become boring for him, so after escaping the Russian Revolution he moved to Ship-Trap Island and set it up to trick ships into wrecking themselves on the jagged rocks that surround it. He takes the survivors captive and hunts them for sport, giving them food, clothing, a knife, and a three-hour head start, and using only a small-caliber pistol for himself. Any captives who can elude Zaroff, Ivan, and a pack of hunting dogs for three days are set free. He reveals that he has won every hunt to date. Captives are offered a choice between being hunted or turned over to Ivan, who once served as official knouter for The Great White Czar. Rainsford denounces the hunt as barbarism, but Zaroff replies by claiming that "life is for the strong." Realizing he has no way out, Rainsford reluctantly agrees to be hunted. During his head start, Rainsford lays an intricate trail in the forest and then climbs a tree. Zaroff finds him easily, but decides to play with him as a cat would with a mouse, standing underneath the tree Rainsford is hiding in, smoking a cigarette, and then abruptly departing. ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ After the failed attempt at eluding Zaroff, Rainsford builds a Malay man-catcher, a weighted log attached to a trigger. This contraption injures Zaroff's shoulder, causing him to return home for the night, but he shouts his respect for the trap before departing. The next day Rainsford creates a Burmese tiger pit, which kills one of Zaroff's hounds. He sacrifices his

knife and ties it to a sapling to make another trap, which kills Ivan when he stumbles into it. To escape Zaroff and his approaching hounds, Rainsford dives off a cliff into the sea; Zaroff, disappointed at Rainsford's apparent suicide, returns home. Zaroff smokes a pipe by his fireplace, but two issues keep him from the peace of mind: the difficulty of replacing Ivan and the uncertainty of whether Rainsford perished in his dive. **Selected Poems** Applewood Books In the mid 1700s, around the age of eleven, Olaudah Equiano and his sister were kidnapped from their village in equatorial Africa and sold to slavers. Within a year he was aboard a European slave ship on his way to the Caribbean. *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African* was published by the author in 1789 and is part adventure story, part treatise on the corrupting power of slavery, and part tract about the transformative powers of Christianity. Equiano's story takes him from Africa to the Americas, back across the Atlantic to England, into the Mediterranean, and even north to the ice packs, on a mission to discover the North-East passage. He fights the French in the Seven Year's War, is a mate and merchant in the West Indies, and eventually becomes a freedman based in London. *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano* was one of the first popular slave narratives and was reprinted eight times in the author's lifetime. While modern scholars value this account as an important source on the life of the eighteenth-century slave and the transition from slavery to freedom, it remains an important literary work in its own right. As a valuable part of the African and African-American canons, it is still frequently taught in both English and History university courses. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks. **The Crucible** Spark Publishing Group Tillie Olsen carved a permanent place in American literature on the strength of a single book, *TELL ME A RIDDLE* in 1962. This collection was widely hailed as a work of genius, in which the voices of ordinary Americans, black and white, male and female, were given their own rhythms and forms of expression. *YONNONDIO*, Olsen's only novel, was begun during the depression and completed in 1974. It tells the story of the Hollbrooks, an itinerant working-class family in middle-America during the thirties. Brutalised by poverty, they struggle to find a space to breathe, to dream and to create a better life for their children. Told in compelling, haunting

prose, it is a profound and timeless story of the human will to survive.