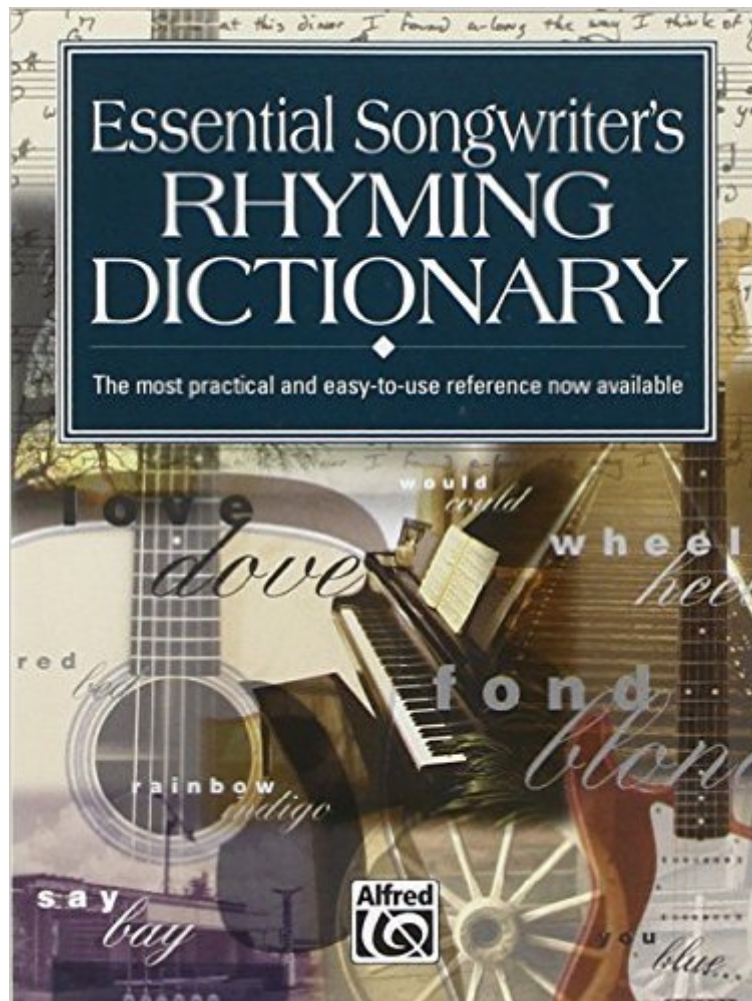


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# Essential Songwriter's Rhyming Dictionary: Pocket Size Book



## Synopsis

Acclaimed by the New York Times as "part muse, part quick reference," this pocket-sized dictionary is an easy-to-use tool geared specifically toward the contemporary songwriter. A concise collection of the most-often used words in popular music, the simple format allows for fast reference, while the 15,000 entries provide more than ample rhyming options.

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While this didn't necessarily have the greatest amount of information, and not all the words were cross-referenced back to each other all the time, it was still a very useful tool. Since it's small, you can carry it around easily. The absence of more complicated words was rationalized by the fact that most songs would sound odd with scientific references and other such words in the lyrics. It only had the most used words, but there were plenty of them. However, I found the greatest value in this book at the very beginning within about the first ten pages. These pages provided an excellent tips section for song writing in general that has the best list of 10 useful tips I've ever seen. I lost this book, and I will probably buy it again (mostly for the tips section, but also because it is a great reference you can carry anywhere).

Every songwriter who uses rhyme has moments of searching for the right word. This dictionary is perfect: easy to carry, very easy to use, and chock full of good words. I find that looking for the right word can also stimulating song ideas. I've tried other, more technical books, for poets. But I've found

this to be at once sufficient and comprehensive for my songwriting. You never can tell, So use it well.

This is a handy book. It's small and easy to carry around and you can pretty often find what you're looking for in it. It's good if you're browsing for ideas and it has a small section on basic rhyming schemes and useful hints for beginner songwriters. There are some serious drawbacks though. The obvious one is that it's not very big and doesn't have all that many words. Another is that while it lists words in different tenses, it does for some reason not appear to have any words in plural listed. It has 16 rhymes for the word "star", but "stars" (or any words that rhyme, like cars, bars, etc.) is nowhere to be found. So while this is a handy book for the beginning lyricist, people who are really serious about songwriting should probably go for something more extensive. But then again, it's only 6 bucks. And for 6 bucks it's not a bad book.

This is one of the best rhyming dictionaries around. I love the way it is organized. It also has all kinds of tidbit information in the front of the book that other rhyming dictionaries do not. There may be larger desk versions of rhyming dictionaries but as far as pocket sizes go this is the best.

It's important to mention, that this physically small dictionary has its limitations. The dictionary doesn't cover every aspect on rhyming. But it's not its generally purpose. The book will come in handy for those who want a fast rhyme (or half rhyme) to finish his/her lyrics in a good way. It also have some practical information on songwriting in general. I like this practical book for what it is. Even though it's small, its potential are huge!

I purchased the Essential Songwriter's Rhyming Dictionary for my son, a budding songwriter. It seems to be good enough for his dad, a seasoned songwriter, to borrow pretty consistently. They have both found it useful and are singing its praises!

I'm actually lowering my rating on this because I'm finding a lot of words missing from this rhyming dictionary. I keep finding myself looking online because this is a little too condensed. Some of the basics are missing.

My grandson is a singer/song writer. I gave him this book for Christmas, and he told me that this is just THE one he had planned to buy. It contains a lot of info, yet small enough to carry with him; fits right in guitar case, too. He highly recommends it.

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