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Cardinal rule #1 for surviving school: Don't get noticed by the mean kids. Cardinal rule #2 for surviving school: Seek out groups with similar interests and join them. On her first day at her new school, Penelope--Peppi--Torres reminds herself of these basics. But when she trips into a quiet boy in the hall, Jaime Thompson, she's already broken the first rule, and the mean kids start calling her the \"nerder girlfriend.\" How does she handle this crisis? By shoving poor Jaime and running away! Falling back on rule two and surrounding herself with new friends in the art club, Peppi still can't help feeling ashamed about the way she treated Jaime. Things are already awkward enough between the two, but to make matters worse, he's a member of her own club's archrivals--the science club! And when the two clubs go to war, Peppi realizes that sometimes you have to break the rules to survive middle school!

### Well, That Was Awkward

Gracie has never felt like this before. One day, she suddenly can't breathe, can't walk, can't anything—and the reason is standing right there in front of her, all tall and weirdly good-looking: A.J. But it turns out A.J. likes not Gracie but Gracie's beautiful best friend, Sienna. Obviously Gracie is happy for Sienna. Super happy! She helps Sienna compose the best texts, responding to A.J.'s surprisingly funny and appealing texts, just as if she were Sienna. Because Gracie is fine. Always! She's had lots of practice being the sidekick, second-best. It's all good. Well, almost all. She's trying. Funny and tender, Well, That Was Awkward goes deep into the heart of middle school, and finds that even with all the heartbreak, there can be explosions of hope and moments of perfect happiness.

### Cringeworthy

Examines the ways that embracing socially awkward situations, even when they lead to embarrassment and self-conciousness, also provide the opportunity to test oneself and to recognize how people are connected to each other.

### Alexandra and the Awful, Awkward, No Fun, Truly Bad Dates

Follow Alexandra and her adorable French bulldog pup Lottie as Alex goes on 30 dates in 30 days in this charming parody/comedic dating horror story all about dating apps, being stood up, and the other joys of millennial dating culture. Set in the thick of our swipe right society, newly thirty-year-old Alexandra decides she's got nothing to lose and sets off on a 30-dates-in-30-days adventure. With her trusty French bulldog pup Lottie, Alex experiences the worst of millennial dating culture. From know-it-alls and bores to Mama's boys and no-shows and everything else in between, you'll be laughing along with Alex as she searches for love but ultimately discovers something a lot more meaningful. Alexandra and the Awful, Awkward, No Fun, Truly Bad Dates is the perfect gift for anyone who has swiped right, blind dated, or simply been a little bit lost in love at one point in their life.

#### **Awkward Rituals**

A fresh account of early American religious history that argues for a new understanding of ritual. In the years between the American Revolution and the Civil War, there was an awkward persistence of sovereign rituals, vestiges of a monarchical past that were not easy to shed. In Awkward Rituals, Dana Logan focuses our

attention on these performances, revealing the ways in which governance in the early republic was characterized by white Protestants reenacting the hierarchical authority of a seemingly rejected king. With her unique focus on embodied action, rather than the more common focus on discourse or law, Logan makes an original contribution to debates about the relative completeness of America's Revolution. Awkward Rituals theorizes an under-examined form of action: rituals that do not feel natural even if they sometimes feel good. This account challenges common notions of ritual as a force that binds society and synthesizes the self. Ranging from Freemason initiations to evangelical societies to missionaries posing as sailors, Logan shows how white Protestants promoted a class-based society while simultaneously trumpeting egalitarianism. She thus redescribes ritual as a box to check, a chore to complete, an embarrassing display of theatrical verve. In Awkward Rituals, Logan emphasizes how ritual distinctively captures what does not change through revolution.

### A Field Guide to Awkward Silences

Washington Post columnist Alexandra Petri turns her satirical eye on her own life in this hilarious new memoir... Most twentysomethings spend a lot of time avoiding awkwardness. Not Alexandra Petri. Afraid of rejection? Alexandra Petri has auditioned for America's Next Top Model. Afraid of looking like an idiot? Alexandra Petri lost Jeopardy! by answering "Who is that dude?" on national TV. Afraid of bad jokes? Alexandra Petri won an international pun championship. Petri has been a debutante, reenacted the Civil War, and fended off suitors at a Star Wars convention while wearing a Jabba the Hutt suit. One time, she let some cult members she met on the street baptize her, just to be polite. She's a connoisseur of the kind of awkwardness that most people spend whole lifetimes trying to avoid. If John Hodgman and Amy Sedaris had a baby...they would never let Petri babysit it. But Petri is here to tell you: Everything you fear is not so bad. Trust her. She's tried it. And in the course of her misadventures, she's learned that there are worse things out there than awkwardness—and that interesting things start to happen when you stop caring what people think.

### **Awkward Family Photos**

Based on the hit website, AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com ("painful, regrettable, horrifyingly awesome snaps of family bonding, you will laugh so hard that people in adjoining offices will ask what's wrong with you"—Esquire), this full color book features never-before-seen photos and hilarious personal stories covering everything from uncomfortable moments with relatives, teen angst, sibling rivalry, and family vacations from hell. Cringe at the forced poses, bad hair, and matching outfits--all prompting us to look at our own families and celebrate the fact that we're not alone. Nothing says awkward better than an uncomfortable family photograph!

#### The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl

An introvert braves the cybersex, the pitfalls of eating out alone, the difficulties of weight gain, and other hurdles faced by shy people living in a world that urges us to be cool as \"J\" humorously recounts her life in all its awkward glory.

### The Awkward Black Man

A new collection of short fiction from the Edgar Award-winning author of Devil in a Blue Dress and Trouble is What I Do. With his extraordinary fiction and gripping television writing, Walter Mosley has proven himself a master of narrative tension. The Awkward Black Man collects seventeen of Mosley's most accomplished short stories to showcase the full range of his remarkable talent. Touching, contemplative, and always surprising, these stories introduce an array of imperfect characters—awkward, self-defeating, elf-involved, or just plain odd. In The Awkward Black Man, Mosley overturns the stereotypes that corral black male characters and paints subtle, powerful portraits of unique individuals. In \"The Good News Is,\" a man's insecurity about his weight gives way to illness and a loneliness so intense that he'd do anything for a little

human comfort. \"Pet Fly,\" previously published in the New Yorker, follows a man working as a mailroom clerk—a solitary job for which he is overqualified—and the unforeseen repercussions he endures when he attempts to forge a new connection. And \"Almost Alyce\" chronicles failed loves, family loss, alcoholism, and a Zen approach to the art of begging that proves surprisingly effective.

### **Beyond Awkward**

This fast paced book tells the comically raw and honest story of Mario, a vivacious fashionista, who transform into the fabulous \"awkward hitch\" right before the eyes of everyone she knows. Marlo moved from New York to London to make it in the music business, aided by the money made at her day job as a luxury retail manager. Her plans are bamoozled when she starts to lose her eyesight after only a month of living in her dream city! Through a series of roller coaster events taking her to Paris, Miami, London, and New York, she is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, the most common disabling neurogical disease affecting young adults today.

#### **Awkward Bitch**

Don't waste your awkwardness. The most difficult subjects in our lives are also the ones that we find most uncomfortable to talk about: divorce, body image, sexuality, pornography, or depression. Our awkward silence reveals the gap that exists between what we are and what we know we should be. But God loves those awkward moments, Sammy Rhodes argues, because they are precisely where we find connection with God and one another. In This Is Awkward, Rhodes talks directly, honestly, hilariously about the most painfully uncomfortable subjects in our lives. In chapters like "Parents Are a Gift (You Can't Return Them)" and "The Porn in My Side," he boldly goes where most of us fear to tread, revealing that we can be liberated by the embrace of a God who knows the most shameful things about us and loves us all the same. Because nothing is too awkward for God.

#### This Is Awkward

Like lobsters, Sam and Hannah are looking for 'The One' but they only have the holidays before uni to find each other. And instead of being epic, their summer is looking awkward, until fate lends a hand.

#### **Lobsters**

Sophie Kinsella meets Sarah Dessen in the most hilarious, romantic book of the summer about a girl with social anxiety and the boy who refuses to let her hide herself away. Seventeen-year-old Gemma's favorite kind of beach is an empty one. Social interactions are too much for her to handle. She always says the wrong thing--if she manages to say anything at all. She can't even bring herself to speak to her longtime crush, Beau Booker, without losing sleep over her own awkwardness. During a solo outing to her favorite beach, Gemma realizes--to her horror--that the popular kids from school have shown up to throw a party. Before she can sneak away (and possibly puke behind her car) Gemma is pulled into the action and ends up talking to Beau, who asks her to pretend that they're \"close.\" Gemma is too flustered and flattered to refuse, and mostly, she's wondering why Beau is talking to her at all . . . right up until the moment when he falls off the boat, hits his head, and ends up in a coma. After rescuing Beau from the water, Gemma is mistaken for Beau's girlfriend by his friends and family, including his mysterious older brother, Griff, who has returned to town after a year away. Gemma tries to correct the record, but her social anxiety (and a nosy reporter) gets in the way at every turn. Before she knows it, she's in too deep to backtrack. And when Beau's warm, boisterous family pulls Gemma into their orbit, she realizes how much she wants to keep them in her life. For the first time, Gemma has everything she's ever wanted: friends, big family dinners, and Griff--a boy who she can be herself around. But how can she embrace her new dream life when everything is built on a lie?

### Super Awkward

A Sociology of Awkwardness shows how awkward feelings are the outcome of social interactions going wrong. Combing insights from cultural sociology and the sociologies of interactions and emotions, this book develops the first comprehensive sociology of awkwardness. It provides an understanding of how people define, express, and experience awkwardness, while locating its causes not within individuals but within social interactions. The book also offers a unique perspective by examining how both time and space contribute to the experience of awkwardness. Additionally, it delves into the various ways people deal with awkward interactions. A Sociology of Awkwardness introduces a novel theory and typology of awkwardness, drawing from rich empirical data of everyday encounters, work, dating, and self-help. This book will appeal to scholars across the social sciences, particularly those interested in culture, social interactions, and emotions. It will also attract readers seeking to understand awkwardness as a cultural phenomenon, though not as a self-help guide.

### This Might Get Awkward

Awkwardness offers an overview of the psychology and philosophy of awkwardness, addressing questions like, Why do social interactions become awkward, and why does it matter? What can awkwardness teach us about the gaps in our understanding of the world and of each other? Drawing on the psychology of emotion and social norms, Alexandra Plakias posits a theory of awkwardness and explains how it differs from other self-conscious emotions like embarassment. Plakias explores the reasons why we find awkwardness so unpleasant, and shows how our desire to avoid it leads to negative moral and social consequences. Along the way, this book touches on topics like awkward pauses, cringe comedy, and the question of whether some people are more awkward than others.

### A Sociology of Awkwardness

Discover how the same traits that make us feel uneasy in social situations also provide the seeds for extraordinary success. As humans, we all need to belong. While modern social life can make even the most charismatic of us feel gawky, for roughly one in five of us, navigating its challenges is overwhelming. Psychologist and interpersonal relationship expert Ty Tashiro knows what it's like to be awkward. Growing up, he could do complex arithmetic in his head and memorize the earned run averages of every National League starting pitcher. But he struggled to add up social cues during interactions with other kids and was prone to forget routine social expectations. In Awkard, Ty unpacks decades of research in the fields of psychology, neuroscience, and sociology to help us better understand this widely share trait and its origins. He considers how awkward people view our complex world and explains how we can more comfortably engage with it, delivering a welcome, counterintuitive message: the same characteristics that make people socially clumsy can be harnessed to produce remarkable achievements. Interweaving the latest research with personal tales and real-world examples, Awkward provides valuable insights into how we can embrace our personal quirks and unique talents to realize our awesome potential.

#### **Awkwardness**

'We live,' according to Adam Kotsko, 'in an awkward age.' While this condition may present some challenges, it may also help us to be more attuned to awkwardness in other ages. This book pairs medieval texts with twenty-first century films or television programmes to explore what the resonance between them can tell us about living together in an awkward age. In this nuanced and engaging study, David Watt focuses especially, but not exclusively, on the 15th century, which seems to intervene awkwardly in the literary trajectory between Chaucer and the Renaissance. This book's hypothesis is that the social discomfort depicted and engendered by writers as diverse as Thomas Hoccleve, Margery Kempe, and Sir Thomas Malory is a feature rather than a flaw. Laughter and Awkwardness in Late Medieval England explains that these authors have a great deal in common with other fifteenth-century authors, who generated embodied experiences of

social discomfort in a range of genres by adopting and adapting literary techniques used by their predecessors and successors in slightly different ways. Like the twenty-first century texts with which they are paired, the late-medieval texts that feature in this book use the relationship between laughter and awkwardness to ask what it means to live with each other and how we can learn to live with ourselves.

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Argues that the awkwardness of our age is a key to understanding human experience.

### Laughter and Awkwardness in Late Medieval England

The increased use of digital tools for political activism has triggered heated debates about the effectiveness of digital campaigns for political change and feminist causes. While technology's immediacy and transnational reach have broadened the potential impact of activism, it has, at the same time, complicated the goals, materiality, and consumption of feminist actions. In Awkward Politics, Carrie Smith-Prei and Maria Stehle suggest that awkwardness offers a means of engaging with twenty-first century feminist activism by accounting for the uncertainty of popfeminist moments and movements, its sometimes illegible meanings, affects, and aesthetics. By investigating transnational media ranging from popfeminist performance art, music, street activism, blogs, and hashtags to literature, film, academic theory, and protests, the authors demonstrate that viewing activist art through the lens of awkwardness can yield a nuanced critique. By developing awkwardness into a theoretical tool for intervention, a key concept of feminist politics, and a moving target, this innovative study dramatically alters the ways in which we approach activism, its forms, movements, and effects. It also suggests a broad range of applicability, from social movements to the academy. Breaking new ground through the intersections of technology, consumerism, and the political in popfeminist work, Awkward Politics highlights the urgency of feminist politics and activism.

#### **Awkwardness**

This book reflects the growing influence of corpus linguistics in a variety of areas such as lexicography, translation studies, genre analysis, and language teaching. The book is divided into two sections, the first on monolingual corpora and the second addressing multilingual corpora. The range of languages covered includes English, French and German, but also Chinese and some of the less widely known and less widely explored central and eastern European language. The chapters discuss: the relationship between methodology and theory the importance of computers for linking textual segments, providing teaching tools, or translating texts the significance of training corpora and human annotation how corpus linguistic investigations can shed light on social and cultural aspects of language Presenting fascinating research in the field, this book will be of interest to academics researching the applications of corpus linguistics in modern linguistic studies and the applications of corpus linguistics.

#### **Awkward Politics**

This book introduces the editors' new concept of "Awkward Powers". By undertaking a critical reexamination of the state of International Relations theorising on the changing nature of the global power
hierarchy, it draws attention to a number of countries that fit awkwardly into existing but outdated categories
such as "great power" and "middle power". It argues that conceptual categories pertaining to the apex of the
international hierarchy have become increasingly unsatisfactory, and that new approaches focusing on such
"Awkward Powers" can both rectify shortcomings on power theorising whilst shining a much-needed
theoretical spotlight on significant but understudied states. The book's contributors examine a broad range of
empirical case studies, including both established and rising powers across a global scale to illustrate our
conceptual claims. Through such a novel process, we argue that a better appreciation of the de facto
international power hierarchy in the 21st century can be achieved.

### **English Synonyms Explained**

The authors of the New York Times bestselling Awkward Family Photos franchise shine a light on the awkwardness of childhood. Warning: May cause uncontrollable laughter, snorting, and milk-spewing awkward moments for parents and kids alike. Life isn't perfect, and things don't always go as planned. Like when you try to feed yourself and the food ends up all over your clothes. Or when you try to ride a bike and end up taking an epic spill. Or when you try to go potty and end up in the potty! But laughing at ourselves makes it all a little easier, and a whole lot more entertaining. So go ahead and embrace all of life's awkward moments. Because nobody's perfect...but everyone's awkward.

### **Meaningful Texts**

Harken Headers presents to you a quick guide on how to be Intriguingly Awkward and good at it. No more shy, timid and well...awkward moments after you read this step by step guide book on gaining confidence with your quirky side.

### The Awkward Age

Washington Post columnist Alexandra Petri shares her stories of awkwardness in this insightful and supremely funny debut. Most twentysomethings avoid awkwardness. Not Alexandra Petri. She auditioned for America's Next Top Model. She lost Jeopardy! by answering "Who is that dude?" One time, she let some cult members baptize her, just to be polite. Alexandra Petri is a connoisseur of the kind of awkwardness most people spend lifetimes avoiding. If John Hodgman and Amy Sedaris had a baby. . .they would never let Petri babysit it. Here, the Washington Post columnist turns her satirical eye on her own life—with hilarious results. And she's here to tell you that interesting things start to happen when you stop caring what people think.

### Awkward Powers: Escaping Traditional Great and Middle Power Theory

English Synonyms and Antonyms is basically a vocabulary builder that students might use as they prepare for entrance or exit exams. Each entry gives a list of synonyms, followed by a paragraph that briefly explains or exemplifies the subtle distinctions between the listed words. The entries sometimes close with a few words on the prepositions that follow selected synonyms, but more often with a list of antonyms.

## **Everything Is Awkward**

Despite the prominence of \"awkwardness\" as cultural buzzword and descriptor of a sub-genre of contemporary film and television comedy, it has yet to be adequately theorized in academic film and media studies. Documentary's Awkward Turn contributes a new critical paradigm to the field by presenting an analysis of awkward moments in documentary film and other reality-based media formats. It examines difficult and disrupted encounters between social actors on the screen, between filmmaker and subject, and between film and spectator. These encounters are, of course, often inter-connected. Awkward moments occur when an established mode of representation or reception is unexpectedly challenged, stalled, or altered: when an interviewee suddenly confronts the interviewer, when a subject who had been comfortable on camera begins to feel trapped in the frame, when a film perceived as a documentary turns out to be a parodic mockumentary. This book makes visible the ways in which awkwardness connects and subtends a range of transformative textual strategies, political and ethical problematics, and modalities of spectatorship in documentary film and media from the 1970s to the present.

# The Quick Intriguingly Awkward Guide

Embarrassing and awkward situations happen to everyone. But to some people, everyday situations can feel awkward and embarrassing. From going to a new place for the first time and joining a new sport team or club

to tripping in the cafeteria and walking around with your pants unzipped, the book holds to the tools and coping mechanisms to deal with and move on from these situations.

#### A Field Guide to Awkward Silences

WARNING: People Eager To Explode Their Social Lives "Shocking book exposes how anyone can become the most liked person in any room." Get Your Copy Now "THIS BOOK REVEALS INFORMATION EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO." If you want to become THAT person. The one that everybody immediately likes and wants to be around. The one that makes people smile and feel comfortable. The one people want to keep in touch with... Then this will be the most important book you'll ever read. This is why: The author, Ian Tuhovsky, spent more than 11 long years studying human relationships. Specifically unveiling the secrets of the most liked, influential, and powerful behaviors that can set anyone up for success. In his exploration, Ian realized that people go through thousands of interactions in their lives and for most, only a few stick. The majority complain of not having enough friends and not being liked enough. His work has helped more than 20,345 people all over the world to become the people they've always wanted to be. Satisfied with their social lives; Confident and comfortable; Liked and valued by others. No tricks, lying, black magic or bribery involved! All the information contained in this book is based on science and gives the reader easy to implement methods they can immediately use to gain new friends. Who needs to read this book? Do you find that even when you put yourself out there and try to make friends it's not easy? Do you wish you had more friends to spend time with doing things you love? Is interacting with other people a part of your job? Are you often insecure when meeting new people? If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions then you need to read "Get People to Like You" and immediately start using the methods inside to experience the wonderful world of thriving social circles and interactions. DISCOVER WHY THIS IS THE 'SOCIAL LIFE HANDBOOK' FOR ANYONE You won't find this information anywhere else. This is 11+ years of research and experience compiled into 154 pages. Here's a mere fraction of what you'll find inside: The Easiest Ways To Overcome Awkwardness That Nobody Talks About Think Arguing Makes Enemies? Wrong! Learn To Make Friends, Even While Holding Your Ground The Science Behind Being Liked By Others; Learn To Tickle Their Brains! The Single Trick That Does The Trick (Most People Don't Know About It) This is just a small portion of what you'll find inside... In Chapter 5 I show you how to use flattery to your advantage without being 'the weirdo.' In Chapter 8 you'll find out the incredible science behind emotional transference between people and how you can use that to make friends. In Chapter 11 you'll see how you can easily disarm even the most vicious opponent and turn them into a friend. 154 Pages. 14 Chapters. More Than 75 Practice Questions You Can Try In Any Conversation To Immediately Make Friends The whole book is structured in an easy-to-read way that makes it easy to absorb and remember all the information. Get Your Copy Today! Here's what to do now; simply press the Buy Now button and you'll be able to immediately download your copy of "Get People To Like You."

### **English Synonyms and Antonyms**

A Lit Hub "Most Anticipated Books of 2019" A Read It Forward "Perfect Gifts for a White Elephant Exchange" From New Yorker humorist Emily Flake, a hilarious, oddly enlightening book of illustrations, observations, and advice that embraces the inescapable awkwardness of two human beings attempting to make physical contact with each other. We've all been there. You encounter the mother of your recent ex. That guy your best friend dated sophomore year. That friend-of-a-friend who you've met once but keeps popping up in your \"People You May Know\" feed. Do you shake hands? Do you hug? Do you-horrors-kiss on the cheek? And then the inevitable: The awkward hug. That cultural blight we've all experienced. Emily Flake--keen observer of human behavior and life's less-than-triumphant moments--codifies the most common awkward hugs that have plagued us all. Filled with laugh-out-loud anecdotes and illustrations, astute observations, and wise advice, That Was Awkward is a heartwarming reminder that we're all in this together, grasping hastily at each other in an attempt to say: let's embrace to remind ourselves of our essential and connecting humanity, but also, please don't touch me for more than three seconds.

### **Documentary's Awkward Turn**

If you are looking for a happy book about beautiful people, this is the wrong story. If you are looking for a narrative without emotion, without regrets, and without mistakes, this is definitely the wrong story. This is by no means an uncomplicated tale about uncomplicated people. It is by no means sweet or light. This story is ugly. This story is complicated. This story is emotional. This story is tragic. In short, this story is about being awkward. Peregrine Storke is an artist with an odd sketchbook full of pictures she's drawn since she was a child. It is a book full of strange sketches and awkward characters, for there is no better way to hide from bullying and life than to create a world of your own. With a stroke of her pencil, she has given life to a spectacled princess, a freckle-nosed king, a candy loving troll, a two-horned unicorn, and a graceless fairy. At nineteen, Peregrine leaves her home, her sketchbook, and awkwardness behind. But what happens when something goes wrong in the world of Awkward? Trapped inside of her complex realm with the bully she thought to leave behind, Peregrine discovers there is nothing worse than falling for your own villain.

### **English Synonymes Explained, in Alphabetical Order**

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