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Bryson's Dictionary for Writers and Editors

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This update to Bryson's *Penguin Dictionary for Writers and Editors* (1991) lists and glosses selected proper nouns, frequently confused words, and anomalies of written usage that are likely to draw the attention of copy editors. It is less discursive than *Bryson's Dictionary of Troublesome Words* (CH, Feb'03, 40-3113), previously published as *The Penguin Dictionary of Troublesome Words*. Instead it compiles place-names, personal names, acronyms and abbreviations, words from other languages, and technical terms with the potential to trip up journalists. With so many more authoritative and comprehensive resources available to check usage and verify spelling (e.g., *The Associated Press Stylebook and Briefing on Media Law*, rev. and updated, 2007; 2002 ed., CH, Jan'03, 40-2502), it is hard to guess who the intended audience for this book of Bryson's copyediting research notes could be.

Summing Up: Not recommended.

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