

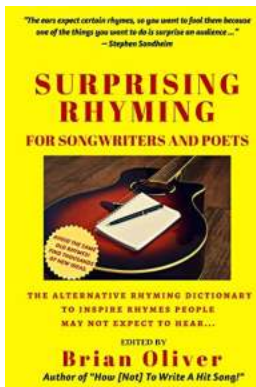
# An Alternative Rhyming Dictionary To Inspire Surprising Rhymes



Rhyming words have always been a fundamental element of poetry and songwriting. They provide flow, rhythm, and musicality to our creative expression. Traditionally, rhymes have followed certain patterns, often limiting our imaginative possibilities. However, with the advent of the internet, a plethora of alternative

rhyming dictionaries has emerged, offering exciting and unexpected rhyme options that inspire creativity.

Unlike traditional rhyming dictionaries, these alternative platforms embrace unconventional combinations and unique rhyming patterns. By doing so, they give poets, songwriters, and all creative individuals the freedom to explore unconventional associations and experiment with their artistic expressions.



## Surprising Rhyming: An Alternative Rhyming Dictionary to Inspire Rhymes People May Not Expect to Hear by Brian Oliver (Kindle Edition)

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# **SURPRISING RHYMING**

**FOR SONGWRITERS AND POETS**



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## **The Power of Unconventional Rhymes**

When we think of rhymes, we tend to default to the most common and expected pairings. "Cat" and "hat" or "sun" and "fun" might be delightful, but they have been overused, becoming clichéd and predictable. Unconventional rhymes, on the other hand, breathe new life into our creative endeavors.

An alternative rhyming dictionary breaks free from these confines, allowing us to explore unexpected associations. The Alternative Rhyme Dictionary, for example, suggests surprising rhyming possibilities like "umbrella" and "Cinderella" or "butterscotch" and "Sasquatch". These unconventional pairings can introduce unexpected twists and depth to our work, making it unique and memorable.

The freedom to choose from a wide range of rhyming options sparks new ideas and opens doors to unexplored territories. It encourages us to challenge the norm, think outside the box, and create art that resonates with others in a fresh way.

## **How Alternative Rhyming Dictionaries Work**

Alternative rhyming dictionaries function similarly to traditional ones, but with a twist. Instead of providing the most common rhymes, they search for unconventional and lesser-known alternatives. These platforms use inventive algorithms and expansive databases to generate a plethora of unique rhyming options, assisting the users in discovering unexpected connections.

Most alternative rhyming dictionaries feature intuitive interfaces, allowing users to enter a word and retrieve a list of surprising rhymes. Some platforms offer additional features like syllable matching, where users can find rhymes with specific syllable counts. This provides an even wider array of possibilities, further fueling creativity.

Furthermore, these dictionaries often categorize rhymes based on themes or emotions, making it easier to find rhymes that evoke a particular mood or fit within a specific context. For example, if you are writing a love poem, you can explore romantic rhymes, whereas if you are composing a rap song, you can delve into rhymes that exude an energetic vibe.

## Benefits of Using an Alternative Rhyming Dictionary

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- **Enhancing Creativity:** By introducing unconventional rhymes into your creations, you can stretch your artistic boundaries and generate unique and captivating content.
- **Broadening Vocabulary:** Exploring lesser-known rhymes can expand your vocabulary and linguistic repertoire, helping you become a more versatile

writer.

- **Saving Time:** Instead of manually searching for rhymes or relying on the same old word associations, alternative rhyming dictionaries provide a quick and efficient way to find unexpected rhyming options.
- **Inspiration:** Sometimes, all we need to overcome writer's block or find a fresh perspective is a spark of inspiration. Alternative rhyming dictionaries can unleash that spark, inspiring new ideas and approaches.

However, it's important to remember that alternative rhyming dictionaries serve as tools, rather than substitutes for our creative imagination. While they provide a wealth of unconventional rhymes, it is up to us to craft these rhymes into meaningful and engaging pieces of art.

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As creativity knows no bounds, alternative rhyming dictionaries have emerged to break free from conventional rhymes and explore uncharted territories. These platforms provide a gateway to a world of unexpected associations, empowering writers, poets, and musicians to infuse their creations with new life.

So, whether you're a seasoned artist looking to revitalize your work or a novice poet seeking inspiration, an alternative rhyming dictionary is a valuable resource. Embrace the unexpected and let your creativity flow!

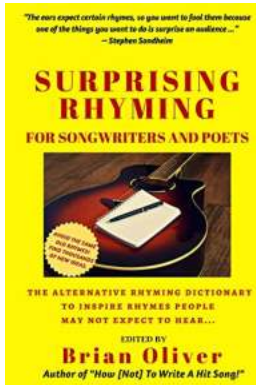
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SURPRISING RHYMING includes over 150,000 rhyming solutions for some 1400 different rhyme sounds and is designed to help writers create unique rhymes and avoid tired old clichés ...

The thousands of 'surprising' rhymes in this book are based on an in-depth study of the unconventional rhymes that have been used by influential songwriters and lyricists such as: Chuck Berry, David Bowie, Sara Bareilles, James Bay, Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Sia Furler, Hozier, Jay-Z, Billy Joel, Carole King, Michael Kiwanuka, John Lennon, Lorde, John Mayer, Joni Mitchell, Paul McCartney, Van Morrison, Bonnie McKee, Randy Newman, Dolly Parton, Christina Perri, Katy Perry, Ed Sheeran, Paul Simon, Stephen Sondheim, Taylor Swift, Cat Stevens, Bernie Taupin, James Taylor, Jimmy Webb, Lucinda Williams, Stevie Wonder, and many more ...

As Stephen Sondheim once remarked, "The ears expect certain rhymes, so you want to fool them because one of the things you want to do is SURPRISE an

audience" ...

In addition to regular 'perfect' rhymes, SURPRISING RHYMING offers an astonishing array of alternative rhyme options that are much broader than those found in traditional rhyming dictionaries (which only show perfect rhymes) ...

For example, if you're looking for a rhyme for the word "true", rhyming dictionaries typically offer perfect rhymes such as "blue", "due", "knew" or "who". Instead, SURPRISING RHYMING pairs "true" more imaginatively with words like "smooth", "tune", "gloom", "soon" and "groove" ...

If your rhyme word is "suffer", traditional rhyming dictionaries offer rhymes like "rougher", "tougher" or "buffer". SURPRISING RHYMING's alternative suggestions for "suffer" include: "lover", "brother", "summer", "discover" and "another" ...

If you need a rhyme for the word "gamble", you'll normally be offered "ramble", "scramble" or "shamble". But SURPRISING RHYMING's solutions also include: "bangle", "dangle", "candle" and "handle" ...

Typical perfect rhymes for the word "amazing" include "blazing", "erasing", or "stargazing", but SURPRISING RHYMING broadens your options with 'near' rhymes like "chasing", "facing", "raging" and "embracing" ...

Using too many perfect rhymes can sometimes make a lyric or a poem sound tedious and predictable—and prone to clichés. To avoid this, SURPRISING RHYMING focuses instead on false-rhymes, half-rhymes and near-rhymes that are less predictable—and therefore more likely to surprise an audience ...



The book also includes many new words that have been added to standard dictionaries in recent years ...

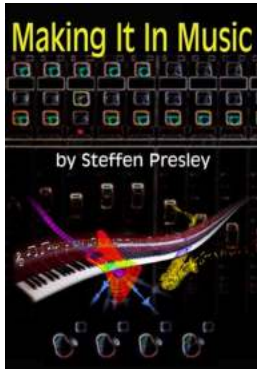
Research for this book found that many successful writers feel they can achieve much greater flexibility by inserting 'false' rhymes into their rhyming patterns instead of always using perfect rhymes. In fact, many established writers try to steer clear of perfect rhymes because they believe rhymes that are too exact can often limit the expression of true emotion ...

Using imperfect rhymes to create word pictures or to convey what you want to say more accurately can often be more effective than pure rhymes. ...

That's why SURPRISING RHYMING invites writers to challenge themselves and make their rhymes bolder and more original ... and less predictable! ...

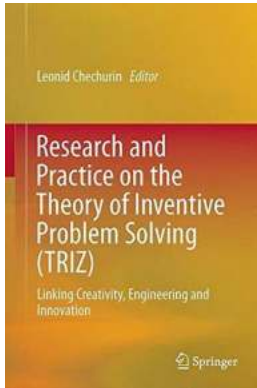
The book is laid out clearly to make it quick and easy to find the perfect word to achieve a memorable rhyme—with separate sections for one-, two-, three- and four-syllable rhymes, along with many useful tips on rhyming ...

SURPRISING RHYMING is edited by Brian Oliver, the author of the five-star rated book, "HOW [NOT] TO WRITE A HIT SONG! 101 Common Mistakes to Avoid If You Want Songwriting Success" and also "HOW [NOT] TO WRITE GREAT LYRICS! 40 Common Mistakes to Avoid When Writing Lyrics for Your Songs".



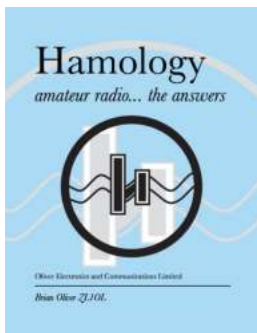
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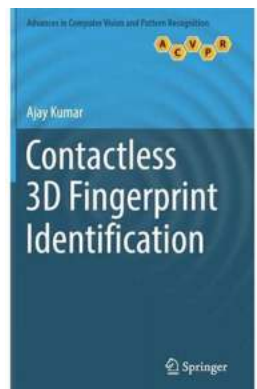
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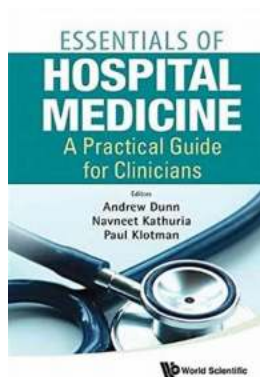
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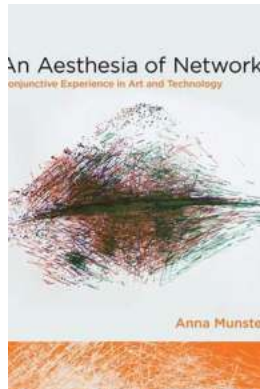
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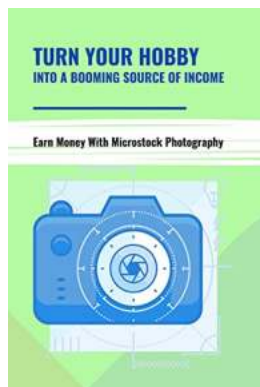
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