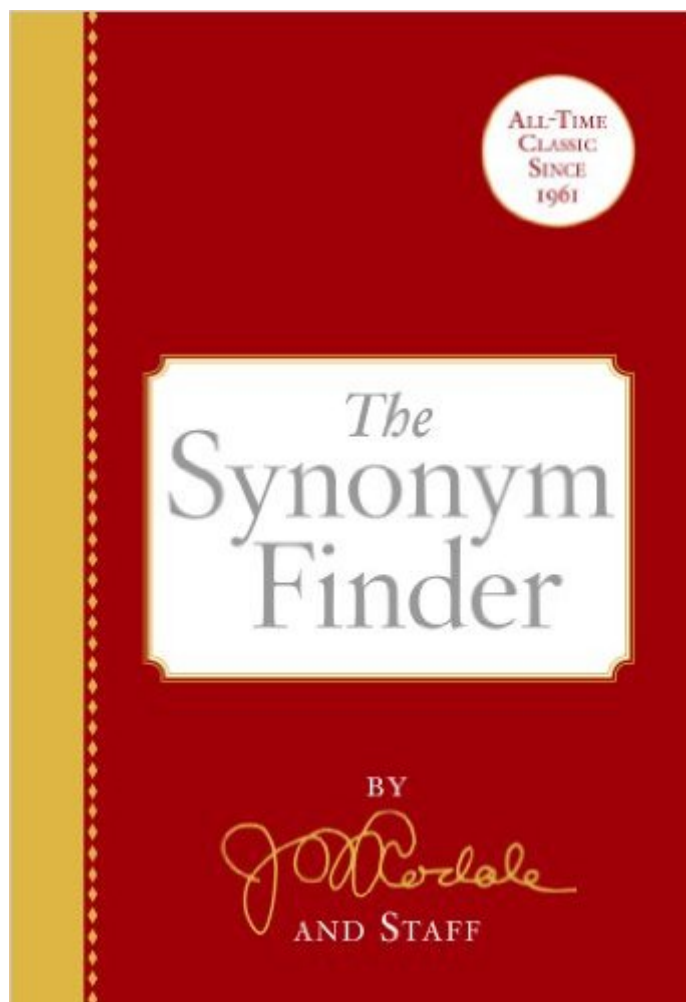


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# The Synonym Finder



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says: "There are 1.5 million words in the SF [...]. That's more than 4 times the number of words in

the RIT.". How misleading! It is not the number of repeated words that is important, but the number

of index words and word-associations. The organization of the SF is linear ("dictionary form"): the

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reader systematically and efficiently from perfect synonyms to "near" and "related" words, and of

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