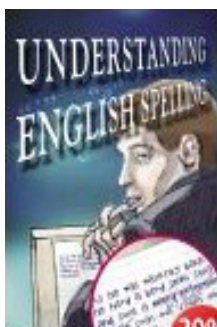


## Books by TESS members

[Masha Bell](#), [Adam Brown](#), [Bob C Cleckler](#), [Chris Jolly](#), [Isobel Raven](#), [Ze do Rock](#), [Sanford S Silverman](#), [Allan Kiisk](#) (x2), [Christopher Upward](#), [Niall M Waldman](#), [Valerie Yule](#).

### ***Understanding English Spelling* by Masha Bell.**



The book provides an analysis of the regularities and irregularities of the English spelling system, but its word lists can also be used for teaching reading and spelling. To anyone interested in the possibility of improving English spelling, (it is absolutely essential reading because) it not only explains why English literacy acquisition is slow and difficult; it shows which spellings are most detrimental to literacy progress (and in most urgent need of repair). The word lists also enable you to see what effect any proposed spelling change would have.

[Masha Bell: see [Journals](#), [Newsletters](#), [Leaflet](#), [Media](#), [Personal View](#).]

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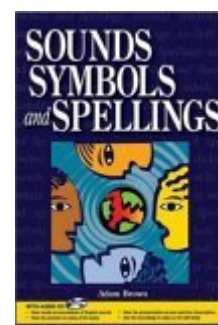
### ***Sounds, Symbols and Spellings* by Adam Brown.**

This book explains the rationale for, and gives familiarisation practice in the symbols of the transcription system used in all good modern British English dictionaries. The book:

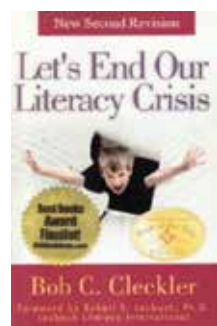
- explains and practises phonemic symbols, without delving into phonetic description too deeply;
- covers individual consonant and vowels sounds, syllable structure and stress, all of which have a bearing on phonemic transcriptions;
- includes the major sound-to-spelling correspondences of English;
- has an accompanying audio CD, with examples of the sounds.

[Adam Brown: see [Journals](#).]

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### ***Lets End Our Literacy Crisis* by Bob C. Cleckler.**



This book proves the following:

1. Over 47% of U.S. adults are functionally illiterate.
2. Over 31% of these are in poverty — primarily due to illiteracy.
3. Most suffer critical physical, mental, and financial problems.
4. The main cause of illiteracy in English is the highly irregular spelling.
5. Reputable scholars have disproven all reasonable objections to reform.
6. The book allows beginners to become fluent readers in 7 to 90 days.

Present readers can learn the ten simple spelling rules in seven minutes. The system has ten beneficial characteristics that no other known system has.

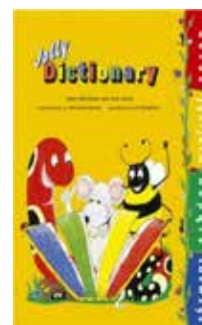
[Bob Cleckler: see [Personal View](#).]

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## ***Jolly Dictionary and Jolly Phonics Extra.***

**Published by Chris Jolly.**

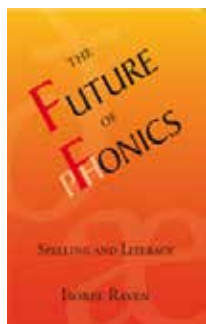
Jolly Learning is a phonic teaching scheme with many support materials. These include the **Jolly Dictionary**, which has a helpful pronunciation guide for each of the 6000+ words, showing the first taught (and most simple) way of spelling phonemes, with joined letters in digraphs, schwa for unstressed vowel sounds and faint silent letters. In the **Jolly Phonics Extra** kit, each page in the scheme books has the text in the dictionary guide spelling below the conventional version. In addition to using the TalkingPen, many pupils find the simplified version helpful for reading. They are not expected to write such spellings.



[Chris Jolly: see [Journals](#), [Newsletters](#), [Media](#), [Bulletins](#).]

Further details and prices: [Jolly Dictionary](#), [Jolly Phonics Extra](#).

## ***Future of Fonics by Isobel Raven.***



This book uses statistics and stories, history and anecdote, tables and graphics to build the case for adjusting English spelling so that fonics, so dear to the hearts of educators and parents, really works to bring productive literacy within reach of struggling average students and the masses of people tackling English as a second (third, fourth) language.

[Isobel Raven: see [Journals](#), [Newsletters](#), [Media](#).]

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## ***fom winde ferfeelt (vom winde verfehlt) by Zé do Rock.***

Zé do Rock's biography: he hitchhiked around the world for 13 years, visiting 117 countries, and had a lot of trouble with robbers, poleece and wimmen. It is written in progressiv RITE, ie it starts with tradissional orthografy and gets mor and mor RITE (Redusing Irregularity in Tradissional English)

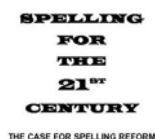
[Zé do Rock: see [Journals](#), [Newsletters](#), [Media](#), [Personal View](#).]

Christopher Upward reviewed this book in [Journal 23](#).Item 8.]

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## ***Spelling for the 21st century by Sanford S. Silverman.***



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Spelling for the 21st Century is primarily an appeal to people to consider the benefits of adopting a simplified spelling system, socially, and as taxpayers who bear the burden of welfare for the illiterate among us. Most would learn to read in the first grade, as children in Italy and Spain do and would be able to support themselves.

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## ***Simple Phonetic English Spelling by Allan Kiisk***

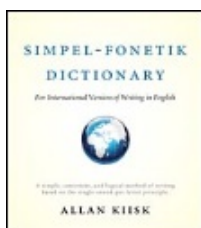
Second Edition, 2013. (Introduction to Simpel-Fonetik, the Single-Sound-per-Letter Writing Method. A practical and proven solution to the spelling and pronunciation problems of the English Language.) 155pp.

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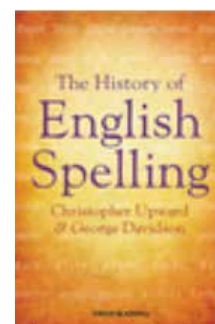
## ***History of English Spelling by Christopher Upward.***

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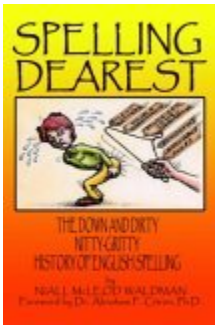
Available in hardback, paperback and as an e-book, some of it free and in chapter summaries. [Wiley-Blackwell](#)

Considerable companion material is available free on [Aston University website](#).

[Christopher Upward, see [Journals](#), [Newsletters](#), [Cut Spelling and Papers](#), [Leaflets](#), [Pamphlet](#), [Media](#)..]



## ***Spelling Dearest (The Down and Dirty, Nitty-Gritty History of English Spelling)* by Niall McLeod Waldman.**



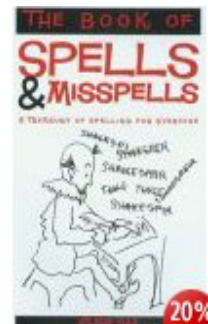
This irreverent, tell-all book reveals why English spelling is so needlessly difficult. The crucial events, the intentional complexity, the downright blunders are all here; plus the legendary people who caused them. The American Literacy Council calls this award-winning book, "pithy and profound." The New Orleans Times says, "it's an informative, free-flowing, humorous and historic look at how we screwed up so badly for so many years." *Spelling Dearest* takes a lighthearted poke at the weakest part of the most powerful language in the world.

[Niall Waldman: see [Media](#).]

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## ***The Book of Spells & Misspells* by Valerie Yule.**

This book laughs at spelling, not people who cannot spell. A treasury of modern spelling including text messaging, computers, advertising, culture, history, geography, the psychology of spelling, spelling bees, dethless verse and werse, pun and games, spelling demons, how people want to spell, spelling for fun, spelling for communication, the spelling ethic, how spelling changes. For libraries, schools and anytime gift book.



[Valerie Yule: see [Journals](#), [Newsletters](#), [Media](#), [Personal Views](#), [Anthology](#), [Bulletins](#).]

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