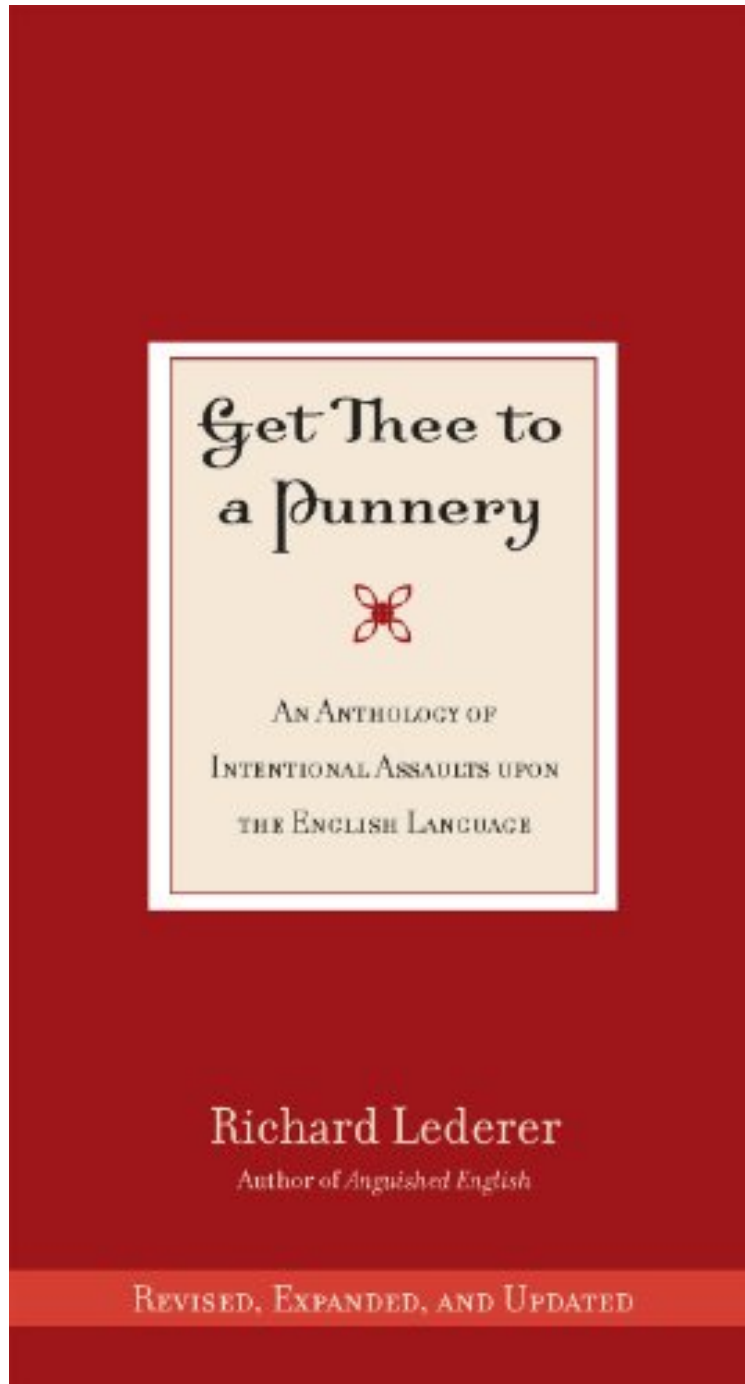


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By Professor QI read this guy's other book, *Anguished English*, and had a lot of fun with it. It was a collection of situations where bad English was used in hilarious ways. I thought that *Get Thee To A Punnery* would be more of the same, except with puns. Instead I got a book full of blank spots where you guess the best word to make the sentence a pun. It might be fun for some people, but I really just kind of wanted a joke book of sorts for myself. There are some good puns in there actually listed, and it appears to be a good way to make yourself more aware of how to have pun with the language. But if you're already good at making people groan, then you probably won't need it for this purpose.  
4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Pun little book.  
By Sue JA wonderful book for every logophile, full of information on the different types of puns, followed by 'exercises' to test your brain. Fun, fun book. I'll be keeping this one open, working on it between other reads. (works great on Kindle - I just write my answers in a notebook and I'll check them when I'm finished.)  
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By W. V. Buckley  
Sorry, but I couldn't resist that title. Richard Lederer's *Get Thee to a Punnery: An Anthology of Intentional Assaults Upon the English Language* is neither a footnote-heavy treatise on literary puns through the ages (although he quotes a few from Shakespeare). Neither is it a collection of groan-inducing puns (although it has a few of those as well). Instead, Lederer takes a middle ground of sorts and breaks puns down into a number of categories. Strange, but I had never thought of puns as being anything but a low form of humor before. It's like finding out your crazy old uncle who was forever trying to get you to "pull my finger" had once been the Royal Court Jester. I could have probably done without some of the exercises in the book which seemed like unnecessary padding. But that's just my preference. The rest of the book made for an enjoyable and fairly quick read.

*Get Thee to a Punnery* proves that the pun is mightier than the sword . . . and here are sidesplitting puns of every color, stripe and persuasion to suit every whim. Even if you don't know that your humerus is your funny bone, this is the book for you.  
The Time of the Signs: On a diaper service truck: Rock a dry baby.  
On a plumber's service truck: A flush is better than a full house.  
Show me where Stalin is buried and I'll show you a communist plot! -Edgar Bergen  
Quiche me-I'm French!  
Hangover-the wrath of grapes  
Work is the ruin of the drinking classes. -Oscar Wilde

From the Publisher  
*The Pun Is Mightier Than The Sword*...Richard Lederer has great puns. And you don't have to take vows to enjoy them. Just *Get Thee To A Punnery* and laugh yourself into a state of grace. Sinners will be punished with such gems as:-Old Milkmaids never die -- they just kick the bucket.-Drunk drivers are people who put the quart before the hearse. Whether you like 'em hot or cool, straight-up or low-down, here are puns of every color, stripe and persuasion to suit your every whim. Even if you don't know that your humerus is your funny bone, this is the book for you.  
From the Inside Flap  
None  
From the Back Cover  
Richard Lederer has taught English at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, for twenty-seven years and holds a Ph.D. in linguistics. The most recent of his almost one thousand articles and books about language and literature is *Anguished English: An Anthology of Accidental Assaults Upon Our Language* (Wyrick Company). Dr. Lederer's weekly column, "Looking at Language," appears in newspapers and magazines throughout the United States. He is vice president of Spell (Society for the Preservation of English Language and Literature), a regular contributor to *Writing!* and *Verbatim*, and a language commentator on New Hampshire public radio. Many of the puns in *Get Thee to a Punnery* were submitted by Dr. Lederer's readers and listeners.