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Though aimed at a younger audience than other books in the series, this handbook uses the same tall, slender format to showcase 100 words. Since the level of the vocabulary words selected is reasonable (with words such as versatile, vigilant, vulnerable, and waft), the title claim seems valid. Each entry offers a word's pronunciation, definition, and origin as well as an example or two of its use in a sentence, often within the context of a short paragraph. Fittingly, these examples are chosen from the writings of children's and young adult novelists, such as Alexie, Creech, Crutcher, Erdrich, Gaiman, George, Hamilton, Juster, Lowry, Pullman, Park, Raskin, Rowling, Sachar, and Soto. Nonfiction writers are also represented, with quotes from books by Freedman, Fritz, Macaulay, Murphy, and the Fradins, among others. A book that will appeal to word lovers as well as parents hoping to boost their kids' verbal test scores. Grades 5-8. --Carolyn Phelan

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