

# A REWORDING LIFE

## Bringing Clarity to the World

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My vision is to compile a dictionary of enigmatic type words and to get people talking about these words, I'm asking personalities like you to pen a sentence for them. To help you visualize this better, here is a *small* sample of sentences I've received so far:

- *Nothing sounds like home to me more than the **timbre** of Mom's piano accordion.*  
**Alan Doyle**
- *I could hear my queer heart **thu-thump-thu-thump** for her **junoesque** form as she moved her tall stately body to old school Joy Division.*  
**Cathleen With**
- *To meet someone I have previously impersonated on television requires a **certain sang-froid**.*  
**Gavin Crawford**
- *As Canadian amateur athletes, many of us have led rather **impecunious** lives to reach our ultimate goal!*  
**Jon Montgomery**
- *Harriet was able to overlook her husband's **sciolism** until the day she overheard him telling the new neighbours he'd be delighted to take them foraging for edible wild mushrooms.*  
**Kathleen Winter**
- *So bruised was the sky that she thought she smelled the **petrichor** before the rain hit the parched pavement.*  
**Matt Galloway**
- *The **susurrat**ion of the big oak by his bedroom window lulled him into a deep sleep.*  
**Philip Slayton**
- *I **eschew** the cashew; I'm allergic, and it makes me ah-chooo.*  
**Robert Hough**
- *May whatever praise my humble word attracts be genuine, and not **fulsome**.*  
**Terry Fallis**

## The Genesis of A Rewording Life

Titled *A Rewording Life* (with an emphasis on the word **word**), by publishing this book I'm hoping to lead a more rewarding life myself. You see, I've always relished words but unfortunately, I occasionally sound like a broken record. Three words in constant rotation for me are awesome, fun, and great. I also tend to skim over printed words since I'm too lazy to look them up. I know, I'm such a Philistine (a person indifferent to culture and the arts)!

So how can I *write* this wrong? First off, I spent a few years highlighting and compiling the words I had erstwhile ignored (Philistine being one of them). Now I just need to jazz them up. Since I want to lead a more *rewarding life*, it would be silly if I didn't weave my passion for books, food, music, the CBC, etc. into this project, right? Cue in *wordy* people like you. Not only will I get to work with and hopefully meet some of the people who make my life more rewarding (why didn't I think of this sooner?), you're by far the best people in the business to give these words:

- **Context:** When people see how *wordy* Canadians have used these words, I believe they'll have a far greater chance of understanding, remembering, and using them.
- **Clout:** Who better to give these words some cool factor than some kick ass Canadians?
- **Commercial Success:** I know I'd be interested to see what word you, Leonard Cohen, Margaret Atwood, Robert Bateman, etc. wrote about in **A Rewording Life**. Wouldn't you?

## Your Rewarding Life

If you participate, I believe you'll also lead a more rewarding life by:

- Being part of the **Rewording Life** movement

I'm hoping this book will do for words what the slow food movement did for food. I want people to savour words; bake in them. Having done so, I believe readers will be better connected to books, radio programs, conversations, ideas, society, etc. and ultimately, they'll be able to lead more rewording/rewarding lives because of it.
- Helping me raise money to support/fight **Alzheimer's**

I strongly believe that living a rewarding life involves an aspect of giving back. Part of the proceeds of this book, therefore, will go **towords** (I love puns!) the Alzheimer Society of Canada in honour of my mother, who lost her words in the end.

## Are You In?

If you would like to pen a sentence for **A Rewording Life**, click here: [sherylgordon@hotmail.com](mailto:sherylgordon@hotmail.com). I will then send you the list of **available** words.