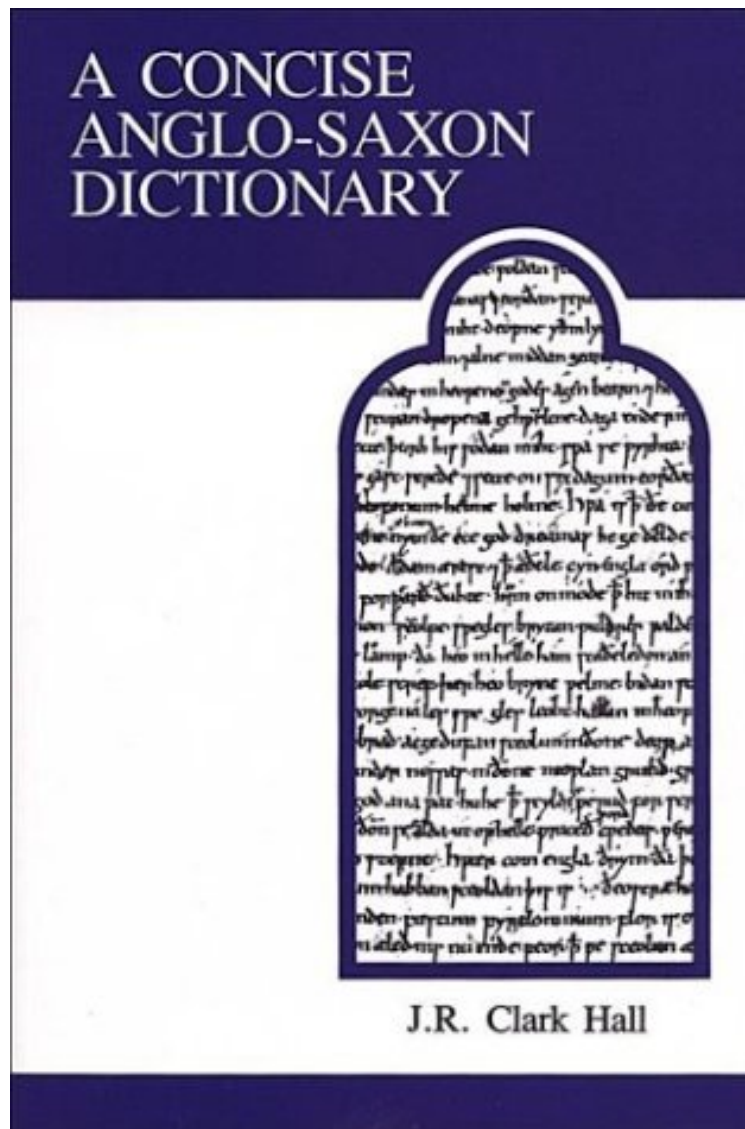


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Useful considering it's free. By Robin Most of the negative reviews for this seem to be people who don't understand what it is. I'm not really sure how someone mistakes it for a modern

English dictionary since it does not say that in the title at all. This is a useful reference guide for words from the language of Old English, i.e. the language spoken in the early middle ages and not to be confused with Modern English, what we speak today. Understand that Old English barely, if at all, resembles Modern English. It is essentially a completely different language and this is basically a translation dictionary. That said, even understanding this, I was surprised to find some basic words were not included, such as 'theling'. Perhaps the dictionary is assuming that a student of Old English already knows and does not need to look up such a common word but I would have liked it to be complete. The Kindle edition is searchable and one does sometimes need to use the proper unique characters to get the correct search results, though not always. For example, you can search for 'acalan' and get results for 'calan' but you can not get results for 'thebban' by searching for 'aethebban'. Additionally, it does not have a table of contents so you can't jump to a certain letter. Though I would like it to be more comprehensive and the search function/navigation could be improved to accommodate for the lack of unique characters, the Kindle edition is available for free. As a freebie, it's fairly useful especially given that I didn't notice any OCR errors that often plague public domain books. 17 of 18 people found the following review helpful. don't buy this book! By Caraculiambro There's another one-star review out there by a "Perpetual Lit Student." Go read it. He says it all. The print in this issuance of Clark-Hall's dictionary is illegible; worse, it was updated twice but this is not the updated version. Very sorry I bought it. It's so useless I now must buy another one. UPDATE: I did buy another one, and I'm much happier with it. It's the one that has white cover with blue stripes at the top and bottom with a sort of arched window through which you can see OE writing. Further, it is clearly the third edition and the print is much easier to read (at least it has the preface to the third edition: the spine actually says "Fourth Edition.") is giving the ISBN-13 as 978-0802065483. Note that the one that is crud is ISBN-13: 978-1617201875. This is the one with the cruddy print that is apparently the first edition. It has an all-blue cover on 's page for it at the moment. I point all this out because is robotically lumping reviews for both books together. A final point: are you aware that serious professors of OE eschew Clark-Hall -- not because of the font and the edition hassle, but because the dictionary makes no bones about normalizing forms for ease of lookup, forms which do not actually appear in extant literature. Just thought you'd like to know. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Unreadable. Makes my Kindle freeze up. By Citizen of the World I downloaded this to my Kindle because 1) I'm interested in old English and 2) it was free. I can't open the document and it seems not to have downloaded correctly. I tried to remove it from my Kindle in every way I could, but it still appears. Every time I try to open it, my Kindle Paperwhite freezes and I have to restart it.

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