

A Man About A Dog - Euphemisms and Other Examples of
Verbal Squeamishness by Nigel Rees.
Collins 2006.

Thanks to Quote...Unquote, Nigel Rees has long occupied the post of chief quotation 'maven' to the nation; in A Man about a Dog, he turns his professional eye to the euphemism, a key and dynamic part of the English language, as well as a verbal expression of the quintessential English refusal to be rude, while at the same time indicating one's true feelings.

A Man About A Dog contains nearly 2500 euphemisms from innocuous ones like "birthday suit" and "naturist" to the more obscure, such as "home plaque removal instrument" (toothbrush to thee and me) to "wardrobe malfunction" (accidentally exposing part of the body).

This is an informative and entertaining anthology and will be a delight to all lovers of the English language, as well as those who wish to raise their vocabulary to a higher level.

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