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“Howard Richler is an intoxicated and intoxicating wordaholic who gets unrepentantly high on all flavours, savours, bouquets, and proofs of words. He is a genuinely certified verbivore who feasts on words.”

Richard Lederer

Montrealers may be familiar with the name Howard Richler through his weekly *Speaking of Language* column in *The Montreal Gazette*, which he wrote from 1992 to 2006. He now writes a column called *Word Nerd* for *The Senior Times*. His column looks at linguistic nuggets, word origins, and other asides about the idiosyncrasies of the English language.

Born in Montreal in 1948 (one day after Prince Charles!) Howard graduated from Concordia University in 1969 with distinction, and for many years he worked in the steel industry—as a vice-president at Richler Steel Corporation until 1992, and then from 1993-1998 was Director of Sales of Leroux Steel.

Howard has written regularly for other newspapers and magazines, including *National Post*, *Toronto Star*, *Globe & Mail*, *Lexpert*, *Stitches*, *National Lampoon*, and *Reader's Digest*. In addition, he contributes to the American language journals *Word Ways* and *Verbatim*, and has appeared on countless radio and television shows. He has also constructed many types of word puzzles for *Dell Championship Puzzles*. His books include:

- ❖ *Can I Have a Word With You?* Ronsdale Press (Canada) 2007
- ❖ *Global Mother Tongue: The Eight Flavours of English*, Véhicule Press (Canada) 2007
- ❖ *A Bawdy Language: How a Second-Rate Language Slept Its Way to the Top*, Stoddart (Canada) 1999
- ❖ *Take My Words: A Workaholic's Guide to the English Language*, Ronsdale Press (Canada) 1996
- ❖ *The Dead Sea Scroll Palindromes*, Robert Davies Publishing (Canada) 1995

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