

## WORD SUBSTITUTION LIST

### THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN

#### Chapter 1

- pg 1 **melodramatic** – to exaggerate - overdo
- pg 1 **polysyllabic** – having more than one syllable
- pg 2 **shot full of pain medication** – received a lot of shots for pain
- pg 2 **plasticky** – like plastic
- pg 2 **doggie depends** –diapers for dogs
- pg 2 **Halloween** – holiday for costumes and candy
- pg 2 **deteriorating** – falling apart
- pg 2 **Ayrton Senna** – famous racecar driver
- pg 3 **Yo Zo** – slang for ‘hello Enzo’
- pg 4 **Life imitating art** – event in real world inspired by creative event
- pg 4 **emoting** – dramatic emotion
- pg 5 **presentation** – how something is shown
- pg 5 **interpretation** – how something is understood
- pg 5 **let me go** – die
- pg 6 **tape** – videorecording (VHS)
- pg 6 **pace lap** – 1<sup>st</sup> slow trip around the track
- pg 6 **torrential** –very hard and a lot
- pg. 6 **engulfs** –cover completely
- pg 7 **customer relations** – to keep patrons happy
- pg 7 **vet** –short for veterinarian (pet doctor)
- pg 7 **round trip visit** – leave & return to the same place

pg 8 **setting him free** – no obligation or ties

pg 8 **rituals** – routines –usually religious

#### Chapter 2

- pg 9 **a heavy bitch** –overweight female dog
- pg 9 **pendulous** – hanging loosely
- pg 9 **teats** - nipple of female mammal
- pg 9 **littermates** – brothers/sisters of animal
- pg 9 **yipping mammal** – sharp cry by warm-blooded animal
- pg 9 **bleed her of her milk** –drink all the milk
- pg 9 **shepherd-poodle mix** – type of dog
- pg 10 **alpha man** – head person
- pg 10 **expounded** – explained
- pg 10 **bred back to a lab for temperament** – mix with a Labrador dog for friendly manner
- pg 10 **bunch of junk** – not true
- pg. 10 **Down Under** – Australia/New Zealand
- pg 10 **think outside the box** – think in original way
- pg 10 **nape** – back of the neck
- pg 11 **sired** – male parent
- pg 11 **gene pool** – group of different genes
- pg 11 **exceptionally** – more than normal
- pg 11 **tussling** – gentle wrestling
- pg 11 **scruff** – back of the neck
- pg 11 **keen** – highly developed
- pg 11 **scruffy** –untidy
- pg 11 **thinkin’ a keepin’ im’** – thinking of keeping him

pg 12 **for a price** – for a price

### Chapter 3

pg 13 **anticipation** – expectation

pg 13 **peripheral vision** – side view of vision

pg 13 **kinesthetic sensation** – movement of joints

pg 13 **time folding back** – memory

pg 13 **disengage** – separate/release

pg 14 **compulsively** - cannot control an urge

pg 14 **cockpit cameras** – driver’s seat camera

pg 14 **data mapping** – recording information

### Chapter 4

pg 15 **forged** – made

pg 15 **fermented** – brewed

pg 16 **saliva** –moisture from the mouth

pg 16 **plowed the field** – slang - made love

pg 16 **intimidated** – frightened

pg 16 **preemptive** –prevent

pg 16 **disingenuous** – not sincere

pg 16 **off-putting** –not inviting

pg 16 **infatuated** – passionate

pg 16 **satellites orbiting Denny’s sun** – support people for the center of attention

### Chapter 5

pg 17 **duck-billed platypus** – animal in East Australia

pg 17 **dens** – homes

pg 17 **classic races** – older original race

pg 18 **road circuits** – street race

pg 18 **goofy jingles** – silly advertising songs

pg 18 **pitting the concepts of evolution and creation** – 2 things against each other

pg 18 **cranium** – brain

pg 18 **bipedal** – using only 2 legs for walking

pg 19 **dew claw** – inner toe on dogs

pg 19 **domestication** – taming

pg 19 **euphemism** – a nicer word for something unpleasant

pg 19 **cumbersome** – large or heavy

pg 20 **inner workings** – known only by people working on something

pg 20 **hatched** – think up

pg 20 **fortitude** – maintain an effort

pg 20 **paranoia** – suspicion without reason

### Chapter 6

pg 21 **eclipsed** –take light away - deprived

pg 21 **color her hair** – use hair dye

pg 22 **fastidious** – attention to detail

pg 22 **“Honey Do”** – list of household chores for male

pg 23 **recycling containers** –places for waste that can be recycled

pg 23 **greater sense of authorship** – feel like you own it

pg 23 **lavished**– gave in large quantities

pg 24 **perversely** – turning away from what is right or good

pg 24 **inside Eve’s magic sack** – her pregnant stomach

pg 24 **little rabbit was being assembled** -baby growing

pg 24 **parasite** –plant/animal living off another animal

pg 24 **“You’ve got balls”** you have nerve

pg 24 **sponsor dollars** – someone to pay for your expenses

pg 25 **midwives** – woman trained to help with childbirth

pg 25 **squirted out a little bloody blob....**- birth of baby

pg 26 **surrogate** – substitute

pg 26 **interactive** – two-way

pg 27 **skated** - pass

pg 27 **khaki** – dull brownish cloth

pg 28 **stuffed the car** – put items in the car

#### Chapter 7

pg 31 **fantasized** – dreamed

pg 31 **left to my own devices** – could do what he wanted

pg 31 **decipher** - figure out

pg 31 **integral** - necessary part

pg 32 **monkey in the middle** – children’s game

pg 32 **wallowed** – relax in good way

pg 32 **delves** – examine carefully

pg 32 **confluence** – combining

pg 34 **tedium** – boredom

pg 34 **bittersweet** – both happy and sad

pg 35 **Craftsman** – style of house with a covered front porch

pg 35 **unkempt** – messy

pg 36 **primal instincts** –automatic actions around for many years

pg 36 **facile** – easy to use

#### Chapter 8

pg 38 **enduro** – slang for endurance

pg 38 **perspective** – viewpoint

pg 39 **overtaking or being overtaken** – passing or being passed

pg 39 **atrocious** –really awful-

pg 39 **running rain tires** – special tires on car for rain

pg 40 **panoramic** – a wide view

pg 41 **amplifies** – makes bigger

pg 41 **unpredictably** – without a reason

pg 43 **creators of our own destiny** – make our own future

pg 43 **rolling with dinner** – started making dinner

pg 44 **dominance** – power over others

pg 44 **glimpse** – peek

#### Chapter 9

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pg 45 **kicked ass** – did very well

pg 46 **insufferable** – too extreme to handle

pg 47 **rhetorical** – question to make a point, not for an answer

pg 47 **deadbolt was thrown** – locked the door

#### Chapter 10

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pg 49 **inclinations** – natural way to act

pg 50 **radius** –line from the center to the outside of a circle

## Chapter 11

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pg 51 **salmonella** – food poisoning

pg 52 **fantasizing** – daydreaming

pg 52 **hallucinate** – imagining something not there

pg 52 **inadvertently** – accidentally

pg 52 **velveteen** – cloth similar to velvet

pg 53 **culminated** – ending point

pg 53 **gelded** – take power or strength away

pg 53 **molester** – person who aggressively bothers

pg 53 **humiliated** – embarrass

pg 53 **burlesque** – imitate in exaggerated way

pg 53 **dismantling** - take apart

pg 53 **undulated** – smooth up/down motion

pg 53 **traumatized** – lasting shock from an experience

pg 54 **gingerly** – carefully/cautiously

pg 55 **kibble** – ground meal in pellet shape

pg 57 **eviscerated** – remove contents of something

pg 57 **carnage** – killing a large number of people

pg 57 **hunkering** – ducking

pg 57 **I had been framed** – blamed for something someone else did

pg 58 **telltales** - obvious sign

pg 58 **expressive** – show feelings

pg 58 **World Order** – the way things are supposed to be

pg 59 **tentative** – cautious

pg 59 **involuntarily** – without control

pg 59 **ratcheting** - increase

pg 59 **narrative tease** – make the story build up

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pg 62 **unpredictable** – uncertain

pg 62 **magnitude** – great size

pg 62 **debilitating** – weakening

pg 62 **consecutively** –unbroken

pg 62 **arbitrary** – random

pg 63 **aesthetic** – decorative

pg 63 **systemic** – through the whole body

pg 63 **candida** – fungus

pg 63 **impotence** – helplessness

pg 63 **isolation** – separated

pg 64 **transmission** –power from engine to wheels

pg 64 **suspensions** – springs & shock absorbers

pg 66 **delegated** – assigned

pg 66 **proxy** – substitute

pg 66 **animated** – making a moving image

pg 66 **relegate** – lower

pg 67 **rejuvenating** – restore

### Chapter 13

pg 68 **mocking** – making fun – cruel

pg 68 **dwarfed** – smaller

pg 68 **deity** – god

pg 69 **dupe** – trick

pg 70 **penance** – punish yourself

pg 70 **sophistication** – experience

pg 70 **discern** – pick out

pg 71 **taunt** – tease

pg 71 **undulating** – move up and down

pg 72 **repercussions** – consequences

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pg 73 **regimen** –plan

pg 76 **steadfast** – loyal

pg 78 **physiological** – relating to body parts

pg 78 **involuntary** – done without conscious thought

pg 78 **fight or flight** – choice to stay or run

pg 79 **anticipation** – expectation waiting for something

pg 79 **antipathy** – feeling of dislike

pg 80 **undeniable** – beyond doubt

pg 80 **fracas** –disturbance

pg 80 **alien** – foreign

pg 81 **butterfly closures** – special bandage instead of stitches

pg 82 **mute** – silence

pg 82 **implode** – explode inward

pg 82 **hovered over them like a firefighting helicopter** – smothered

pg 83 **your car goes where your eyes go** – pointing in the direction your eyes are looking

### Chapter 15

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pg 86 **Manhattans** –cocktail with vermouth, whiskey, bitters

pg 86 **depersonalization** – taking away human character

pg 86 **mechanic** – person who repairs machinery

pg 87 **get busy boy** – go to the bathroom

pg 88 **tripped** - passed

pg 88 **tremendous** – huge

pg 88 **NASCAR** – national association for stock car auto racing

pg 89 **integrity** – honesty/moral

pg 89 **estimable** – worthy of respect

pg 89 **chattered** – talked

pg 89 **absorbing**- taking in

pg 89 **vicariously** – living through the actions of someone else

pg 90 **pivotal** – critical

pg 90 **tagged** – hit

pg 90 **phenomena** – remarkable things  
pg 91 **decimated** – destroyed  
pg 91 **rookie of the year** – best athlete in their first season  
pg 91 **wafting** – drifting  
pg 91 **iguana** – giant lizard  
pg 92 **static** – crackling noises  
pg 92 **paddock** – fenced area at a racetrack  
pg 92 **emanating** – coming from  
pg 92 **standing start** – cars are not moving at the start of the race  
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pg 93 **glistening** – shining

#### Chapter 17

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pg 100 **perfunctory** – quick  
pg 101 **muster**- bring together  
pg 101 **deflect** – distract  
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pg 102 **gambit** – scheme  
pg 102 **malignant** – uncontrollable  
pg 102 **throwaway** – casual  
pg 102 **flyweight** – lightest weight in boxing  
pg 103 **dangle** – hang  
pg 104 **humiliated** – embarrassed  
pg 104 **assimilate** – absorb  
pg 105 **aneurism** – enlargement of artery  
pg 105 **foster child** – child raised by someone not parent or adopted parent  
pg 106 **fractured** – broken

#### Chapter 20

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pg 108 **cost overruns** – money over your budget  
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pg 109 **fortitude** –mental strength  
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pg 115 **shifts** – certain work period

pg 117 **madras** – patterned cotton material

pg 117 **infectious** – contagious

pg 117 **mannequin** – model to display clothes

pg 117 **stocking cap** – knit hat with thin end

pg 118 **interminable** – endless

pg 119 **grotesque** – very ugly

pg 119 **comprised** – made up of

pg 119 **robotic repeating** – sounding like a robot

pg 119 **condemning** – sentencing/convicting

pg 120 **pushed to the periphery** – pushed aside

pg 121 **marveled** – filled with wonder

pg 121 **subvert** – overturn

pg 123 **vision of her to be corrupted** – to have a bad view

pg 124 **rebellion** –disobedience

pg 125 **in his own right** – by their own claim

pg 125 **decimation** –destroying

pg 126 **silhouetted** –outlined

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### Chapter 25

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pg 133 **pervaded** – filled

pg 133 **partaken in the debauchery** – participated in the pleasures

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pg 137 **pheromones** – attractive human odors

pg 141 **beware the whimsy of Fate** – watch out for things that just happen but blame on "Fate"

pg 142 **I'm fried** – tired/worn out

pg 146 **viable** – practical

### Chapter 26

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pg 149 **banditos** – Mexican bad guys – slang

pg 150 **fell out of the sky** – to go from a high to a low place

pg 151 **camber** – a certain tilt

pg 152 **tie-down** – strap to hold something in place

pg 152 **joy ride** – a ride for pleasure

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pg 154 **hot lap** – drive around the track without competing

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pg 156 **emanating** – coming out

pg 156 **subconsciously** – not fully aware

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#### Chapter 29

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pg 180 **pulls a good latte** – makes good coffee

pg 180 **barista** – person whose job is to prepare/serve coffee

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pg 182 **slackened** – lessened

pg 182 **summary judgement**- to rule that there is no case

pg 183 **meth**- short for **Methamphetamine** an addictive drug

pg 183 **big dog** – important person

pg 183 **pains in the ass** – nuisance

pg 183 **rattle his cage**- annoy/shake up

#### Chapter 32

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pg 188 **evolving**- developing

pg 188 **mantra**- repeating saying to help with concentration

pg 191 **prejudicial**- harmful

pg 192 **Tasers** – weapon causing temporary paralysis

pg 192 **SPD** – Seattle Police Department

pg 193 **epaulets**- decorative shoulder piece



### Chapter 33

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pg 196 **lie detector test** – connect to a machine to see if you are telling the truth

pg 196 **maligned** –speak meanly about someone

### Chapter 34

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pg 198 **interminable** –never-ending

pg 198 **subjective**- personal

pg 198 **bombastic** – pompus – puffed up

pg 198 **bellicose**- aggressive

pg 200 **when you're stuck in quicksand, the worst thing you can do is struggle** – will only make things worse

### Chapter 35

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pg 204 **cliché** – overused phrase or opinion

pg 204 **pathetic** – pitiful

pg 204 **hackneyed**- worn out

pg 205 **puked** – vomited

pg 205 **maudlin** – emotional

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pg 215 **hip dysplasia** – abnormal hip socket

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pg 219 **filed a motion** – request turned in to the judge

pg 219 **terminate** – end

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pg 219 **suffocate** – smother

pg 220 **inflammatory** – strong opinion

pg 220 **lash out** –strike

pg 220 **great stature** – well respected

pg 220 **pragmatism** – practical

pg 221 **whit** –bit

pg 222 **fetch** – go get something

pg 223 **derailed**- off track

pg 223 **lucrative** – profitable

pg 223 **test his mettle** - courage when things are hard

### Chapter 39

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pg 228 **amber** – color – golden yellow/orange

pg 229 **allegations** –claims

pg 230 **euthanized** – put a living creature to death humanely

pg 231 **sufficient** – enough

pg 231 **seethed** – be angry

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### Chapter 40

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pg 235 **subtleties** – detail

#### Chapter 41

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– bright, obvious and showy eating

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pg 266 **checker** – short for checkered flag which ends the race

#### Chapter 50

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pg 273 **audition** – tryout

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pg 276 – **compensation** – payment

#### Chapter 51

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pg 278 **incontinence** – no control over urinating

pg 279 **stagnant** – showing no activity

pg 279 **glacial** – extremely slow

pg 279 **bracing** – refreshing

pg 280 **temptress, seducer, vixen** – woman trying to attract someone

pg 280 **unrestrained** – not controlled

pg 280 **wretchedness** – unhappy state of mental or physical suffering

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pg 281 **abreast** – side by side

pg 281 **feigning** – faking

#### Chapter 52

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pg 288 **Space Needle** – 605 foot tower in Seattle

pg 288 **vague** – unclear

#### Chapter 54

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#### Chapter 55

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#### Chapter 56

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pg 296 **illicitly** – illegally

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pg 303 **recanted** – changed their mind

#### Chapter 57

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pg 312 **Dr. Kevorkian** – doctor who practiced euthanasia illegally (he was from Michigan)

pg 312 **metaphorically** – abstractly/symbolically

pg 313 **squandered** – wasted

Imola, Italy

pg 318 **tarmac** – surface made of rock and tar