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 – 1st 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
Chapter 3
pg 12 fur a price – for a price
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
parasite – plant/animal living off another animail

“You’ve got balls” you have nerve

sponsor dollars – someone to pay for your expenses

midwives – woman trained to help with childbirth

squirted out a little bloody blob…. birth of baby

surrogate – substitute

interactive – two-way

skated - pass

khaki – dull brownish cloth

stuffed the car – put items in the car

fantasized – dreamed

left to my own devices – could do what he wanted

decipher - figure out

integral - necessary part

monkey in the middle – children’s game

wallowed – relax in good way

delves – examine carefully

confluence – combining

tedium – boredom

bittersweet – both happy and sad

Craftman – style of house with a covered front porch

unkempt – messy

primal instincts – automatic actions around for many years

facile – easy to use

enduro – slang for endurance

perspective – viewpoint

overtaking or being overtaken – passing or being passed

atrocious – really awful

running rain tires – special tires on car for rain

panoramic – a wide view

amplifies – makes bigger

unpredictably – without a reason

creators of our own destiny – make our own future

rolling with dinner – started making dinner

dominance – power over others

glimpse – peek

sponsorship – financial support for your work

kicked ass – did very well

insufferable – too extreme to handle

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

deadbolt was thrown – locked the door

moot – debatable

inclinations – natural way to act

radius – line from the center to the outside of a circle
Chapter 11

pg 51 susceptible – influenced by something or someone

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

pg 60 allowance – money given on a regular basis

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

Chapter 12

pg 62 elusive – difficult to find

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
transmission – power from engine to wheels

suspensions – springs & shock absorbers

delegated – assigned

proxy – substitute

animated – making a moving image

relegate – lower

rejuvenating – restore

mocking – making fun – cruel

dwarfed – smaller

deity – god

dupe – trick

penance – punish yourself

sophistication – experience

discern – pick out

taunt – tease

undulating – move up and down

repercussions – consequences

obsessively – addictive

regimen – plan

steadfast – loyal

physiological – relating to body parts

involuntary – done without conscious thought

fight or flight – choice to stay or run

anticipation – expectation waiting for something

antipathy – feeling of dislike

undeniable – beyond doubt

fracas – disturbance

alien – foreign

butterfly closures – special bandage instead of stitches

mute – silence

implode – explode inward

hovered over them like a firefighting helicopter – smothered

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

inevitably – certain to happen

Manhattans – cocktail with vermouth, whiskey, bitters

depersonalization – taking away human character

mechanic – person who repairs machinery

get busy boy – go to the bathroom

tripped - passed

tremendous – huge

NASCAR – national association for stock car auto racing

integrity – honesty/moral

estimable – worthy of respect

chattered – talked

absorbing – taking in

vicariously – living through the actions of someone else

pivotal – critical

tagged – hit
phenomena – remarkable things

decimated – destroyed

rookie of the year – best athlete in their first season

wafting – drifting

iguana – giant lizard

static – crackling noises

paddock – fenced area at a racetrack

emanating – coming from

standing start – cars are not moving at the start of the race

toxic – poisonous

glistening – shining

waffle stompers – ankle boots used for hiking

aromatic – sweet scented

frigid – very cold

concussion – head injury from a bump

reincarnated – born again as someone else

berm – narrow ledge

assessment – judgement

mint – perfect

perfunctory – quick

muster – bring together

deflect – distract

genealogy – tracing ancestors

gambit – scheme

malignant – uncontrollable

throwaway – casual

flyweight – lightest weight in boxing

dangle – hang

humiliated – embarrassed

assimilate – absorb

aneurism – enlargement of artery

foster child – child raised by someone not parent or adopted parent

fractured – broken

privy – allowed to know something private

prognosis – prediction

unraveling – untangle

spontaneous – relaxed

whereas – take into consideration

regimented – strict

sack lunch – lunch in a bag

cost overruns – money over your budget

squeaky wheel – complainer

ambivalent – not decided

fortitude – mental strength

onboard view – seen from the car

fidgeting – not still

going through the motions – doing something without feeling

disheartened – lost hope
pg 112 spinning the yarn – telling a story
pg 112 prophesying – predicting

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pg 114 preschool – school before kindergarten
pg 114 extended day – more school after regular school
pg 114 orientation – training
pg 114 arms akimbo – hands on hips, elbows out

Chapter 23
pg 115 immersed – occupied
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

Chapter 24
pg 129 point of contention – disagreement
pg 129 intractability – stubborn
pg 129 Gila monster – large lizard

Chapter 25
pg 133 convivial – friendly
pg 133 pervaded – filled
pg 133 partaken in the debauchery – participated in the pleasures
pg 134 coyotes, my brethren – brothers
pg 135 Achilles without his tendon – warrior Achilles’ weak spot
pg 135 Samson without Delilah – Delilah cuts Samson’s hair and he loses his strength
pg 135 oedipus without his clubfoot – a flaw
pg 137 sustainable living – reducing impact on the earth
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
pg 148 burst to life – bloom
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
pg 153 **fans** – spread
pg 154 **hot lap** – drive around the track without competing
pg 155 **dissipating** – disappearing
pg 156 **emanating** – coming out
pg 156 **subconsciously** – not fully aware
pg 158 **immersed** – involved
pg 162 **temporal beings** – limited as a person
pg 163 **buoyancy** – ability to float
pg 164 **go wilding** – act crazy
pg 164 **putrid** – rotten
pg 165 **complacent** – content

**Chapter 29**

pg 166 **fleur-de-lis insignia** – French – fancy lily design
pg 167 **French doors** – pair of doors with glass panels
pg 168 **sardonically** – bitter/sneering
pg 168 **teak** – type of hard wood
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pg 170 **commentary** – description
pg 171 **transition period** – change from one thing to another
pg 171 **fiscal abundance** – lots of money
pg 172 **suing for custody** – take to court for custody

pg 174 **tendons** – tissue connecting muscle to bond
pg 176 **prestigious** – high reputation

**Chapter 30**

pg 178 **strategic** – planned

**Chapter 31**

pg 180 **torso** – trunk of a body
pg 180 **condolences** – sympathy
pg 180 **pulls a good latte** – makes good coffee
pg 180 **barista** – person whose job is to prepare/serve coffee
pg 181 **chattel** – personal property
pg 182 **buzzing device** – cell phone
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**

pg 188 **power down his psyche** – slow down his spirit
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**

pg 196 **arraignment** – legal charge of crime

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**

pg 197 **perforated** – pierced

pg 198 **interminable** – never-ending

pg 198 **subjective** – personal

pg 198 **bombastic** – pompous – 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**

pg 203 **assimilate** – take in

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

pg 204 **pathetic** – pitiful

pg 204 **hackneyed** – worn out

pg 205 **puked** – vomited

pg 205 **maudlin** – emotional

pg 205 **naïve** – innocent

**Chapter 36**

pg 207 **amplifies** – increases

pg 208 **Arboretum** – a garden of trees

pg 213 **compromise** – middle ground

**Chapter 37**

pg 215 **degenerative arthritis** – destroys cartilage and tissue around a joint

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

**Chapter 38**

pg 219 **temporary restraining order** – must convince the judge that harm will occur

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

pg 219 **terminate** – end

pg 219 **abducted** – kidnap

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**

pg 225 **faux intercontinental liaison** – false international connection

pg 227 **gargoyle** – ugly carved figure on a building

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

pg 232 **rending** – tearing

**Chapter 40**

pg 234 **puzzle out** – figure out
pg 235 subtleties – detail

Chapter 41
pg 239 garish light of conspicuous consumption – bright, obvious and showy eating
pg 239 dexterous – having skill

Chapter 42
pg 240 maw – mouth
pg 242 peripheral – outer
pg 242 neophyte – beginner

Chapter 44
pg 245 devious – dishonest
pg 246 concurrent – done at the same time
pg 246 extraneous – not relevant

Chapter 45
pg 249 laconic – brief
pg 249 lugubrious – gloomy
pg 250 dastardly – evil

Chapter 46
pg 252 deficiency – shortage
pg 253 jaunt – trip
pg 254 audacity – boldness

Chapter 47
pg 255 ambivalent – having mixed feelings
pg 256 penetrated – pierced
pg 256 enigmatic – mysterious
pg 257 agnostic – person neutral about God

Chapter 48
pg 258 snippets – pieces
pg 260 implacable – unforgiving

Chapter 49
pg 263 principle – truth
pg 263 misdemeanor harassment – a lesser charge than a felony for bothering someone
pg 265 exemption – being free from an obligation/duty
pg 265 feinted – distracting movement
pg 266 checker – short for checkered flag which ends the race

Chapter 50
pg 269 assumption – belief
pg 270 nimble – quick
pg 270 flamboyant – fancy/showy
pg 271 condolences – sympathy
pg 272 liability – responsibility
pg 272 homologated – approved
pg 273 audition – tryout
pg 273 cresting – reach the top
pg 274 agape – mouth open with surprise
pg 274 careened – rushed
pg 276 – compensation – payment

Chapter 51
pg 278 plumbing – slang for urinary system
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

pg 281 **acquiesced** – permitted

pg 281 **abreast** – side by side

pg 281 **feigning** – faking

**Chapter 52**

pg 285 **threadbare** – well-worn

pg 285 **mothballs** – smelly balls to keep away moths

**Chapter 53**

pg 287 **receptive** – open-minded

pg 288 **gruff** – rough

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

pg 288 **vague** – unclear

**Chapter 54**

pg 290 **apex** – highest point

pg 291 **confluence** – joining

pg 291 **folly** – foolishness

**Chapter 55**

pg 292 **plagued** – bothered

pg 292 **home equity loan** – borrow money against your home

**Chapter 56**

pg 294 **bailiff** – courtroom policeman

pg 294 **lilt** – rhythm

pg 295 **conjures** – produces

pg 295 **eulogy** – tribute

pg 296 **banal** – common and boring

pg 296 **trepidation** – fear

**Chapter 57**

pg 296 **allegation** – claim

pg 296 **prosecution** – group starting legal action against someone/something

pg 296 **predator-like stalking** - tracking like an animal

pg 296 **illicitly** – illegally

pg 297 **taken liberties** – sexually assaulted

pg 298 **taut** – tight

pg 298 **zigzagging** - not moving in a straight line

pg 298 **incriminate** – blame

pg 300 **voice synthesizer** – electronic device that can imitate the voice of a person

pg 301 **hall of mirrors** – a passage lined with mirrors that will change the image

pg 301 **facimile** – copy

pg 302 **ramifications** – consequences

pg 303 **recanted** – changed their mind

**Chapter 58**

pg 303 **propitious** – promising

pg 308 **predecessor** – person holding a position before the current holder

pg 309 **pinky** – littlest finger on your hand

**Chapter 59**

pg 310 **wrench** – pull

pg 310 **hobble** – limp

pg 311 **pathetic** – pitiful

pg 311 **ennui** – boredom

pg 311 **mutant** – freak

pg 311 **offspring** – children

pg 311 **supplant** – replace
pg 311 **purview** – range of authority

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