

Word Substitution List, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*

Chapter 1, pages 1-12

- Pg 3 **gazed** – looked
- Pg 3 **clipped lawn** – cut grass
- Pg 3 **telescopic washing line** – the rope
Maureen hangs their clothes on to dry
- Pg 3 **Post!** – mail!
- Pg 3 **cross** – angry
- Pg 3 **slight** – small, thin
- Pg 4 **postmark** – on the outside of an envelope
- Pg 4 **vivid** – bright
- Pg 4 **scribbled in ballpoint** – written in a messy way with an ink pen
- Pg 4 **letters collapsing . . .** – letters running into one another as if a child had written them
- Pg 4 **prodded** – pushed
- Pg 4 **Hospice** – a place people go to when they expect to die within a year
- Pg 5 **set out** – written
- Pg 5 **muddled** – messy, hard to read
- Pg 5 **precise** – careful, exact
- Pg 5 **sends her regards** – says hello
- Pg 5 **chap** – man, person
- Pg 5 **drew up** – sat up
- Pg 5 **fumbled for** – tried to find
- Pg 5 **fetch out** – bring out
- Pg 5 **took up from** – started in
- Pg 6 **winded** – out of breath
- Pg 6 **trigger an abundance** – start lots
- Pg 6 **laurel hedging** – bushes
- Pg 6 **net drapes** – curtains
- Pg 6 **strip the beds** – change the bed sheets
- Pg 7 **Basildon Bond** – paper
- Pg 7 **rollerball** – ink
- Pg 7 **after, as it . . .** – after the person died
- Pg 7 **Had the shoe . . .** – if Queenie been the one writing the letter and he were the sick one
- Pg 7 **limp** – lame, inadequate, not good
- Pg 7 **nip** – go quickly
- Pg 8 **threshold** – the door entrance
- Pg 8 **slam** – shut loudly
- Pg 8 **estate agents** – people who sell houses
- Pg 8 **elevated** – high up on a hill
- Pg 8 **Their front gardens . . . dear life** – the area was very hilly
- Pg 8 **strode** – walked
- Pg 8 **steep concrete** – very high cement
- Pg 8 **dandelion** – a common weed with a yellow flower
- Pg 8 **Roundup** – a brand of weed killer
- Pg 8 **adjoining fence** – the fence between their yards
- Pg 8 **widowed** – his wife died
- Pg 8 **retirement** – when Harold stopped working
- Pg 8-9 **great length** – a lot (on and on)
- Pg 9 **“you” in the general** – you can mean Harold specifically or people in general
- Pg 9 **attempted a jocular tone** – tried a happy voice
- Pg 9 **an intimation** – a hint
- Pg 9 **posted** – taken to the post office
- Pg 9 **circulars** – junk mail, flyers
- Pg 9 **compost/mulch** – different ways of disposing of grass clippings
- Pg 9 **yachting** – boating

Pg 9 **midday collection** – the mail pick-up in the middle of the day

Pg 9 **wagging** – waving, wiggling

Pg 9 **pavement** – road, path

Pg 9 **postbox cropped up** – mailbox came up

Pg 10 **slot** – opening in the mailbox to slide his letter through

Pg 10 **beds** – gardens

Pg 10 **chutneys** – sauces (food)

Pg 10 **potting shed** – a small house (shed) for gardening equipment and activities

Pg 10 **stone's throw** – not far (as far as you could throw a stone, more or less)

Pg 10 **inadequacy shamed** – lameness embarrassed (his words were not enough)

Pg 10 **overcome** – filled with emotion

Pg 10 **dark mouth** – slot, opening

Pg 11 **snap** – quick, instant

Pg 11 **promptly/anticipated** – quickly/expected

Pg 11 **Beads of perspiration** – drops of sweat

Pg 11 **obliged** – it was necessary

Pg 11 **passerby** – someone walking by

Pg 11 **dinghies lolled** – small boats lay around

Pg 11 **hobbled** – walked unsteadily

Pg 12 **pints** – glasses of beer

Pg 12 **absorbed** – involved, concentrated

Pg 12 **nursing home** – place for old people to live

Chapter 2, pages 13-19

Pg 13 **He had passed . . .** – lots of stores

Pg 13 **estuary** – small river

Pg 13 **flecks** – spots, bits

Pg 14 **cul-de-sacs** – road (French)

Pg 14 **Magnolias** – flowering trees

Pg 14 **tide him over** – keep him from getting hungry

Pg 14 **gap** – break, space, pause

Pg 14 **petrol** – gas

Pg 14 **till** – cash register (at the gas station)

Pg 14 **pockmarked** - spotted

Pg 14 **light refreshments** – snacks

Pg 14 **ajar** – slightly open

Pg 15 **nugget** – square

Pg 15 **cast her eyes** – looked

Pg 15 **mopped** – wiped

Pg 15 **gazed/awe** – looked/wonder

Pg 15 **luminous** – glowing, shining

Pg 15 **got the hang of** – learned

Pg 15 **twined** – twisted, curled

Pg 15 **twiddled** – twisting

Pg 15 **rapped** – banged, hit

Pg 16 **made a show** – made a big deal

Pg 16 **rang** – sounded

Pg 16 **insistence** – urgency

Pg 16 **bewildered** – surprised

Pg 16 **anticipate** – expect

Pg 16 **A stiffening . . .** – physical changes and difficulties

Pg 16 **A381** – a highway

Pg 16 **hawthorn** – type of tree

Pg 17 **rigidity** – stiffness

Pg 17 **wheezing** – coughing, difficulty breathing

Pg 17 **courier/motorbike** – messenger/motorcycle

Pg 17 **brewery car park** – bar/restaurant parking lot

Pg 17 **forwarding addresses** – their new address after they moved from Harold’s neighborhood

Pg 17 **betrayed** – broken her trust

Pg 17 **surrendered** – given up

Pg 17 **mobile** – cell phone

Pg 17 **staggered** – walked with difficulty

Pg 17 **grief** – sadness

Pg 18 **shrieked . . .** – barely missed him

Pg 18 **kiosk** – closet, room

Pg 18 **spine** – back bone

Pg 18 **clamped** – put, held

Pg 18 **deliberation** – questioning

Pg 19 **visiting hours** – the hours the Hospice allows people to visit patients

Pg 19 **exasperated** – frustrated

Pg 19 **terrible line** – bad phone connection

Pg 19 **jotting** – writing

Pg 19 **setting off** – starting

Pg 19 **trembling** – shaking

Pg 19 **Cramming** – Pushing

Pg 19 **PS** – indicates an addition to a letter

Pg 19 **what in heaven’s name** – what on Earth, what in the world (an expression of great surprise)

Chapter 3, pages 20-24

Pg 20 **annihilated** – killed, obliterated

Pg 20 **organism** – creature

Pg 20 **achieve** – do

Pg 20 **rang** – called

Pg 20 **marimba tone** – music

Pg 21 **Telegraph** – a newspaper

Pg 21 **Alzheimer’s** – a brain disease that makes the brain stop working correctly

Pg 21 **crept** – walked quietly

Pg 21 **cardigan** – sweater

Pg 21 **plucked** – picked

Pg 22 **looked about** – looked around

Pg 22 **stubbed** – hit

Pg 22 **tone she had adopted** – voice she used

Pg 22 **regal/squashed** – royal/defeated

Pg 22 **Devastating images** – horrible pictures

Pg 22 **firing** – running

Pg 22 **inert** – unmoving, still

Pg 22 **preempt** – protect her from

Pg 22 **reassembled her composed** – found her normal

Pg 22 **B3196/pub** – highway/bar (restaurant)

Pg 22 **indignant** – angry

Pg 23 **dawned on** – occurred to, came to

Pg 23 **brilliant** – very good, fine

Pg 23 **chap** – man

Pg 23 **portentous** – very important

Pg 23 **spluttered** – said

Pg 23 **buckled** – bent so that her legs no longer held her up

Pg 23 **gherkins** – pickles

Pg 23 **threw her** – confused her

Pg 23 **spark of heat** – touch of anger

Pf 24 **appealed to** – asked

Pg 24 **The spark . . . bolt** – she became very angry

Pg 24 **line was staccato’d . . .** – their phone connection was scratchy (not good)

Pg 24 **groped her body** – moved her body stiffly, slowly

Chapter 4, pages 25-38

- Pg 25 **with a stoop** – bent over
- Pg 25 **low beam** – wood to hit his head on
- Pg 25 **appalled** – horrified, upset
- Pg 25 **peony-bud** – flower
- Pg 25 **keep a low profile** – try not to be noticed
- Pg 25 **brewery** – place where beer is made
- Pg 25 **newly wed** – newly married
- Pg 25 **Keeping himself apart** – working alone
- Pg 26 **admin** – short for “administration”
- Pg 26 **collection** – money (to buy him a gift)
- Pg 26 **voucher** – gift card
- Pg 26 **Threshers** – bar (alcohol restaurant)
- Pg 26 **teetotaler** – someone who doesn’t drink alcohol
- Pg 26 **lightly sprigged** – decorated, covered
- Pg 26 **elements** – parts
- Pg 26 **finely tuned** – carefully laid out, planned
- Pg 27 **stripped antique...** - clothes closet
- Pg 27 **smudge** – erase, cover
- Pg 27 **mop** – wipe away his sweat from
- Pg 27 **quench his thirst** – get a drink
- Pg 27 **bowled over** – impressed
- Pg 27 **confided his intentions** – told him his plans (to walk to Berwick for Queenie)
- Pg 28 **inquired** – asked
- Pg 28 **crooked/clasping** – bent/grabbing
- Pg 28 **keeling** – falling
- Pg 28 **bulbous join** – knuckle
- Pg 28 **plasters** – Band Aids
- Pg 29 **vivid** – clear
- Pg 29 **Cramp** – muscle pain
- Pg 29 **flex** – point
- Pg 29 **hobbled** – barely walked
- Pg 29 **Clinging** – holding onto
- Pg 29 **fetch his mobile** – get his cell phone
- Pg 29 **give voice to** – tell him the
- Pg 29 **consulted** – looked at
- Pg 30 **hovered** – stood, waited
- Pg 30 **shamed** – embarrassed
- Pg 30 **swiveled** – turned quickly
- Pg 30 **potted fern** – green plant
- Pg 30 **conspicuous** – like he stood out, like everyone was staring at him
- Pg 31 **elation** – happiness
- Pg 31 **tremble** – shaky words
- Pg 31 **sour** – bad
- Pg 31 **dogging** – following
- Pg 31 **senile** – crazy
- Pg 31 **eavesdropping** – listening in on other people’s conversations
- Pg 32 **prohibit** – forbid
- Pg 32 **scalded** – burned
- Pg 32 **amplify** – sound louder
- Pg 32 **crept** – moved slowly and silently
- Pg 32 **mad** – crazy
- Pg 32 **retreated** – went back
- Pg 32 **clank** – loud noise
- Pg 32 **berated** – yelled at
- Pg 32 **under a tap** – under water
- Pg 33 **plait** – braid (hairstyle)
- Pg 33 **plumper** – fatter
- Pg 34 **lips buckled ...** – he smiled
- Pg 34 **pitiful** – someone to feel sorry for
- Pg 34 **expansively** – in a large way
- Pg 34 **reprimand** – scold, criticize

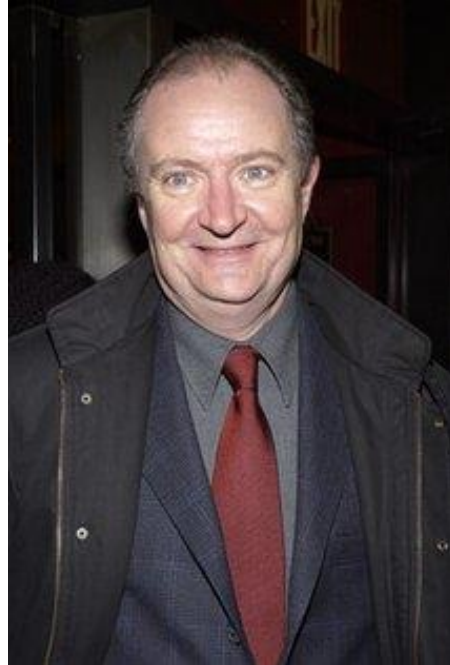
- Pg 35 **pinned/cynical** – looked at/unbelieving
- Pg 35 **saw straight through him** – knew he was lying
- Pg 35 **verge . . . button** – about to send a nuclear bomb
- Pg 35 **brew a pot** – make a pot (of tea)
- Pg 35 **rectify** – fix
- Pg 35 **lift** – ride
- Pg 35 **nudity** – nakedness, clarity
- Pg 36 **conjured** – pictured
- Pg 36 **linger** – stay
- Pg 36 **scrutinizing** – looking him over carefully
- Pg 36 **retired** – left the dining room, rested
- Pg 36 **protruded** – sticking out
- Pg 36 **fringe** – hair (bangs in American)
- Pg 36 **pilgrim** – explorer
- Pg 36 **confined** – closed in
- Pg 36 **His skin . . .** – his skin was thin and tight
- Pg 37 **emerged** – came out
- Pg 37 **humbled** – feeling grateful (opposite of proud)
- Pg 37 **snorted** – made a noise with his nose
- Pg 38 **dwel on** – think about

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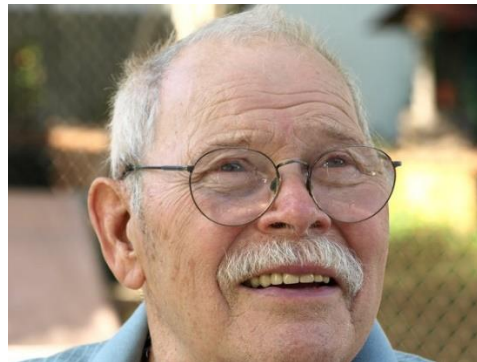
Maureen Fry, Harold's wife



Harold Fry, Maureen's husband



Rex, Maureen and Harold's next door neighbor



Chapter 5, pages 39-56

- Pg 39 **hedges/hedgerows** – bushes
- Pg 39 **were dark bones . . .** were straight and ugly against the sky
- Pg 39 **a canopy of . . .** – the trees and flowers were beautiful to him
- Pg 40 **vulnerable** – unsafe
- Pg 40 **scurrying** – rushing, running
- Pg 40 **pigeon** – bird

Pg 40	exhilarating – exciting	Pg 46	flicker/propelled – moment/moved
Pg 40	fell away – sloped downward	Pg 46	rustled – moved
Pg 40	copse/quiff – group/hairstyle	Pg 46	conjuring – bringing
Pg 40	modest accommodation – a hotel	Pg 46	unlace – untie (the shoe's laces)
Pg 40	trench – narrow valley	Pg 47	sprinted/hurling – ran/throwing
Pg 40	punctually – on time	Pg 47	plowing – running
Pg 41	humbled – felt small	Pg 47	current – the movement of the water
Pg 41	verged on – were almost	Pg 47	gazed – looked
Pg 41	trembled – shone	Pg 47	dunno – don't know
Pg 41	pulling at the air . . . – sniffing	Pg 47	bug off- go away, quit bothering me
Pg 41	bouquet – bunch of flowers	Pg 48	crammed – filled
Pg 41	striding – walking with purpose	Pg 48	accused – blamed
Pg 41	spring of blossom – flower	Pg 48	drowning – killing David by water
Pg 41	nettles – prickly bushes	Pg 48	conjured – brought to him
Pg 42	plaster dust – white powder from building a house	Pg 48	seemed too angular . . . – was difficult
Pg 42	patch – area (that he frequented)	Pg 48	secured – closed
Pg 42	vigor – strength	Pg 48	pegged up... – underwear, intimate clothing
Pg 42	masticate – chew his food	Pg 49	trembled – shook
Pg 43	swipe – swat, hit	Pg 49	creased – wrinkled
Pg 43	moist/crimson – wet/red	Pg 49	intrude – impose, cause trouble for
Pg 43	inflamed/pod – swollen/circle	Pg 49	align himself – line him up
Pg 43	landlord – owner of the property	Pg 49	transient – changing
Pg 43	eclipsing – blocking	Pg 49	sought . . . – panted, breathed quickly
Pg 43	publicans – officials, people of authority	Pg 49	got the hang of it – figured out how
Pg 44	hovering – floating above	Pg 49	limbs – arms and legs (body)
Pg 44	unawares – by surprise	Pg 49	merged – combined
Pg 44	ill – badly	Pg 50	gestured/upturned – motioned/open
Pg 44	vicious sod – mean guy	Pg 50	greedily – hungrily
Pg 45	if you get my drift – if you know what I mean (wink, wink)	Pg 50	ceases to amaze – stops amazing
Pg 45	bastard/chap – man/man	Pg 50	instinctive – natural
Pg 45	fell apart – couldn't keep my life together	Pg 50	resounding absence – large lack
Pg 46	tot – add, tally	Pg 51	dimples of flesh – folds of skin
		Pg 51	cot – bed

Pg 51 **dissolve** – disappear

Pg 51 **a spectator** – someone watching

Pg 51 **intensify** – get stronger

Pg 51 **consumed** – filled

Pg 51 **fault** – problem, flaw

Pg 52 **first paragraph** = Harold is walking next to mountains and sees a bird flying overhead

Pg 52 **bear** – withstand, take on, do

Pg 52 **diluted** – became less

Pg 52 **rejected them for good** – turned them away forever

Pg 52 **flint** – stone

Pg 52 **buckled** – bent without warning

Pg 52 **throbbing** – hurting

Pg 53 **A3121/B3372** – highways

Pg 53 **exchanged pleasantries** – said hello to each other

Pg 53 **tracksuits** – clothing

Pg 53 **scene** – memory

Pg 54 **tipped** – touched

Pg 54 **skewered** – punctured

Pg 54 **disassociation** – lack of connection

Pg 54 **thug** – cruel person

Pg 54 **sadomasochistic tendencies** – likes to hurt people, especially sexually

Pg 54 **bond** – connection

Pg 54 **whim of irony** – mere chance, fluke

Pg 54 **kneecapped** – breaking someone's knees

Pg 54 **petty cash tin** – a box with a small amount of money in it in offices

Pg 54 **rumors** – gossip, what people were saying

Pg 54 **subjects closer to home** – ideas that were more likely to upset Harold

Pg 55 **slunk** – move in a slow, almost fearful way

Pg 55 **clever** – smart

Pg 55 **implicit/remark/conviction** – understood/comment/certainty, sure belief

Pg 55 **sherry trifle** – a dessert

Pg 55 **trod** – walked on

Pg 55 **plasters** – band aids

Pg 55 **weeping blister** – a painful bump that was oozing (bleeding) clear liquid

Chapter 6, pages 57-61

Pg 57 **was convinced** – believed

Pg 57 **fetch** – get

Pg 57 **nightdress** – pyjamas

Pg 57 **lurked** – remained

Pg 57 **undoing** – becoming undone, falling apart

Pg 58 **been tempted to call it a day** – wanted to quit

Pg 58 **common** – ordinary, nothing special

Pg 59 **album** – book of photos

Pg 59 **rubbish** – trash

Pg 59 **dusk fell** – evening came

Pg 59 **poorly** – sick

Pg 59 **Elizabeth** – Rex's dead wife

Pg 59 **confided** – said (in secret to Maureen)

Pg 59 **hypochondriac** – someone who worries a LOT about their health, always thinks they're sick

Pg 60 **mournfully** – sadly

Pg 60 **pulse** – heartbeat

Pg 60 **screached past** – drove noisily

Pg 60 **inertia** – no movement (sleep)

Pg 60 **And reacquainting . . .** – Remembering this news again each day when she woke was worse than learning it the first time

Pg 60 **well and truly hit home** – was finally believed

Chapter 7, pages 62-80

- Pg 62 **peculiar/shriek** – strange/scream
- Pg 62 **bragging** – saying with pride
- Pg 62 **torso** – body
- Pg 62 **have a go** – give it a try
- Pg 62 **dawned on** – occurred to
- Pg 63 **strung/radiator** – hung/heater
- Pg 63 **bluebottles** – a type of sea fish
- Pg 63 **off** – not at work
- Pg 63 **unsavory** – disgusting, not nice
- Pg 64 **jigging** – moving, shaking
- Pg 64 **on the verge of** – about to
- Pg 64 **post** – mail
- Pg 64 **stationery cupboard** – office supply closet
- Pg 65 **drab** – boring, uninteresting
- Pg 65 **Contrary** – Opposite, against
- Pg 65 **predictions** – guesses
- Pg 65 **stout** – thick, heavy, firm
- Pg 65 **odd favor** – occasional sex act
- Pg 65 **manner** – personality
- Pg 65 **unprecedented** – never before seen
- Pg 65 **impersonations** – pretending to be Queenie
- Pg 65 **corridors** – halls (of the office)
- Pg 65 **canteen** – cafeteria
- Pg 65 **snuffling/cupboard** – crying/closet
- Pg 66 **sob** – cry
- Pg 66 **squat profile** – short body
- Pg 66 **on the point of** – just about to
- Pg 66 **wept** – cried
- Pg 66 **emotion** – feelings
- Pg 66 **degree** – college degree
- Pg 66 **rumors** – stories
- Pg 66 **reduce . . . to jelly** – make the toughest men feel weak
- Pg 66 **resign** – quit
- Pg 67 **out of turn** – badly
- Pg 67 **fuss** – complaining
- Pg 67 **peaks/frost** – mountains/snow
- Pg 67 **dressing gown** – robe (over pyjamas)
- Pg 67 **saucer/hedgehogs** – plate/small animal
- Pg 67 **overtook** – passed
- Pg 67 **bawling** – screaming
- Pg 68 **paced up and down** – walked back and forth
- Pg 68 **brittle with fury** – stiff with anger
- Pg 68 **abandoned mattress, etc** – lots of trash
- Pg 68 **Harboourneford . . .** – cities
- Pg 68 **sulfuric** – chemical
- Pg 68 **press on** – keep going
- Pg 68 **hit the downward . . .** – walked downhill
- Pg 68 **their upward slopes** – going uphill
- Pg 68 **palms cupping** – hands on
- Pg 68 **rose and fell** – went up and down
- Pg 69 **maiden** – unmarried
- Pg 69 **thumped** – banged, hit
- Pg 69 **lodging/careering** – putting/dropping
- Pg 69 **satchel** – bag, purse, backpack
- Pg 69 **loomed** – stood (he was tall)
- Pg 69 **disarming** – caught him by surprise
- Pg 69 **struck dumb** – silent
- Pg 70 **keenly** – clearly
- Pg 70 **Buckfast Abbey** – a monastery [a place where religious people (monks) live]
- Pg 70 **setting foot** – stepping one foot
- Pg 70 **contemplated** – thought about
- Pg 70 **queuing** – getting in line

Pg 71 **khaki** – tan color
Pg 72 **shuffled** – organized, put
Pg 72 **pros** – professionals
Pg 72 **streaming** – leaking tears, like crying
Pg 72 **specialist** – socks especially for walking
Pg 73 **studied** – looked at
Pg 73 **twiddled** – spun, twirled, played with
Pg 73 **macho** – very manly or masculine
Pg 73 **struck** – seemed to
Pg 73 **were drawn to** – went to
Pg 74 **row** – fight, argument
Pg 74 **affectionately** – fondly, happily
Pg 74 **bloody** – a swear word (like shit, damn)
Pg 74 **raised their voices** – were talking louder
Pg 74 **cooped up** – stuck
Pg 74 **impulse** – sudden desire
Pg 75 **played it otherwise** – acted differently, made different choices
Pg 75 **quay** – water
Pg 75 **ticking/remnants** – fabric/left over fabric
Pg 76 **setting eyes on** – looking at
Pg 76 **sprig of holly** – flower
Pg 76 **fancied** – imagined
Pg 76 **dug** – put
Pg 76 **source of . . .** – cause of so much anger
Pg 76 **howled** – screamed
Pg 76 **in essence** – in general
Pg 76 **rang** – called
Pg 76 **halting** – with many pauses
Pg 77 **proper** – correct, appropriate
Pg 77 **gave a knowing reference** – told her about
Pg 77 **trodden** – stepped
Pg 77 **come across** – heard of
Pg 77 **chaotic** – crazy

Pg 77 **wrenched** – taken back
Pg 77 **hovered over the surface of** – avoided
Pg 77 **unfathomable** – unthinkable, impossible
Pg 77 **be bridged** – be able to be spoken of
Pg 78 **weary** – tired
Pg 78 **implying/fund** – saying/money
Pg 79 **for it** – to do
Pg 79 **dressing gown** – robe
Pg 79 **profound** – absolute, complete
Pg 79 **tinkled** – filled
Pg 79 **doubling over** – bent over at the waist
Pg 79 **sought/amuse** – looked for/entertain
Pg 79 **pulled faces** – made his face look funny
Pg 79 **bulge** – stick out, swell
Pg 79 **pads/plasters** – bottoms/band aids
Pg 80 **Midges** – insects
Pg 80 **drooped** – hung down (was too big now)
Pg 80 **chafing** – rubbing
Pg 80 **forget-me-nots** – flowers
Pg 80 **a further** – another

Chapter 8, pages 81-90

Pg 81 **cathedral** – church
Pg 81 **street theater** – acting in public (hoping people will give them money)
Pg 81 **did it for me** – ended my praying
Pg 82 **rooted/bin** – looked through/trash can
Pg 82 **shambolic** – crazy, disorganized
Pg 82 **juggling/batons** – throwing in the air/sticks
Pg 82 **piggy in the middle** – a game where one person stands between two others and tries to catch a ball thrown back and forth above his head. Americans call this game Monkey in the Middle.
Pg 82 **jerky/unrefined** – clumsy, not smooth

- Pg 82 **diluted itself** – thinned out, went away
- Pg 82 **discourteous/abandon** – rude/leave
- Pg 82 **jiving** – dancing
- Pg 82 **jiggering** – moving, jiggling, shaking
- Pg 82 **emcee** – the person hosting the show
- Pg 82 **roared** – laughed loudly
- Pg 83 **traitor** – betrayer, not loyal
- Pg 83 **top marks** – good grades
- Pg 83 **let him down** – disappoint him
- Pg 83 **as much** – so
- Pg 83 **bowing/confrontation** – looking down with/arguments or fights
- Pg 83 **spilled from . . .** – here is his own son, looking him in the eye and daring him to fight
- Pg 83 **grinned/jived** – smiled/danced
- Pg 84 **embracing/invisible** – hugging/unseen
- Pg 84 **for it** – to do
- Pg 84 **fumbled a passage** – moved
- Pg 84 **urine/vomit** – pee/throw-up
- Pg 84 **limping** – walking unevenly
- Pg 85 **tarmac** – road
- Pg 85 **resolved** – decided
- Pg 85 **deliberated** – tried to decide
- Pg 85 **long since abandoned** – long ago left
- Pg 85 **such an array** – so many choices
- Pg 85 **faltered** – wavered, waited, stalled
- Pg 85 **rucksack/pedometer** – backpack/distance counter
- Pg 85 **wind-up torch** – a flashlight
- Pg 85 **ingenuity** – creativity, creative thinking
- Pg 86 **wept** – cried
- Pg 86 **gulps** – gasps of air
- Pg 86 **nipping** – touching
- Pg 86 **Even her . . .** – Even her sadness held a small amount of dignity (respect)
- Pg 86 **negotiating** – walking through
- Pg 87 **free/urged** – available/encouraged, asked
- Pg 87 **smart** – tasteful, good-looking, fashionable
- Pg 87 **crease** – fold
- Pg 87 **steeple** – fingertips straight and touching
- Pg 87 **distinguished** – respectable, successful, elegant, dignified
- Pg 87 **let down** – disappointed
- Pg 87 **slim soldiers** – narrow pieces
- Pg 87 **opaque** – couldn't be seen through
- Pg 87 **dolly bird** - ? (it's British)
- Pg 87 **marveled/posted** – was in awe/put
- Pg 88 **mopped** – licked
- Pg 88 **intact** – uncut
- Pg 88 **decent sort** – good kind
- Pg 88 **lodged** – stuck
- Pg 88 **gulp/tonsils** – swallow/part of the throat
- Pg 88 **grown fond of** – started to like
- Pg 88 **polio/limp** – muscle disease/walk unevenly
- Pg 88 **faltered** – stopped, was unsure of himself
- Pg 89 **trembled/steered** – shook/brought
- Pg 89 **rim/slopped** – top of his cup/spilled
- Pg 89 **He moves me** – this is an expression of deep emotion
- Pg 89 **intrusion/witness** – violation/see
- Pg 89 **mop** – clean
- Pg 89 **trainers** – shoes (like running shoes)
- Pg 89 **quivered** – shook (with emotion)
- Pg 89 **offend** – insult, make him feel bad

Pg 89 **an avalanche of** – a lot of
Pg 89 **petrol/posting** – gas/mailling
Pg 90 **irises** – colored part of the eye
Pg 90 **atone** – make up for
Pg 90 **neglected** – not taken care of
Pg 90 **small piece of generosity** – much
Pg 90 **our paths will cross** – we will meet

Chapter 9, pages 91-95

Pg 91 **numbing shock** – unfeeling surprise
Pg 91 **galvanizing fury** – huge anger
Pg 91 **squandered** – wasted, spent
Pg 91 **dare he** – could he be so cruel as to
Pg 91 **humiliate** – embarrass
Pg 91 **Hoover** – vacuum cleaner
Pg 91 **sucking . . .** – vacuuming them up
Pg 91 **shot/disinfectant** – sprayed/anti-germ
Pg 92 **preoccupied** – she was thinking about
Pg 92 **regret** – wish she hadn't told
Pg 92 **bearing** – bringing
Pg 92 **dreaded** – hated
Pg 92 **stout silhouette** – thick shadow
Pg 92 **ER** – Emergency Room (at the hospital)
Pg 92 **bear** – stand, do
Pg 92 **lifts** – rides
Pg 92 **felt stripped** – hurt
Pg 93 **paced** – walked
Pg 93 **own up** – admit, be honest
Pg 93 **blaze of righteousness** – fire of being right
Pg 93 **distract her** – make her think of other things

Pg 93 **fitfully** – uneasily, not well
Pg 93 **liver** – an organ inside the body
Pg 93 **smothering** – covering
Pg 93 **slithering** slipping, sliding
Pg 93 **contain it** – keep holding it
Pg 93 **domes** – round covers
Pg 93 **It came over her** – she felt it
Pg 94 **fleshy gap** – opening in her skin
Pg 94 **post/flicked** – push/shook
Pg 94 **clung** – stuck
Pg 94 **nursing her entrails** - hiding her insides
Pg 94 **pension fund dwindling to** – their retirement savings becoming
Pg 94 **suspect/spinster** - think/unmarrying
Pg 94 **urged/voiced** told/said
Pg 94 **harshly** – cruelly, in a mean way
Pg 94 **mince his words** – edit his words to be nice
Pg 95 **Urgent** – Important
Pg 95 **surgery/rang** – doctor's office/called
Pg 95 **book** – make

Chapter 10, pages 96-108

Pg 96 **replenished** – new
Pg 96 **petroleum jelly** – cream, medicine
Pg 96 **seeking to avoid** – trying not to think about
Pg 96 **chattered** – talked
Pg 97 **in terms of** – through
Pg 97 **plot** – yard
Pg 97 **dug in** – planted
Pg 97 **splintering tenderness the fragility** – exquisite (lots of) emotion how delicate was

Pg 97 **hollow cackle/crow** – sound/bird
Pg 97 **overwhelmed with** – feeling lots of
Pg 97 **loomed over** – stood much taller than
Pg 97 **tassels** – ends
Pg 97 **daft** – dumb
Pg 97 **eased/hold** – took/fingers
Pg 97 **smudged** – looking messy
Pg 97 **plunge** – dive, jump
Pg 98 **pried** – removed, taken
Pg 98 **confectionery, dusted** – sweets, covered
Pg 98 **foil** – aluminum foil
Pg 98 **thatch** – sticks
Pg 98 **flint** – rocks (gray)
Pg 98 **spiraea, etc** – lots of flower names in this paragraph
Pg 98 **Buoyed up** – encouraged, happy about
Pg 98 **overtook/buggies** – passed/strollers
Pg 98 **top up** – fill to the top of the glass
Pg 98 **riddle** – joke, question
Pg 98 **sweet tooth** – loved sweets
Pg 98 **pear drops . . .** – candies
Pg 99 **do the trick** – fix her
Pg 99 **pork rind** – food
Pg 99 **back me up** – agree with me
Pg 100 **settle** – go away
Pg 100 **sprouting/knuckles** – coming out of/back of his hands
Pg 100 **persistence** – trying again and again
Pg 100 **taut** – tight, stiff
Pg 100 **frocks/strewn** – dresses/thrown
Pg 100 **perched/scrap** – sitting/little bit

Pg 100 **credit** – believe
Pg 100 **nails** – fingernails
Pg 100 **spasmodic** – terrible
Pg 101 **took shape** – became real (in his mind)
Pg 101 **upward slant** – slight hill
Pg 101 **slumped** – sitting as if very tired
Pg 101 **been sick down** – thrown up on
Pg 101 **swerved** – moved
Pg 101 **most offensive** – disliked most (his father looking away from him or the smell of his father's vomit)
Pg 101 **consoled** – tried to make his father feel better
Pg 101 **unprecedented abundance** – a lot
Pg 102 **handbags** – purses
Pg 102 **scent** – perfume
Pg 102 **dash** – run
Pg 102 **His father began . . .** – His father filled the emptiness left by Harold's mom by bringing home other women
Pg 102 **dressing gown** – robe
Pg 102 **drenched** – became very wet
Pg 102 **craving** – longing, desire
Pg 102 **appeased** – satisfied
Pg 102 **spittle** – saliva (liquid in the mouth)
Pg 102 **handkerchief** – Kleenex, cloth
Pg 102 **gulps** – swallows
Pg 102 **sick** – throw up, vomit
Pg 103 **affectionate** – loving
Pg 103 **aunts** – women his father brought home
Pg 103 **shrank** – moved away
Pg 103 **olive trousers** – green pants

Pg 103 **taste/budget** –liking/money available
Pg 103 **obliged** – like he had to
Pg 103 **tablemats** – rectangles of cloth to put under dinner plates
Pg 103 **nib/inclination** – button/need
Pg 103 **species** – type of animal
Pg 103 **pasty** – white and unhealthy
Pg 104 **spot of biliousness** – bit of liver problems
Pg 104 **mumbles** – speaks weakly, softly
Pg 104 **Weary/forlorn** – tired/sad or lonely
Pg 104 **preoccupied with** – focused on
Pg 104 **retired** – went to bed
Pg 104 **isolated** – single
Pg 104 **muscular flex** – use of his muscle
Pg 104 **relentless slog** – never ending work of it
Pg 105 **practical anxieties** – worries about regular things
Pg 105 **insidious** – horrible, terrible
Pg 105 **hedges/barbaric** – bushes/bizarre, weird
Pg 105 **blared** – honked
Pg 105 **berated/managing** – yelled at/walking
Pg 105 **creased** – wrinkled
Pg 105 **on the verge of** – just about to
Pg 105 **Cambridge** – university
Pg 106 **clever** – smart
Pg 106 **impenetrable** – unreadable, blank
Pg 106 **scoffed** laughed in a mean way
Pg 106 **direct** – straight
Pg 106 **granite swell** – gray expanse
Pg 106 **cowered** – hid
Pg 106 **peppercorns** – small black balls (spice)

Pg 106 **They swirled . . .** – there was a lot of water on the sides of the road, and the cars splashed him
Pg 106 **chafing** – scratching, rubbing
Pg 107 **stooped** – ducked, moved downward
Pg 107 **bargain/albeit** – agreement/even though it was
Pg 107 **lorry/blaring** – truck/honking
Pg 107 **credit** – believe
Pg 107 **To the east . . .** – there was some blue sky
Pg 108 **witness** – see
Pg 108 **giddy** – unbelievably happy

Chapter 11, pages 109-115

Pg 109 **receptionist** – person greeting patients
Pg 109 **check Maureen in** – register her
Pg 109 **clammy** – damp, wet, sweaty
Pg 109 **queue/groaning** – line/sounding unhappy
Pg 109 **GP** – doctor (General Practitioner)
Pg 110 **intern** – medical student
Pg 110 **round** – time
Pg 110 **pensioners** – retirees, people
Pg 110 **will** – desire, self-discipline
Pg 110 **pale** – sick, lacking color
Pg 110 **reassuring** – telling
Pg 110 **anxiety/suffer/surgery** – tension/feel/doctor's office
Pg 110 **quayside** – seaside
Pg 110 **distract herself** – not think about Harold
Pg 111 **scrambled** – got quickly
Pg 111 **polished/chestnuts** – shiny/brown nuts
Pg 111 **twist/anguish** – feeling/sadness
Pg 111 **bowed** – sat down

Pg 111 **crane** – lean

Pg 111 **mobile** – cell phone

Pg 111 **rawness** – painfulness

Pg 111 **dared a glance** – quickly looked

Pg 111 **drawn in thick worry lines** – made him look worried (about her)

Pg 111 **colleague** – co-worker

Pg 112 **instinctively** – automatically

Pg 112 **scowled** – frowned

Pg 112 **crowns** – dental work

Pg 112 **throttle goes** – engine stops

Pg 112 **lit up** – opened brightly

Pg 113 **depressed** – sad (mental condition)

Pg 113 **Alzheimer’s** – disease of dementia, his brain is no longer working correctly

Pg 113 **disconcerting clunk** – disturbing noise

Pg 113 **solemn/shivered** – complete/shook

Pg 113 **diagnosed** – determined by a doctor

Pg 113 **senior moments** – slang for forgetfulness

Pg 113 **irritated/batted** – angered/said

Pg 113 **patronizing** – superior, fatherly

Pg 113 **prone to** – likely to have

Pg 113 **taken up . . . women** – had a lot of women

Pg 113 **showed H the door** – kicked him out of the house

Pg 113 **estranged** – separated, not speaking

Pg 113 **out of the blue** – without warning, suddenly

Pg 113 **rang** – called

Pg 113 **mad as a hatter** – crazy

Pg 113 **nursing home** – live-in medical facility

Pg 114 **Suffer rapid . . .** – change emotions quickly

Pg 114 **flick** – wave

Pg 114 **rang** – sounded

Pg 114 **tidied** – carefully placed

Pg 114 **set out** – intended, decided

Pg 114 **impose physical order . . .** – make her body look calm, even if she wasn’t feeling calm

Pg 114 **psychiatric evaluation** – an examination by a doctor to see if he is mentally okay

Pg 115 **insane/out of character** – crazy/not like Harold

Pg 115 **against all the odds** – completely unlikely

Pg 115 **little senior** – little bit old

Pg 115 **desolate** – lonely

Pg 115 **cash point** – cash register, checkout

Pg 115 **intimidating** – scary, frightening

Chapter 12, pages 116-129

Pg 116 **summoned** – called

Pg 116 **on-site** – at the location, at the pub

Pg 116 **unawares** – by surprise

Pg 116 **senior reps** – older workers/employees

Pg 116 **obvious candidate** – perfect person (to drive Queenie to the pub)

Pg 116 **wily figure** – skinny person

Pg 116 **episode/cupboard** – encounter/closet

Pg 117 **chaps** – men

Pg 117 **sorted** – settled, figured out

Pg 117 **reptile** – snake, lizard, turtle

Pg 117 **faltered** – stumbled (mentally), was surprised

Pg 117 **His chain of . . .** – he changed subjects in a heartbeat (instantly, quickly)

Pg 117 **All brain . . .** – smart, but not a real man

Pg 117 **prized** – valued, loved

Pg 117 **possessions** – belongings, things he owned

Pg 117 **but to Harold . . .** – to Harold the clowns looked ugly and strange, as if they were making fun of him, making him very angry (at Mr. Napier)

Pg 117 **Hennessey** = Queenie (her last name)

Pg 118 **aptitude** – intelligence, skill

Pg 118 **audit books** – accounting (money) records

Pg 118 **landlord/slippery** – owner/not trustworthy

Pg 118 **conscious** – aware

Pg 118 **groped/pavement** – reached/cement

Pg 118 **physical definition** – shape

Pg 118 **mortified** – very embarrassed

Pg 118 **beetroot-faced** – red-faced (from anger)

Pg 118 **demon/thing past her** – devil/do anything wrong without her knowing

Pg 119 **Don't mention it** – it was no problem

Pg 119 **look out for** – protect

Pg 120 **violent stain of crimson** – big red spot

Pg 120 **suspect/suffering** – notice/having

Pg 120 **sending on** – her to send him

Pg 121 **nursed** – nurtured, fed, made permanent

Pg 121 **cliches** – common phrases or sayings

Pg 121 **whiz** – rush, speed, quickly go

Pg 121 **sodden** – soaking wet

Pg 122 **soles** – bottoms

Pg 122 **declined** – said no

Pg 122 **caught her eye** – looked at her

Pg 122 **screwed** – hardened, stiffened

Pg 122 **frail** – weak, fragile

Pg 122 **spent** – worn out

Pg 122 **rift/complicit** – separation/agreed upon

Pg 122 **compound** – increase, magnify

Pg 122 **railed** – screamed angrily

Pg 123 **unbearable/wept** – awful/cried

Pg 123 **salvage** – save

Pg 123 **give voice to** – say

Pg 123 **gesture/make amends** – action/say he's sorry

Pg 123 **tortured/sobs** – hurt/crying

Pg 123 **bridging the gap** – closing the distance

Pg 123 **gaping/assault** – open/hitting her

Pg 123 **bowed** – down

Pg 124 **shoulder** – edge of the road

Pg 124 **barrier/tore/drenched** – wall/moved/wet

Pg 124 **mourning** – missing, feeling sad about

Pg 124 **accommodation** – a place to stay

Pg 124 **letting their hair down** – getting wild

Pg 124 **kept a low profile** – wasn't noticed

Pg 124 **emptied himself** – had an orgasm (sex)

Pg 124 **ram it home** – shove it into the shoe

Pg 124 **sharp stubble** – pointy hairs (unshaven)

Pg 125 **draining/descended on** – finishing/came into

Pg 125 **burst of fluorescent Lycra** – they were wearing bright, stretchy athletic clothing

Pg 125 **ringleader** – leader

Pg 125 **skeletal** – bony, skinny

Pg 125 **flat** – apartment

Pg 125 **settling** – marrying

Pg 125 **wolf whistles** – loud, happy whistles

Pg 126 **febrile** – nervous

Pg 126 **sleep with** – have sex with

Pg 126 **celibacy** – not have sex

Pg 126 **whooped** – cheered

Pg 126 **affairs** – love relationships outside their marriages

Pg 126 **stomach** – courage, desire

Pg 126 **scooping/vital** – taking/important

Pg 126 **fragile envelope** – breakable covering

Pg 126 **make his excuses** – give reasons for leaving

Pg 126 **embrace** – hug

Pg 126 **lacerated** – cut

Pg 126 **scissored/flesh** – cut/skin

Pg 127 **plashed** – splashed

Pg 127 **roadside memorials** – a Christian cross (and often flowers) marking the spot where someone died in a car accident

Pg 127 **evidently** – it appeared that

Pg 127 **baubles** – balls, shiny decorations

Pg 127 **cellophane/bled of** – plastic/without

Pg 127 **eulogy** – words spoken at a funeral about the person who died

Pg 128 **catapulting** – falling

Pg 128 **desolate** – sad, hopeless

Pg 128 **drove** – pushed

Pg 128 **outskirts** – outer edges

Pg 128 **surged** – came

Pg 128 **repressing** – stopping

Pg 129 **swell** – get bigger

Pg 129 **buckled/lurched** – bent so they no longer supported him/fell

Chapter 13, pages 130-145

Pg 130 **collapse** – fall

Pg 130 **rescued** – saw and helped

Pg 130 **pot** – jar

Pg 130 **pulse** – heartbeat

Pg 131 **troubling** – worrying

Pg 131 **with more volume** – louder

Pg 131 **thick** – strong, difficult to understand

Pg 131 **benefits** – government help

Pg 131 **papers** – newspapers

Pg 132 **intervals** – spaces of time

Pg 132 **spectacles** – glasses

Pg 132 **foulest expressions** – worst words

Pg 132 **suitable** – appropriate

Pg 132 **trousers/frayed** – pants/torn

Pg 132 **sodden** – very wet

Pg 132 **faltered/anguish** – paused/sadness

Pg 133 **shit hole** – she’s making apologies for her not very nice house

Pg 133 **curse** – use profanity (swear words)

Pg 133 **fillings** – dental work

Pg 134 **throbbing** – hurting

Pg 134 **will** – desire

Pg 134 **carry on** – continue

Pg 134 **shame** – embarrassment, self-hatred

Pg 134 **stirred himself** – awakened himself

Pg 135 **distinguish** – tell the difference between

Pg 135 **threshold** – door entrance

Pg 135 **slouched** – put, carried

Pg 135 **plasters** – band aids

Pg 135 **amused** – entertained, happy

Pg 135 **wept/gratitude** – cried/thankfulness

Pg 135 **jamming the branches . . .** – the tree branches hitting the windows

Pg 136 **blisters** – lumps, swelling areas

Pg 136 **inflamed sacs of pus** – infected bumps

Pg 136 **wincing/scalded** – cried out/burned

Pg 136 **shot of its own accord** – went all by itself

Pg 136 **sardonic** – irritated

Pg 136 **palms** – hands (the insides, with creases)

Pg 136 **sole** –bottom

Pg 137 **spasm fireworks** – pain shooting

Pg 137 **clench/buttocks/grimace** – squeeze/butt/look like he was in pain

Pg 137 **punctured** – poked a hole in

Pg 137 **pocket of pus** – swollen bump filled with liquid

Pg 137 **fluid/intact** – liquid/unbroken

Pg 137 **lacked color** – didn't have any excitement

Pg 137 **offend** – hurt or anger anyone

Pg 137 **shown him the door** – made him leave

Pg 137 **mothballs** – chemical balls to keep moths (insects) from eating the fabric of the coat

Pg 138 **sidelines** – refers to the edges of a soccer field – people who are not in the game

Pg 138 **squirted antibiotic cream** – put medicine

Pg 138 **forged** – created, made

Pg 138 **wardrobe** – closet

Pg 139 **lavatories** – toilets, bathrooms

Pg 139 **bolted** – charged angrily, went quickly

Pg 139 **taut** – stiff, tight

Pg 139 **perspective** – way of looking at things

Pg 139 **stung** – hurt

Pg 139 **antiseptic** – medicine

Pg 140 **Periodically** – from time to time

Pg 140 **flexing** – moving

Pg 140 **not inconsiderable** – a lot of

Pg 140 **Casanova** – romantic man

Pg 141 **pitiful** – pathetic, like a loser

Pg 141 **metaphorical** – *like* aunts, but not really aunts

Pg 141 **recalled thrill of landing** – remembered excitement of getting

Pg 141 **confided** – shared

Pg 142 **clear** – work in (gardening)

Pg 142 **velvet** – very soft fabric

Pg 142 **tackle/obscured** – work on/blocked

Pg 142 **resoled** – with new bottoms

Pg 142 **fresh laces** – new shoelaces (for tying)

Pg 142 **first light** – dawn

Pg 143 **reconfigure** – change

Pg 143 **abruptness/brutal** – suddenness/mean

Pg 143 **buckled** – crumpled, fell, changed

Pg 143 **turns up** – shows up, comes to the house

Pg 143 **gripped harder** – held his hand tighter

Pg 143 **boot them out** – make them leave

Pg 144 **sniff** – breath in through the nose

Pg 144 **shred** – little tiny bit

Pg 144 **rucksack** – backpack

Pg 144 **nipped** – quickly turned

Chapter 14, pages 146-54

Pg 146 **further decline** – deeper depression

Pg 146 **apathy** – no interest, no enthusiasm

Pg 146 **strip the beds** – change the bed sheets

Pg 146 **keenly** – clearly, acutely

Pg 147 **plot** – yard, garden

Pg 147 **bleached and annihilated** – blotted out, erased, refused to think about

Pg 147 **confess to** – tell

Pg 148 **came clean** – told the truth

Pg 148 **lopsided** – crooked, uneven

Pg 148 **smothered** – covered

Pg 148 **slanted** – ran down

Pg 148 **put the kettle on** – make us some tea

Pg 148 **intervening months** – time since she died

Pg 149 **mourning** – grieving (sad because of death)

Pg 149 **astonishment** – surprise

Pg 149 **surfaces shone** – furniture was shiny, clean

Pg 149 **Potted cacti** – desert plants

Pg 149 **sitting room** – living room

Pg 149 **intrusion** – something unwanted

Pg 149 **mantlepiece** – shelf over the fireplace

Pg 149 **bovine jaw** – cow-like chin

Pg 150 **intern** – doctor

Pg 150 **china/saucer** – very nice dishes/plate

Pg 150 **brim/scalding** – top/burning

Pg 150 **midlife crisis** – panic in midlife about how you've spent your life, where you're going, etc.

Pg 150 **ice was broken** – they were now talking

Pg 150 **full of it** – proud of himself and his journey

Pg 150 **petrol/Rover** – gas/car

Pg 150 **straight off** – right away

Pg 151 **floundered** – felt unsure

Pg 151 **nagging** – complaining, bothering

Pg 151 **rumors** – stories people tell about other people without knowing if they're true

Pg 151 **spilling the beans** – telling everything

Pg 151 **reels** – spins in shock

Pg 152 **all around** – for everyone

Pg 152 **eyes swollen** – puffy from crying

Pg 152 **could do with/sherry** – would like/wine

Pg 152 **teetotaler** – someone who doesn't drink alcohol

Pg 152 **spit/ley** – little bit/grassy area

Pg 152 **warblers/crested grebes** – birds

Pg 153 **mislaid** – forgotten

Pg 153 **Jiving** – dancing

Pg 153 **stiff partings . . .** – formal, rigid

Pg 153 **transfixed** – couldn't look away

Pg 153 **threaded** – weaved, made

Pg 153 **vividly/stooped** – clearly/bent down

Pg 153 **parted a small lock . . .** – pushed a small amount of her hair aside so he could talk

Pg 153 **the gesture** – his action (touching her hair)

Pg 153 **Penny for . . .** – what are you thinking?

Chapter 15, pages 155-166

Pg 155 **horse chestnut** – a type of tree

Pg 155 **faltering** – stumbling, making mistakes

Pg 156 **replenished** – refilled, re-stocked

Pg 156 **toilettries** – personal items

Pg 156 **naïve** – French for childish, ignorant

Pg 156 **carrying on** – continuing

Pg 156 **mist/pylons** – fog/guard rails

Pg 157 **pungency** – strong smell

Pg 157 **rose quartz/twig** – stone/small stick

Pg 157 **Ladies' Auxiliary** – women's group

Pg 157 **beret** – cap, hat

Pg 157 **cathedral** – church

- Pg 157 **slipped to his knees** – began praying
- Pg 158 **Druid** – religious leader?
- Pg 158 **solitary** - lonely
- Pg 158 **judged** – thought badly of
- Pg 158 **unique** – one of a kind
- Pg 158 **dilemma** – question, puzzle
- Pg 159 **exiled herself** – so removed herself (from him, from their marriage)
- Pg 159 **sentient** – actual feeling
- Pg 159 **velvet** – a very soft fabric
- Pg 159 **bold/claim** – strong and courageous/get
- Pg 159 **get on** – get back to what he was doing
- Pg 159 **pictures** – movies (movie theaters)
- Pg 159 **discreetly** – as to be unnoticed
- Pg 160 **rubbish/conductor** – trash/driver
- Pg 160 **terminus** – end of the bus line
- Pg 160 **nipping** – coming (for a brief visit)
- Pg 160 **thumbing** – browsing, scanning
- Pg 160 **tremulous** – shaking
- Pg 160 **slip** – thin dress worn under a dress
- Pg 160 **bolt** – run
- Pg 161 **spectator** – someone who watches, but does not participate
- Pg 161 **pinned** – held
- Pg 161 **swell of her growing** – pregnant
- Pg 161 **look after** – take care of
- Pg 161 **his undoing** – the thing that destroyed him
- Pg 162 **engrossed** – interested, engaged
- Pg 162 **shift/jumble** – walking time/mix together
- Pg 162 **kestrel** – bird
- Pg 162 **modest accommodations** – simply, inexpensive places to sleep
- Pg 162 **inside world/barrier** – his mind/block
- Pg 162 **superfluous** – unnecessary, extra
- Pg 163 **receded into . . .** – went to the back of his mind
- Pg 163 **Mars Bar** – candy bar
- Pg 163 **confectionery** – candy, sweets
- Pg 163 **knickers** – short pants (I don't get this joke)
- Pg 163 **violent snort** – strong exhale through the nose
- Pg 163 **crimson** – red (in embarrassment)
- Pg 164 **punch line** – funny part of the joke
- Pg 164 **hilarious/smutty** – funny/inappropriate
- Pg 164 **punt/punting** – boat/boating
- Pg 164 **cannabis** – marijuana (drug)
- Pg 164 **Mr. Napier** – Queenie and Harold's boss
- Pg 164 **fixed** – arranged
- Pg 164 **crack** – very funny joke
- Pg 164 **nauseous stirring** – sickening feeling
- Pg 165 **swaying** – moving your body without moving your feet
- Pg 165 **let it go** – forget about it
- Pg 165 **taken the rap** – taken the blame
- Pg 165 **on the spot** – immediately
- Pg 165 **rumor he hurled** – talk that he threw
- Pg 165 **stood her ground** – was strong and brave
- Pg 165 **gist** – general idea
- Pg 165 **fuss** – issue, problem
- Pg 165 **kicked the living shit** – beaten her up
- Pg 166 **double brandy** – alcoholic drink
- Pg 166 **downed it one** – drank it in one swallow
- Pg 166 **coward** – someone who is not brave
- Pg 166 **impression** – idea, thought

Chapter 16, pages 167-182

Pg 167 **diluted** – weakened

Pg 167 **resoled/cobbler** – new bottoms/shoemaker

Pg 167 **party** - group

Pg 167 **fragile/trill** – delicate/sound

Pg 168 **wobbled** – shook, trembled, quivered

Pg 168 **undone** – moved to sympathy

Pg 168 **lingering** – staying, hanging around

Pg 168 **on the verge of** – about to

Pg 168 **let the guide down** – disappoint her

Pg 168 **picturesque** – pretty

Pg 168 **appalled** – embarrassed

Pg 168 **frayed** – torn

Pg 168 **hire/trunks** – rental/bathing suit

Pg 168 **goggles** – glasses for swimming

Pg 168 **keen/trousers** – happy/pants

Pg 169 **catches my eye** – looks at me

Pg 169 **pass out** – become unconscious

Pg 169 **dig** – poke, pain

Pg 169 **clamping** – sticking

Pg 169 **hen party** – bride's party (called a Bachelorette party in the US)

Pg 169 **charged five pounds** – made him pay \$5

Pg 169 **lavatories** – bathrooms, toilets

Pg 170 **intrude** – bother, interrupt

Pg 170 **Pekingese** – type of small dog

Pg 170 **interjections** – comments

Pg 170 **They haven't the first idea** – They don't understand at all.

Pg 170 **flattering** – a compliment, nice

Pg 170 **Pitlochry** – city in Scotland famous for its theater festival every year

Pg 170 **barest** – fewest, minimal

Pg 170 **applauding** – clapping

Pg 171 **nipped** – ran

Pg 171 **rubbish** – trash

Pg 171 **serial shagger/coke** – person who has sex many times/cocaine (drug)

Pg 171 **went down on** – had sex with

Pg 171 **cock** – penis

Pg 171 **chat shows** – talk shows on TV

Pg 171 **reckless/grim/gesture** – adventurous/sad/behavior (his laughing)

Pg 171 **atoning** – making up for

Pg 171 **unnerved** – taken aback, very surprised

Pg 172 **scowl crept** – frown came

Pg 172 **Bullocks** – Nuts! Forget about

Pg 172 **trembled** – was shaky, was weak

Pg 172 **slogging** – walking slowly

Pg 172 **the implications** – what could happen

Pg 172 **lift** – ride

Pg 172 **urinal** – men's toilet

Pg 173 **arse** – British for ass, or jerk

Pg 173 **cobbler** – shoemaker

Pg 173 **take refuge** – find comfort, relax

Pg 173 **abbey** – a building like a church

Pg 174 **reckoned** – thought, decided

Pg 174 **neatly chiseled** – very angular

Pg 174 **revealing/toffee** – showing/coffee

Pg 174 **scones** – biscuits, muffins

Pg 174 **dulled with such apathy** – so disinterested in life or anything

Pg 175 **take a backseat** – do something unimportant at work

Pg 175 **feel obligated to** – think he should

Pg 175 **Reluctantly** - Unwillingly

Pg 175 **oncologist** – cancer doctor

Pg 175 **a regretful** – an “I’m sorry”

Pg 176 **probing/scalpel** – poking/knife

Pg 176 **slick with moisture** – wet and slippery

Pg 176 **eased/hovered** – moved/stayed in the air

Pg 176 **untidy squiggle** – messy mark

Pg 177 **care worker** – nurse

Pg 177 **pulse** – heartbeat

Pg 177 **hospice will** – hospital must

Pg 177 **plainly intended . . .** – obviously meant to make Harold feel better

Pg 177 **slant/irregularity** – leaning/inconsistency

Pg 177 **botched attempt** – failed try (at writing)

Pg 177 **trembling** – shaking

Pg 177 **stifle** – quiet, stop

Pg 178 **tumor** – a bunch of cancer cells

Pg 178 **flinch** – look away or seem uncomfortable

Pg 178 **may reproduce . . .** – can become cancer

Pg 178 **ascertaining/dictated** – knowing/determined

Pg 178 **lymphatic system** – whole body

Pg 178 **the end** – her death

Pg 178 **immunity** – the body’s ability to fight germs and infections

Pg 178 **take the bill** – pay (for lunch)

Pg 179 **tread** – walk

Pg 179 **takeaway** – carry out, to go

Pg 179 **longed** – most wanted, desired

Pg 179 **exchange of commonplaces** – everyday conversation

Pg 179 **splendidly** – very well

Pg 179 **patterned frock ...** – flowery dress walked past the pay phone closet Harold was using

Pg 179 **strained/bruised** – pulled/injured

Pg 180 **cheerio** – goodbye (in a friendly way)

Pg 180 **work out** – decide, figure out

Pg 180 **overwhelming** – too difficult

Pg 180 **wind up ...** - close up her shop

Pg 180 **striding/billowing** – walking/blowing

Pg 180 **staggered** – stumbled, walked awkwardly

Pg 181 **paces** – steps

Pg 181 **wrenched up** – opened

Pg 182 **inoperable** – not able to be operated on, not curable

Pg 182 **blow** – injury

Pg 182 **swallows** – birds (that come in the spring)

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Pg 183 **rings** – calls

Pg 184 **dawn on/creeping** – occur to/slow

Pg 184 **turning point** – change in her thinking

Pg 184 **prickle of panic** – little bit of fear

Pg 184 **unspecified weight of pain** – general feeling of pain that she couldn’t describe

Pg 184 **duvet** – bedspread, bed covers

Pg 184 **rail** – the bar to hang clothes on

Pg 184 **tug the knot free** – untie the scarf

Pg 185 **go quiet** – stop talking

Pg 185 **up my sleeve** – in my mind

Pg 185 **a hunch** – an idea

Pg 185 **vantage point** – viewing place (window)

Pg 185 **spied/from the Rover** – saw/that he got from his car (a Rover)

Pg 185 **intrigued** – curious, interested

Pg 185 **pegged/line** – hung/clothes line

Pg 185 **taking an early night** – going to bed early

Pg 185 **puttering about** – moving around

Pg 185 **rap/letterbox** – knock/door

Pg 185 **ushered** – brought

Pg 186 **clasped** – folded

Pg 186 **gaspd** – sucked in his breath

Pg 186 **mounted on pin board** – glued to a board that you can stick pins into

Pg 186 **pushpin** – tall thumbtack, thick pin

Pg 186 **lopsided** – crooked, tilted, uneven

Pg 186 **anchor** – nail holder

Pg 187 **departure** – thing

Pg 187 **taken an outing** – gone out

Pg 187 **crematorium** – cemetery

Pg 187 **estuary** – river, water

Pg 187 **intruding** – bothering her

Pg 187 **breakdown** – emotional

Pg 187 **crates/hammered** – boxes/nailed

Pg 187 **windbreaks** – tents for the beach

Pg 188 **scampering/in pursuit of** – running/chasing

Pg 188 **fumbled** – reached

Pg 188 **cross** – angry

Pg 188 **sorted out** – in order, all right

Pg 188 **appalling** – terrible

Pg 188 **slack** – loose

Pg 189 **duvet** – bedspread, bed cover

Pg 189 **wardrobe** – closet

Pg 189 **distraction** – something to do

Pg 189 **higgledy-piggledy** – in a mess, disordered

Pg 189 **fraying/lapels** – tearing/collar

Pg 189 **cardigans/patch** – sweaters/fix, mend

Pg 189 **cast her eyes on** – looked at

Pg 189 **eased** – took

Pg 190 **boiled crustacean** – lobster, crab

Pg 190 **hunched** – drawn upward toward his ears

Pg 190 **lash out** – say angry things to Harold

Pg 190 **holiday** – trip, vacation

Pg 190 **stopgap** – something to do in between other things

Pg 190 **fired** – said angrily

Pg 190 **holdall** – purse, bag

Pg 190 **clunked/banisters** – banged/stair railing

Pg 190 **took it out of him** – exhausted him

Pg 190 **get up** – get out of bed

Pg 190 **clever** – smart

Pg 190 **stole a glance** – looked

Pg 191 **convinced** – sure

Pg 191 **inconsistencies** – things that didn't make sense

Pg 191 **unravel** – seem untrue

Pg 191 **prospects** – potential jobs

Pg 191 **throw H off balance** – make H uncomfortable or unsure of himself

Pg 191 **notes** – paper money

Pg 191 **reassured her** – told her she hadn't don't anything wrong

Pg 191 **suitable vacancies** – job openings

Pg 191 **fixed** – made

Pg 191 **prescription** – medicine
Pg 191 **dressing gown** – pyjamas
Pg 191 **roll-ups** – marijuana
Pg 191 **scalp** – head
Pg 192 **nicks/trembled** – cuts/shook
Pg 192 **barbarity inflicted on** – horror done to
Pg 192 **to distraction** – so much
Pg 192 **fingered the coarse tweed** – touched the rough texture, or the bumpy weave
Pg 192 **shrimp garment** – pink suit
Pg 192 **scooped/draped** – picked/placed
Pg 192 **tucked/cuff** – put/sleeve
Pg 192 **embrace/cardigan** – hug/sweater
Pg 192 **loitering/wardrobe** – hanging around/closet
Pg 192 **drawing up** – pulling into the driveway
Pg 192 **turf/posts/spade** – grass/sticks/shovel
Pg 192 **runner beans** – green beans
Pg 193 **shoots** – baby plants
Pg 193 **bamboo stakes** – wooden sticks
Pg 193 **lest they be pecked** – afraid they would be eaten
Pg 193 **frost** – cold temperatures, ice
Pg 193 **subsided** – went away
Pg 193 **She cleared the rubble ...** - She cleaned out their small man-made pond

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Pg 194 **ringing** – calling
Pg 194 **retraced** – went back
Pg 194 **yielded its promise** – gave him what it was supposed to

Pg 195 **done** – felt if he were
Pg 195 **pick up the pieces** – put their life back together, finish all the things he had left undone
Pg 195 **smarting** – hurting
Pg 196 **stay for/pass** – keep living for/die
Pg 196 **marked** – clear, obvious
Pg 196 **stretcher** – wood or cloth for a person to lie on and be carried by two people
Pg 196 **slumped/booth** – leaned/phone closet
Pg 196 **kiosk** – phone booth or closet
Pg 196 **gravity** – seriousness
Pg 196 **came up with** – thought of
Pg 197 **chuckling** – laughing
Pg 197 **mopped** – blotted, dried
Pg 197 **dusk** – early darkness
Pg 197 **violent doubt** – extreme lack of belief
Pg 198 **outskirts** – outer edges of Stroud
Pg 198 **As it dipped...** - As the road came toward the center of town ...
Pg 198 **scaffolding** – a raised platform for painters, window washers, construction workers
Pg 198 **dumpster of building rubble** – trash can of the trash left over from making a building
Pg 198 **padding bulged** – insides stuck out
Pg 198 **superficial** – on the surface, not deep
Pg 198 **petrol/held up** – gas/robbed
Pg 198 **vigilant** – careful, aware
Pg 198 **a little apart** – a little bit separate from other people
Pg 198 **shed/padlocked** – garage/locked
Pg 198 **rooted** – dug, looked
Pg 199 **under construction** – still being built
Pg 199 **mackerel** – type of fish

Pg 199 **corrugated** – wavy, like between the two flat sides of some cardboard boxes

Pg 199 **tarpaulin** – plastic cloth

Pg 199 **bales/rafters** – bundles/ceiling

Pg 199 **gain a footing** – be steady on his feet

Pg 199 **rucksack/beret** – backpack/hat

Pg 199 **limpid** – relaxed

Pg 199 **substantial** – significant coming

Pg 199 **gaps** – spaces, or holes, in the walls

Pg 200 **incredulity** – disbelief, shock, surprise

Pg 200 **stooping for springwater** – bending down for water from streams or rivers

Pg 200 **stall/kebab** – vendor, mini restaurant/food

Pg 200 **in remission** – cured

Pg 200 **beech carpet** – beech trees

Pg 201 **profound** – deep

Pg 201 **was inevitable** – could not be avoided, had to happen

Pg 201 **stick to** – continue with, keep

Pg 201 **wear and tear** – usage

Pg 201 **estranged** – separated

Pg 201 **as opposed to** – instead of

Pg 202 **laundrette** – place to do laundry (wash clothes)

Pg 202 **torch** – flashlight

Pg 202 **by way of distraction** – in order to help the boy forget think about something else

Pg 202 **parceled up** – boxed

Pg 202 **coiling/parcel** – winding/box

Pg 202 **stowed** – put

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Pg 204 **lupins, roses, etc.** – flowers

Pg 204 **allotments/burgeoning** – gardens/growing

Pg 204 **surplus** – extra

Pg 205 **lifts** – rides

Pg 205 **lavatories** – bathrooms

Pg 205 **tufts** – patches, bunches of hair

Pg 205 **overtake** – drive by

Pg 206 **convivial** – friendly, happy

Pg 206 **proffering** – offering, tipping it toward H

Pg 206 **at the mercy of** – in the hands of, at the will of

Pg 206 **mug/embrace** – rob/hug

Pg 206 **chipped** – broken

Pg 206 **push it/hang about** – rush/waste time

Pg 206 **savoring** – enjoying

Pg 206 **pilgrimage** – an important journey, like a trip to a religious holy land

Pg 207 **darts** – a throwing game

Pg 207 **Could you manage it** – Can I take your photo

Pg 207 **shagged out** – exhausted

Pg 207 **confounded** – confused

Pg 207 **point-blank** – without blinking (as if in shock or surprise)

Pg 207 **busker/accordion** – entertainer/musical instrument

Pg 207 **silhouette** – outline, profile

Pg 207 **spire** – point (high point of hills)

Pg 208 **Seven miles on** – seven miles later

Pg 208 **sob** – cry

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Pg 209 **without event** – without something happening

Pg 209 **slack** – boring

Pg 209 **and spawned ...** - H's walk got everyone talking about making journeys, etc.

Pg 210 **crazy paving** – driveway

Pg 210 **lodged...** - waiting behind R's bushes

Pg 210 **unfeasibly** – impossibly, unbelievably, very

Pg 210 **at ease** – comfortable

Pg 210 **tangled in a mop** – was a messy pile

Pg 210 **crept its passage ...** – tracked H's progress across England on Rex's map

Pg 210 **pace** – speed

Pg 210 **flourishing** – success

Pg 210 **post/bereft** – mail/sad, empty

Pg 211 **solitariness** – aloneness, being alone

Pg 211 **drew/duvet** - closed/bedspread

Pg 211 **wailed** – cried and cried

Pg 211 **rang** – called

Pg 211 **PR representative** – public relations worker (someone you hire to make you look good to the public)

Pg 211 **marital** – marriage

Pg 211 **sympathetic picture** – the story that would make Maureen look (sound) the best

Pg 211 **clients** – the people who hire her

Pg 211 **B-list** – A-list would be the best parties ;)

Pg 211 **madder** – crazier, more crazy

Pg 212 **forwarding address** – address for H

Pg 212 **paled** – lost the color in her face

Pg 212 **grief** – sadness, tragedy

Pg 212 **tumult** – upheaval, confusion

Pg 212 **spent** – used up, worthless

Pg 212 **waxen/portly frame** – waxy/fat body

Pg 213 **raged** – gotten very angry

Pg 213 **grew low** – became depressed or sad

Pg 213 **start** – look twice, jump

Pg 213 **A cold shiver ...** - A tingling sensation went up and down her back (excitement, fear)

Pg 214 **albums** – books of photos

Pg 214 **felted** –covered

Pg 214 **Blotting** – holding, stifling

Pg 214 **tucked** – included

Pg 214 **craned** – stretched

Pg 214 **peering** – looking

Pg 214 **everyday** – ordinary

Pg 214 **current** – water that is moving quickly

Pg 214 **fiddling over** – messing around with (David's shoe laces)

Pg 214 **rebuking** – criticizing

Pg 214 **mad/fright** – crazy/fear

Pg 214 **white wash** – laundry (white clothes)

Pg 214 **festering** – sitting there

Pg 215 **vigor/ancient** – strength/extremely old

Pg 215 **I take care ...** - I'm careful not to break anything. And I never illegally enter any place (by breaking the lock)

Pg 215 **recited** – told her

Pg 215 **keep up** – understand what he was talking about

Pg 215 **navigation** – getting from one place to another

Pg 215 **bewildering** – confusing

Pg 215 **in turn** – when it was her turn to speak

Pg 215 **mildly high-pitched** – in a somewhat high voice

Pg 215 **regretted/bunions** – wished were different/foot problems

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Pg 216 **spine** – back bone

Pg 216 **pace/shoulder** – speed/edge of road

Pg 216 **ribbon of tarmac** – winding road

Pg 216 **shimmered** – seemed to shake gently

Pg 216 **gap/darted** – space, break/ran

Pg 216 **casting an eye** – looking

Pg 217 **quivering** – shaking

Pg 217 **regretted** – was sorry

Pg 217 **took refuge** – stayed (was safe)

Pg 217 **due north** – straight, exactly north

Pg 217 **slight** – skinny, small

Pg 217 **reflective shades/dodged** – sunglasses/ran

Pg 217 **Gasp** – Out of

Pg 217 **trainers/fluorescent** – tennis shoes/bright

Pg 217 **suspended** – in the air

Pg 217 **object/fallen in** – say no/started walking

Pg 217 **striding/chattering** – walking/talking

Pg 217 **bitten to the quick** – bitten to the skin

Pg 218 **asked for a sign** – asked God to send him a signal, or message, about walking with H

Pg 218 **dove** – a white bird, often in the Bible

Pg 218 **pigeon** – a common city bird

Pg 218 **grass verge** – grassy edge (of the road)

Pg 218 **cantered** – half ran-half skipped

Pg 218 **pulled a face/glanced** – looked confused/looked

Pg 218 **panting** – breathing (like the dog was hot)

Pg 218 **gamboling/trotting** – running/running

Pg 219 **shrank/hedgerow** – hid/bushes

Pg 219 **trotted** – ran, jogged

Pg 219 **collar** – string or fabric around the neck often with identification hanging from it

Pg 219 **fetched** – got (ran to get)

Pg 219 **reckon** – think

Pg 219 **sauntering** – walking happily

Pg 219 **a diversion** – another route, another way

Pg 219 **trainers** – shoes

Pg 219 **deadheading** – clipping off dead flowers

Pg 219 **pilgrim** – someone who makes a religious journey

Pg 220 **boring** – drilling, making

Pg 220 **a round of** – a few

Pg 220 **urged** – encouraged, invited

Pg 220 **gone mad** – become crazy

Pg 220 **flint** – stone (as a souvenir)

Pg 220 **his hostess** – the woman who invited him to dinner

Pg 220 **chums/impromptu sherry** – friends/sudden wine, unannounced wine

Pg 220 **animatedly** – with lots of excitement

Pg 221 **shrill quality** – high sound to it

Pg 221 **rucksack** – backpack

Pg 221 **crammed/blini** – stuffed/pancake (food)

Pg 221 **get on** – go, leave

Pg 221 **gazed** – looked

Pg 221 **tender** – emotional

Pg 221 **cocktail guests** – people at the party

Pg 221 **linked** – joined

Pg 221 **they shared...** - they felt connected but really weren't

Pg 221 **elderflower/privet** – flowers

Pg 221 **bats/flitting** – blind night birds/flying

Pg 221 **accompany** – be with

Pg 222 **belched further cloud** – blew more smoke

Pg 222 **limping** – walking unevenly (hurt)

Pg 222 **stormfelled elm** – fallen tree

Pg 222 **dryad's saddle** – mushrooms

Pg 222 **fungi** – mushrooms (dryad's saddle)

Pg 222 **yelping/gross** – screaming/disgusting

Pg 222 **moss** – a soft, carpet-like plant

Pg 222 **pus** – liquid (in the blister)

Pg 222 **petrol** – gas (to light a fire)

Pg 222 **impress** – be admired by Wilf

Pg 223 **Jack-by-the-hedge** – a plant

Pg 223 **shriek** – scream

Pg 223 **posted** – put

Pg 223 **hunched** – up by their bodies

Pg 223 **acquired** – bought, gotten

Pg 223 **sulfur tufts/branching oysters** – types of mushrooms

Pg 223 **embers** – small pieces of burning wood

Pg 223 **crickets** – insects (they could hear)

Pg 224 **amused/undergrowth** – entertained/weeds

Pg 224 **yelped/scurried** – barked/ran

Pg 224 **solitude** – being alone

Pg 224 **clenched/screwed** – made/tightly closed

Pg 224 **shivering** – shaking as if he was cold

Pg 225 **coaxed** – helped

Pg 225 **fright** – nightmares

Pg 225 **fucking freaky** – very weird

Pg 225 **seeds** – beginning

Pg 225 **dew** – drops of water on the grass

Pg 225 **sedge, ribwort** – plants

Pg 225 **Droplets/gems** – drops of water/valuable stones, like diamonds and emeralds

Pg 226 **verge** – edge of the road

Pg 226 **painfully/prone to** – very/likely to have

Pg 226 **low-combed stratus/cirrus** – types of clouds

Pg 226 **deduce** – figure out, determine, find

Pg 226 **greedily** – hungrily, with energy

Pg 226 **poplar** – a type of tree

Pg 227 **hunkered** – sat

Pg 227 **rank/arse** – weird, gross/ass, butt

Pg 227 **riddle** – word puzzle, verbal puzzle

Pg 228 **paperweight** – heavy, rounded glass to hold papers onto a table

Pg 228 **gnome** – small statue

Pg 228 **bin** – trash can

Pg 228 **was inclined to retrieve** – liked to get

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Pg 229 **turn of events** – change in the situation

Pg 229 **sends her regards** – says hello

Pg 230 **surname** – last name

Pg 230 **winging it** – living without a plan

Pg 230 **adenoidal ring** – sounded like he was talking through his nose

Pg 230 **He wore ...** - He looked like a professional safari hunter

Pg 230 **laid off** – fired from his job

- Pg 230 **bit of a breakdown** – became emotionally unstable, had a mental breakdown
- Pg 230 **moors** – open lands
- Pg 230 **conflict** – argument, disagreement
- Pg 231 **as a consequence** – therefore
- Pg 231 **sulked** – pouted, was angry or annoyed
- Pg 231 **companionable** – friendly
- Pg 231 **insecurity/arrogance** – fears/he didn't care
- Pg 231 **reconvened** – gotten back together
- Pg 231 **widower** – a man whose wife has died
- Pg 231 **gorilla suit** – monkey costume
- Pg 231 **negotiating his passage** – walking
- Pg 231 **transpired** – happened
- Pg 232 **was prone to ...** - had times of sadness made worse by the extreme heat of his costume
- Pg 232 **abandon** – leave without
- Pg 232 **sought him out** – looked for him
- Pg 232 **regretted** – felt bad about
- Pg 232 **accommodate** – go as slowly as
- Pg 232 **torsos** – bodies
- Pg 232 **pledged** – vowed, promised
- Pg 232 **was touched** – felt very emotional
- Pg 233 **tensions** – arguments, disagreements
- Pg 233 **egomaniac** – person who thinks too highly of him/herself, narcissist
- Pg 233 **slept with** – had sex with
- Pg 233 **resolve animosity** – stop the fighting
- Pg 233 **punch-up** – fight, fist fight
- Pg 233 **convert/aggravation** – make them believe in God/fighting, arguing
- Pg 233 **pitched up** – set up tents
- Pg 233 **roadkill** – dead animals along the road
- Pg 233 **sparking off another round** – starting more arguments or fights
- Pg 233 **hay fever** – allergies
- Pg 233 **pilgrims** – fellow people on the journey
- Pg 234 **gather momentum** – get bigger and bigger
- Pg 234 **Aga** – oven, stove
- Pg 234 **Land Rover** – a large car (SUV)
- Pg 234 **hell-bent** – extremely determined
- Pg 234 **obliged** – agreed
- Pg 234 **press** – newspapers, TV
- Pg 234 **run testimonies to** – print stories about
- Pg 234 **spiritualist/aura** – holy person/glow
- Pg 234 **on the verge of** – about to
- Pg 234 **moving account** – emotional story
- Pg 234 **talked him down** – talked to him and convinced him not to jump (saved his life)
- Pg 234 **commit suicide** – kill himself
- Pg 235 **You had to strike...** - You should take advantage of opportunities when you have them
- Pg 235 **congestion of incoherent images** – confusion of random pictures
- Pg 235 **ammunition** – bullets, weapons
- Pg 235 **commissioned placards and bunting** – bought lots of decorations
- Pg 235 **pained/confrontation** – upset/fighting
- Pg 235 **slits** – a tiny straight line, barely open
- Pg 235 **conceded/avoided** – decided/stayed away from
- Pg 235 **Then half the group...** - Half of the group got sick from poisonous mushroom Wilf found and thought were safe to eat. Just as they were getting better, they ate too many fresh berries and got diarrhea (runny poop).
- Pg 236 **berating** – yelling at (in his mind)

Pg 236 **distinguish** – be able to tell

Pg 236 **been in touch with/PR** – contacted/Public Relations

Pg 236 **There speaks...** - Just like a man to say that – and it's crap, or stupid.

Pg 236 **press call** – meeting with reporters from the newspapers

Pg 236 **Miss South Devon** – a beauty pageant winner

Pg 236 **clouded** – made less clear, obscured

Pg 237 **His wife is...** - His wife works to save and protect animals

Pg 237 **taking offense** – getting angry

Pg 237 **en route** – on the way

Pg 237 **playing havoc** – upsetting

Pg 237 **talk up** – brag or boast about

Pg 237 **superfluous** – unnecessary

Pg 238 **blow** – strike, hit, punch

Pg 238 **assumptions** – ideas without facts

Pg 238 **discrepancy** – difference

Pg 239 **pulse quickened** – heart beat faster

Pg 239 **stumbled/bundled** – walked/hugged

Pg 239 **clung** – held H

Pg 239 **affection, albeit** – fondness, even if

Pg 239 **suffocated** – strangled to death

Pg 239 **collapsing** – falling, passing out

Chapter 23, pages 240-250

Pg 240 **bear** – stand, take

Pg 240 **confided in** – told (in secret)

Pg 240 **make amends** – apologize

Pg 240 **persuading** – convincing, making

Pg 240 **shades/clutching** – sunglasses/holding

Pg 240 **navigate** – help with directions

Pg 240 **added up** – made sense

Pg 241 **peaky** – sick, ill, pale

Pg 241 **overtaken ...** - passed three trucks and a bus (by speeding)

Pg 241 **ushering** – giving directions to

Pg 241 **stout/shifty** – fat/like a criminal

Pg 241 **Catching sight of** – seeing

Pg 241 **disarmed** – shocked, taken aback

Pg 241 **one-dimensional** – flat, simple

Pg 241 **pared-down vitality** – simple strength

Pg 242 **stopped short** – immediately stopped

Pg 242 **broke free** – left the photo shoot

Pg 242 **prickled** – tickled, lightly touched

Pg 242 **assured** – confident

Pg 242 **fancied** – just felt like

Pg 242 **beamed** – looking very happy

Pg 242 **keen to visit** – interested in visiting

Pg 242 **rigid set** – tightness

Pg 242 **megaphone** – like a speaker to make him louder

Pg 242 **broke the ice** – ended the tension between them

Pg 242 **conspiracy** – secret

Pg 242 **It takes all sorts** – there are all kinds of people in the world

Pg 242 **condescending** – belittling, harsh, mean

Pg 243 **reprimanding** – disciplinary, punishing

Pg 243 **overwhelmingly parochial** – very old-fashioned and English

Pg 243 **cuppa** – cup of tea

Pg 243 **Earl Grey** – type of tea
Pg 243 **fancy** – imagine
Pg 243 **place him** – remember who he was
Pg 243 **in the way** – a bother, a problem
Pg 243 **beacons** – bright lights
Pg 243 **peaks/royal icing** – points/frosting
Pg 243 **shrill** – almost crazy
Pg 244 **bosom** – breast
Pg 244 **flushed** – turned red
Pg 244 **mates** – friends
Pg 244 **witness/inscribing** – see/writing
Pg 244 **flinch** – seem surprised
Pg 244 **on me** – for free
Pg 244 **swell of kinship** – very close
Pg 245 **collision** – crash, bump, hit
Pg 245 **retreated** – went
Pg 245 **whole lot sloshed** – all of it spilled
Pg 245 **gets me** – surprises me
Pg 245 **inhale it** – breathe it in
Pg 245 **shame of...** - embarrassment of not understanding (H's journey)
Pg 246 **colors ...** - how interesting she was, but instead she felt drab and gray
Pg 246 **veins** – blood vessels (tubes)
Pg 246 **dislodge** – remove
Pg 246 **fit in** – belong in your life
Pg 247 **jolly** – happy
Pg 247 **callused/slight** – rough/small, fragile
Pg 247 **numb** – unable to feel anything
Pg 248 **flash** – hurry, quickly
Pg 248 **lodged** – in the way

Pg 248 **parted the blanket of** – interrupted
Pg 248 **murmured** – said quietly
Pg 248 **trousers** – pants
Pg 249 **sunk** – hung
Pg 249 **met her eye** – looked at her
Pg 249 **blushed** – turned red
Pg 249 **gulps/weeping** – swallows/crying
Pg 249 **dabbed** – touched (to wipe away tears)
Pg 249 **twisted/ignition** – turned/car's starter
Pg 250 **throw a wave** – wave at him
Pg 250 **took them to the charity shop** – gave them away to the poor

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Pg 251 **wasn't sure he preferred** – thought he might prefer
Pg 251 **party/hospice** – group/hospital
Pg 251 **ring** – call (Maureen)
Pg 251 **progress of her runner beans** – how her beans were growing (in her garden)
Pg 252 **empathy** – concern, understanding
Pg 252 **in his gut** – deep inside himself
Pg 252 **playing up** – bothering him
Pg 252 **chorused** – said together
Pg 252 **a shitload/sprinting** – a lot/running
Pg 252 **jitters** – shakes (his body shaking)
Pg 252 **skewered** – with a stick through it
Pg 253 **taken to/rodent** – started/small animal
Pg 253 **put H off** – made H not want
Pg 253 **strolled/crickets** – walked slowly/insects
Pg 253 **cold wave** – fresh feeling

- Pg 253 **grave concerns** – big worries
- Pg 253 **to voice** – to say out loud
- Pg 253 **hang on** – keep living
- Pg 253 **In light/reconnaissance party** –
Because/group to go ahead and get information
- Pg 253 **fasting** – not eating
- Pg 253 **not up to** – can't continue
- Pg 253 **call a spade a spade** – speak the truth
- Pg 253 **talk crap** – say stupid things
- Pg 254 **had gone** – had been taken, was gone
- Pg 254 **anecdotes** – stories
- Pg 254 **gaunt/infuriating yelp** – thin/frustrating
sound
- Pg 254 **let the boy down** – not taken care of Wilf
- Pg 254 **water mint/cress** – plants to eat
- Pg 255 **flaky** – unpredictable, scatter-brained
- Pg 255 **frills** – extras, compliments
- Pg 255 **confided** – admitted a secret
- Pg 255 **betrayal** – lack of loyalty, letting down
- Pg 255 **clever** – smart
- Pg 255 **top marks** – good grades
- Pg 255 **backfire on** – work against
- Pg 255 **no-hoper** – student with no hope (of
getting good grades)
- Pg 255 **brusque/stalwart bulk** – rough/solid
largeness
- Pg 255 **tap into it** – find it
- Pg 255 **ex** – ex-husband, former husband
- Pg 255 **flexed** – bent
- Pg 256 **quicken** – beat harder
- Pg 256 **mop** – clean
- Pg 256 **link** – connection
- Pg 256 **Gripping** – holding
- Pg 256 **tugging him...** - pulling him away
- Pg 256 **disturbed** – not in his right mind
- Pg 256 **Glancing/impression** – looking/memory
- Pg 256 **willow/flicker** – type of tree/move
- Pg 256 **Spikes of...** - Different flowers
- Pg 257 **nocturnal game of tag** – night time running
and chasing game
- Pg 257 **greatcoat** – a nice dressy coat
- Pg 257 **ranged** – thought about many things
- Pg 257 **infinitesimal** – many, many, many
- Pg 257 **rolling her eyes** – an eye movement
upwards that shows disgust
- Pg 257 **compact mirror** – the mirror in a woman's
small, round make-up container
- Pg 257 **catching her eye** – getting her attention
- Pg 257 **flutter** – tremble, shake, be unsteady
- Pg 257 **summoned** – found
- Pg 257 **burst out** – immediately began
- Pg 257 **dimple** – indentation, crease
- Pg 257 **absence of all** – without any
- Pg 257 **shreds** – tiny pieces
- Pg 257 **anguish** – deep sorrow
- Pg 257 **bundle** – package
- Pg 258 **As the profile...** - As they came to
- Pg 258 **bunions** – painful bumps on the foot
- Pg 258 **Flummoxing** – Confusing, surprising
- Pg 258 **detour via Hexam** – go out of their way to
stop by Hexam
- Pg 258 **envy** – jealousy, desire, wanting
- Pg 258 **man enough** – strong enough

Pg 258 **you lot can't...** - you all can't see the big picture (the important things)

Pg 258 **renege on that** – not keep his promise

Pg 258 **endearing** – sweet

Pg 259 **flared** – got angry

Pg 259 **a splinter** – another, a separate

Pg 259 **campaigning** – talking

Pg 259 **dying embers of the fire** – last bits of the dying fire

Pg 259 **break free** – go off without H

Pg 259 **smoldering embers** – dying sticks

Pg 259 **could almost doubt** – wondered if

Pg 259 **hunched** – bent forward

Pg 259 **persuaded/press ahead** – convinced/go on

Pg 259 **swallows/skimming** – birds/flying over

Pg 259 **gesture** – movement

Pg 259 **go at it** – try (at our marriage)

Pg 260 **half-embrace** – half-hug

Pg 260 **a way** – an ease

Pg 260 **wrench** – pain

Pg 260 **a break** – an opening

Pg 260 **for her sake** – for her benefit

Pg 260 **He threw a large...** - He waved enthusiastically with both hands

Pg 261 **dispute** – argument

Pg 261 **bin** – trash can

Pg 261 **wearier** – more tired

Pg 261 **buzzer/host** – doorbell/friend

Pg 261 **flat/on holiday** – apartment/on vacation

Pg 261 **declined** – said no to

Pg 261 **quay/nuzzling** – water/rubbing, kissing

Pg 261 **party/troupe** – group/group

Pg 261 **footage** – film (on TV)

Pg 262 **hydrangeas** – flowers

Pg 262 **boiler suit raking...** - working clothes tending to the yard (raking grass cuttings)

Pg 262 **Ovaltine** – hot chocolate

Pg 262 **brief reference to** – quick mention of

Pg 262 **shrinking** – moving away

Pg 262 **elderly Devon pilgrim** = Harold

Pg 262 **fatigue/retire from** – extreme tiredness/give up on, stop

Pg 262 **step in** – take H's place

Pg 262 **scoffed** – was angry

Pg 262 **clasped** – joined

Pg 262 **moved** – emotionally touched

Pg 262 **jostling crowd** – active group

Pg 262 **shot** – view, picture

Pg 262 **placards/slogan** – posters/message

Pg 263 **paced** – walked back and forth in

Pg 263 **sweeping him under the carpet** – getting rid of him, ignoring him

Pg 263 **pursed** – pushed his lips out, puckered

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Pg 264 **taken up/refreshed** – started again/ready

Pg 265 **sucked on mints** – ate candy

Pg 265 **bypass/fringes** – go around/edges

Pg 265 **bins** – trash cans

Pg 265 **allotments** – properties, areas

Pg 265 **obliged** – agreed

Pg 265 **a passerby** – someone on the road

Pg 265 **greyhound** – a type of dog

Pg 265 **wept** – cried

- Pg 265 **heaved** – shoved, went
- Pg 265 **rigid/skittered** – stiff/scattered, played
- Pg 265 **cavernous** – hollow and empty (like a cave)
- Pg 265 **fragility** – weakness, smallness
- Pg 266 **nicks/skull** – cuts/head
- Pg 266 **shiver** – shake (as if from cold)
- Pg 266 **gain momentum** – get stronger
- Pg 266 **fellowship with** – comfort in
- Pg 266 **His need for warmth...** - The wind and cold did not even notice his need to be warm
- Pg 266 **to the core** – to his middle, down to his bones
- Pg 266 **wherewithal** – strength
- Pg 266 **flat, subdued/violently accusing** – mild/strong
- Pg 266 **dwelt on** – thought about
- Pg 267 **souvenirs** – gifts, remembrances
- Pg 267 **arduous** – hard, difficult
- Pg 267 **impression** – lasting impact
- Pg 267 **a shower of panic** – afraid
- Pg 267 **retraced his steps** – went back the way he had come from
- Pg 267 **scouring/gutters** – looking carefully/sides of the road
- Pg 267 **registered its presence** – seen the dog
- Pg 268 **waving down cars** – motioning cars to stop
- Pg 268 **for it** – to do
- Pg 268 **stowed** – put
- Pg 268 **cracks/compelled** – light/as if he must
- Pg 268 **diversions** – side trips, paths away from his route
- Pg 269 **crest** – top
- Pg 269 **Deprived of** – without
- Pg 269 **conjure up** – imagine
- Pg 269 **fringe/flopped** – hair/fell
- Pg 269 **fixing a jigsaw** – looking at a jigsaw puzzle
- Pg 269 **scampering/shelter** – running/safety
- Pg 269 **expansive/glanced** – big/looked
- Pg 269 **gauge/advanced** – guess/gone forward
- Pg 269 **waves of turf** – rolling hills
- Pg 269 **a wonder they stayed up** – surprising that they stayed upright (didn't fall down)
- Pg 269 **despair** – sadness
- Pg 270 **flexing** – moving
- Pg 270 **limbs** – arms and legs
- Pg 270 **absorbed in** – surrounded by
- Pg 270 **thought better of** – felt differently about
- Pg 270 **gave a gulp** – swallowed hard
- Pg 271 **gorse/bracken** – plants
- Pg 271 **reining in** – carefully choosing her
- Pg 271 **work out** – figure out, understand
- Pg 271 **queuing** – lining up
- Pg 271 **being sick/gutter** – vomiting/street
- Pg 271 **cowered** – hid
- Pg 273 **handset** – phone
- Pg 273 **slapped happy sun shapes** – predicted sunny weather
- Pg 273 **gravity** – seriousness
- Pg 273 **porter** – hotel worker
- Pg 273 **on his behalf** – for him
- Pg 273 **chap** – man (the porter)
- Pg 274 **with a start** – suddenly
- Pg 274 **groped/trouser** – put/pants
- Pg 274 **lift** – elevator

Pg 274 **unbolted** – unlocked

Pg 274 **his breath ...** - his breath hurt

Pg 274 **kiosk** – phone booth

Pg 274 **so vast ...** - so big that not having the compass felt like it was there

Pg 274 **unconsciousness** – sleep

Pg 275 **waited in** – stayed in the house

Pg 275 **to no avail** – but he didn't call

Pg 275 **tortured her** – bothered her very much

Pg 275 **Her bamboo stakes...** - Her garden was a mess

Pg 275 **reckoning** – reasoning

Pg 275 **resolved to ring** – decided to call

Pg 275 **surrendered** – would give up

Pg 275 **keeping vigil** – staying awake

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Pg 277 **stretch** – part of the journey

Pg 277 **flared up/limp** – gotten worse/walk unevenly

Pg 277 **surrender** – giving up

Pg 278 **flailing with an axe** – waving an axe

Pg 278 **ripped/splintered** – torn/cut

Pg 278 **shorn** – cut

Pg 278 **plodded** – continued slowly

Pg 278 **bulging** – bump

Pg 278 **bound** – covered

Pg 278 **a will** – ideas

Pg 279 **brow/fringed** – top/edged

Pg 279 **diversions** – side trips, distractions

Pg 279 **unassuming/flanked** – ordinary/edged

Pg 279 **wheeled and barked** – flew

Pg 279 **buzzer** – doorbell

Pg 280 **anguish** – sadness

Pg 280 **triumph** – victory

Pg 280 **commonplace** – ordinary

Chapter 27, pages 284-286

Pg 284 **tie the noose** – make the circle of rope that goes around the neck

Pg 284 **verdict/suicide** – decision/he killed himself

Pg 285 **bear** – handle, deal with

Pg 285 **coroner's report** – the findings of the medical person who determines the cause of death

Pg 285 **God knows** – who knows? I don't even know

Pg 285 **out of it** – drunk

Pg 285 **dismantled** – took apart, dis-assembled

Pg 285 **brewery** – where Harold and Queenie work

Pg 285 **took the blame** – allowed people to think she had done the terrible thing that H did

Pg 285 **on the spot** – immediately

Pg 285 **knew what was good for her** – wanted to be safe (it's like a threat)

Pg 285 **overheard/landlady** – heard/apartment manager or owner

Pg 285 **forwarding address** – the address where Queenie was moving to

Chapter 28, pages 287-293

Pg 287 **gulls** – birds

Pg 287 **inactive** – doing nothing

Pg 288 **sallow-faced** – not especially pretty

Pg 288 **threshold/lank** – doorstep/limp, straight

Pg 288 **flapjacks** – pancakes

Pg 288 **fans and journalists** – people wanting to see H or get information about him

Pg 288 **been obliged** – needed

Pg 288 **fidgety and anxious** – nervous

Pg 288 **strand** – little bit

Pg 288 **gnawed** – chewed

Pg 289 **Salsa for...** - an advertisement for a dance class for people over 60 years old

Pg 289 **weeping** – crying

Pg 289 **wrenched** – torn

Pg 289 **lacerating/incomprehensible**– painful/hard to understand

Pg 289 **crease** – fold

Pg 289 **posted** – put

Pg 289 **Moved** – inspired

Pg 289 **confession** – saying he did something wrong

Pg 290 **betray** – be disrespectful to

Pg 290 **bawled** – cried very hard

Pg 290 **saliva** – spit (water from the mouth)

Pg 290 **fraud** – fake person, liar

Pg 290 **sob/plunged/handkerchief** – cry/put/cloth

Pg 290 **She went** – She died

Pg 290 **tremendous jolt** – big shake

Pg 290 **dug** – pushed

Pg 290 **jaw shot** – lower chin bone moved

Pg 290 **got hold of you** – has you (if you have cancer)

Pg 291 **terminal** – deadly, incurable

Pg 291 **trudging** – walking slowly

Pg 291 **shiver** – cold feeling that made her shake

Pg 291 **pummeled** – beat, tapped

Pg 291 **racking shame** – huge embarrassment

Pg 291 **tugging** – pulling

Pg 291 **dignified** – elegant, respectful

Pg 291 **bin** – trash can

Pg 291 **faltered** – had trouble continuing

Pg 291 **it had been otherwise** – the truth was different, she had made different choices

Pg 292 **find comfort** – feel better

Pg 292 **broken into** – gone in without permission, like a thief or burglar

Pg 292 **intrude** – interrupt

Pg 292 **put two and two together** – realized what had happened, figured it out

Pg 292 **grief** – deep sadness

Pg 292 **smithereens** – a million pieces

Pg 292 **hell-bent on revenge** – determined to be mean back to the person who smashed his clowns

Pg 292 **dabbed** – touched (probably with a Kleenex)

Pg 292 **thrown off balance** – confused

Pg 292 **dusting** – cleaning

Pg 292 **vicious thug** – mean, violent person

Pg 292 **limp** – weak

Pg 293 **suffer** – feel miserable, feel terrible

Pg 293 **walk out on** – leave

Pg 293 **moaned/rocking** – cried/holding

Pg 293 **mend** – fix

Chapter 29, pages 294-305

Pg 294 **persuaded** – asked, convinced

Pg 294 **municipal** – city, public

Pg 294 **lavatories** – bathrooms

- Pg 294 **the bulk** – most
- Pg 294 **prickles/odd tuft** – little pieces, occasional patch of hair/beard
- Pg 294 **flesh/bleached** – skin/white
- Pg 294 **disconnected from the leathery** – not attached to the hard
- Pg 294 **rucksack/hospice** – backpack/hospital for people who are dying
- Pg 294 **hollowed out** – empty
- Pg 295 **tarmac** – driveway or sidewalk
- Pg 295 **buzzer/groped** – doorbell/felt
- Pg 295 **Before him stood a woman...** - dressed like a nun (a religious Christian woman)
- Pg 295 **nun** – Christian woman
- Pg 295 **at the roots** – near her head
- Pg 295 **threshold** – entryway
- Pg 296 **duct tape** – tape around his shoes
- Pg 296 **disinfectant** – cleaning supplies
- Pg 296 **ram** – kick
- Pg 296 **applause** – clapping, cheering
- Pg 296 **loose silhouette** – outline, shadow
- Pg 296 **corridor** – hallway
- Pg 296 **cropped** – cut
- Pg 296 **fixed his gaze** - looked
- Pg 296 **surge of dread** – feeling that something bad was about to happen
- Pg 297 **reducing to** – becoming
- Pg 297 **frail** – weak
- Pg 297 **trainers** – sneakers, tennis shoes
- Pg 297 **a crack/peered** – a tiny bit/looked
- Pg 297 **drawn** – closed
- Pg 297 **wooden cross** – a Christian symbol
- Pg 297 **at its foot** – at the end of the bed (where your feet are)
- Pg 297 **giddy wave** – exciting feeling
- Pg 298 **slight profile** – small shape
- Pg 298 **peered** – looked
- Pg 298 **withdrew** – moved back
- Pg 298 **throbbing** – beating hard
- Pg 298 **gave way** – collapsed, fell down
- Pg 298 **at bay** – far away
- Pg 298 **ventured** – risked going
- Pg 298 **seed head** – seedling, baby plant
- Pg 298 **A shell** – an empty body
- Pg 299 **retreat** – leave
- Pg 299 **struck still** – unable to move, immobile
- Pg 299 **protruded** – stuck out, extended
- Pg 299 **erupt** – break through
- Pg 299 **tugging** – pulling
- Pg 299 **groaned** – made a low, painful sound
- Pg 299 **groped** felt around
- Pg 299 **snatched/glance/gargantuan** – stole/look/huge
- Pg 299 **bulbous mass** – round ball
- Pg 299 **threadlike veins and bruising** – red and ugly, as if she had been hit hard
- Pg 300 **rooted** – searched
- Pg 300 **quartz** – glass, crystal
- Pg 300 **It dawned on him** – he realized
- Pg 300 **pendant** – necklace
- Pg 300 **More brutal ...** – More evidence of how weak she was
- Pg 301 **morgue** – the part of a hospital where dead bodies are kept

Pg 301 **tugged/yank** – pulled/hard pull

Pg 301 **look after** – take care of

Pg 301 **take over** – take care of Queenie

Pg 301 **hooking under...** - putting her (the nurse's) arms under Queenie's arms and lifting her

Pg 301 **will** – desire

Pg 301 **catch up** – talk to each other

Pg 301 **cuppa** – cup of tea

Pg 302 **slotted** – put

Pg 302 **sends her...** - says hello

Pg 302 **conjured** – brought

Pg 302 **break the ice** – begin the conversation

Pg 302 **envied her...** - was jealous of how sure (confident) she was of herself

Pg 302 **stir** – rising up

Pg 303 **funeral director's/coffin** – person who plans a dead person's burial/box to be buried in

Pg 303 **torching** – burning

Pg 303 **passerby** – someone passing by H

Pg 303 **nicotine** – an ingredient in cigarettes

Pg 303 **rubbish bin** – trash can

Pg 303 **bitter stench of decay** – the awful smell of rotting food

Pg 303 **so animal in its intensity** – so strong and so much like an animal

Pg 303 **struck still, ...** - unable to move, still leaning over the trash can

Pg 303 **funeral parlor** – the room (parlor) in the building where people come to see someone who has died

Pg 303 **reverberate** – vibrate, go

Pg 303 **heaved a white ...** - threw up

Pg 303 **whole being** – whole self, all of her

Pg 304 **hovered/bin** – stayed/trash can

Pg 304 **cremation** – burning a body after death

Pg 304 **mourners** – people at a funeral or burial

Pg 304 **prying** – looking in at them

Pg 304 **railed** – yelled, got angry

Pg 304 **made a pact that would oblige them** – come to an agreement that they would stick to

Pg 304 **wrench** – tear, break

Pg 304 **absolve** – erase, get rid of

Pg 305 **sew into the fabric...** - make this knowledge (of Queenie) part of his understanding

Pg 305 **reduced to** – become

Pg 305 **fiddling/laces** – messing around with/shoelaces

Pg 305 **prostrate** – laying down

Pg 305 **imperceptibly** – in a barely noticeable way

Pg 305 **stationery cupboard** – office supply closet

Pg 305 **rattle/start** – noise/jump

Pg 305 **jollying** – walking happily

Chapter 30, pages 306-311

Pg 306 **figure/hunched** – person/bent

Pg 306 **ached/stroke** – wanted very much/touch

Pg 306 **shunted** – moved

Pg 307 **profile** – the view of H from the side

Pg 307 **pitiful** – awful looking

Pg 307 **omitted** – left out, forgotten

Pg 307 **reticence** – quiet, reluctance

Pg 307 **apathy** – not caring about anything

Pg 308 **at the horizon** – in the distance

Pg 308 **drained of** – without

Pg 308 **Maureen's gasp ...** - Maureen sucked in her breath sharply (loudly)

Pg 308 **last-ditch attempt** – final try

Pg 308 **A violent surge of grief** – A strong wave of sadness

Pg 308 **emitted a series of soundless sobs** – let out silent cries over and over

Pg 309 **Maw** – nickname for Maureen

Pg 309 **wavered** – shook slightly

Pg 309 **scrapbook** – book of memories

Pg 310 **demon** – devil, crazy man

Pg 310 **vein/chaos** – blood vessel/craziness

Pg 310 **liners** – ships (ocean liners)

Pg 310 **GP** – doctor (General Practitioner)

Pg 310 **convalescence** – recuperating, rest

Pg 310 **via/detour** – by/side trip

Pg 310 **contemplate** – think about

Pg 310 **grief** – sadness, sorrow

Pg 310 **groped** – reached

Pg 311 **trembled** – shook, quivered

Pg 311 **cupped** – held

Pg 311 **features lost distinction** – the different parts of his face were no longer identifiable

Chapter 31, pages 312-313

Pg 312 **blurred** – unclear, fuzzy

Pg 312 **willing/focus** – asking/see clearly

Pg 312 **myriad of color** – a lot of colors

Pg 313 **did sums** – was an accountant

Pg 313 **an impeccable hand** – beautiful handwriting

Pg 313 **slippery bugger** – hard to hold thing

Pg 313 **casting his eyes** – looking

Chapter 32, pages 314-320

Pg 314 **booked** – rented (in a hotel)

Pg 314 **so regretted** – felt bad about

Pg 314 **coming down with a cold** – getting sick

Pg 315 **chapel** – small church

Pg 315 **brittle** – easily broken

Pg 315 **hushed/peal** – quiet/sound

Pg 315 **anguish/reluctance** – heartache/hesitation

Pg 315 **dawned on** – occurred to

Pg 315 **plump/bloom** – slightly fat/color

Pg 315 **comforted/vibrant** – felt good/alive

Pg 315 **went** – died

Pg 315 **bled** – as if he had no more blood

Pg 315 **believers** – religious people

Pg 315 **Unperturbed** – Not upset at all

Pg 316 **imbued with incense** – strongly scented

Pg 316 **uplifted** – turned up

Pg 316 **tilted discreetly** – turned in an unnoticeable way

Pg 316 **coming to terms with** – facing and understanding

Pg 316 **utterly/vanishes** – completely/disappears

Pg 316 **coffin/vacant** – burial box/empty

Pg 316 **cleft/plunged** – torn/shoved

Pg 317 **definition** – their shape, their clarity

Pg 317 **dimming** – becoming harder to see

Pg 317 **Mass** – Christian worship service