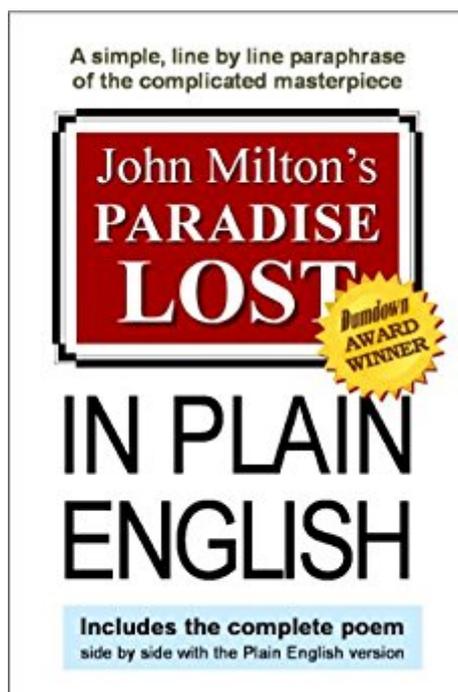


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Customer Reviews

I do not agree with the one star reviews, although I understand their point. Dumbing down great poetry is a slippery slope, but I think it has it's place. They seem to be assuming that people are JUST going to read the "plain English" portion. No. The point is to read the real thing on the left and if you have trouble comprehending a particular section, you can read the right hand "plain English" side and then go back, read the real thing and learn how to read Milton's language. Very useful. BUT I don't know what Lanzara was up to with his "reader's digest" version. That knocks this work down at least a peg or two. Far too many of the "plain English" verses are missing key information. He not only translated it from the old language to modern "plain English", but also left out a lot of the poem; imagery and information for some reason (laziness?). I wanted a simplified version to help with difficult passages, not a "reader's digest" version. Just for a few examples, see passages 44, 60, and

73 in Book One. With 60 he turns ten lines into one! That's not translation, that's butchery. But I'll still give it three stars because it still helps with the difficult passages, just not nearly as good as it could be if he took a little extra time to not eliminate so much of the poem. UPDATE: I reconsidered; lowered to 2 stars. This is just plain laziness. Lines 550-559 in Book One. If the reason this got the "dumdown" award is because it's pathetically dumb, then I can get behind that. Recommendation to the author: check out the "No Fear Shakespeare" series. That is exactly what is needed for Paradise Lost. A plain English version that isn't chopped to pieces and destroyed. Check out page one of Book III (Chapter 3). It's a laugh riot!

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