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Domestic Life, the user finds several headings, including Foods, Cooking and Cuisine, and Eating Verbs; under the last heading, such terms as bolt , chew , chow down , devour , engorge , inhale , masticate , pig out , and quaff are briefly defined. A detailed table of contents provides access to the classification scheme and an A-Z index lists all words included in the book. Sometimes the Word Menu fails. Just two examples: superlatives such as best, first-class, outstanding, topnotch, and world class are not included, nor is amniocentesis found under Pregnancy and Birth. Notwithstanding its limitations, this book is enthusiastically recommended for all libraries, even the smallest. Glazier, a brilliant amateur lexicographer who died in early 1992 at age 44, has created the first bona fide classification of the English language since the 19th century, when Peter Mark Roget, another talented amateur, made a lasting name for himself.- Ken Kister, author of "Best Encyclopedias," Tampa, Fla. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Stephen Glazier. . . was a modern Roget."--William Safire, The New York Times From the Trade Paperback edition. From the Publisher Yet another indispensable title for anyone who is interested in language, and for anyone who, like me, is sometimes groping for the exact word for something. This is one of the books I keep on my reference shelf in my office -- it has saved me many times! A. Krijgsman Associate Managing Editor