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I think when dictionaries define words, there's a sort of hair-splitting that to most people doesn't make any sense, which is we're not describing what a thing is.

~Kory Stamper

Lexicographers may be nerds who don't like human contact, but we're still people.

~Kory Stamper

Whenever you try and simplify how people speak, it's just hard to squish them into a simple rule. Language doesn't work that way.

~Kory Stamper

Words have always been political, and that means that, in many people's minds, dictionaries are political. Because that's what dictionaries do: they do words.

~Kory Stamper

We want to emulate the educated class, even if we don't think of educated people as a class these days.

~Kory Stamper

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