

THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND

VOCABULARY

The following is a selection of vocabulary words listed in order of appearance in THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND (written by Jonathan Stroud, published in 2004). Review this list before reading the novel to assess the level of difficulty of the novel or simply to learn more words.

deadbeat	<i>slang</i>	a lazy person.
in tow	<i>idiom</i>	as a companion or follower.
seep		to pass slowly through small openings or pores.
addled	<i>British</i>	to become rotten, as an egg.
cantankerous		ill-tempered and quarrelsome.
pare	<i>British</i>	to reduce as if by cutting off outer parts; trim.
urbanely		in a polite, refined, and often elegant manner.
chit		a short letter; a note.
suffice it to say...		it is enough to say...
rankle		to embitter or irritate.
spell		to add up to; signify. this might spell trouble.
helter-skelter		in disorderly haste; confusedly; pell-mell.
pandemonium		a very noisy place.
strewn with		to strew, strewed, strewn. to cover (an area or a surface) with things scattered or sprinkled.
fib		an insignificant or childish lie.
yarn	<i>informal</i>	a long, often elaborate narrative of real or fictitious adventures; an entertaining tale.