

Glossary for Hanif Kureishi: **My Son the Fanatic**, (Love in a Blue Time; Faber and Faber, London 1997)

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surrep'titious |sʌrɛp'tɪʃəs |

done secretly or quickly because you do not want other people to notice

rouse |raʊz |

to make someone start doing something, especially when they have been too tired or unwilling to do it

tangle

a twisted mass of something

con'clusive

final; something that is beyond doubt or discussion..

eccen'tricity

[uncountable] strange or unusual behaviour

pitfall

mistake you are likely to make in a particular situation, a "trap" you are likely to fall into

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im'perative

absolutely necessary

lewd |lju:d |

dirty; with obscene reference to sexual acts or anatomical details

truant

to stay away from school. (usually as adj.)

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scrupulous

careful and accurate about all aspects and details

se'vere

strict or hard

liaison |li'eɪzn |

1 *connection between business associates, governments etc.* 2 sexual relationship without marriage

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sy'ringe |sə'rɪndʒ |

instrument with a hollow needle, used for injections

flinch

look away when subjected to (sudden) stress or pressure.

a'lert

quick to notice what goes on

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indignity

something that makes you feel ashamed or humiliated

de'votions

[plural] religious acts, prayers

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,unim'peded |.ʌnɪm'pi:dɪd |

without anything to stop or block one's actions

imminent

about to happen very soon

popadum |'pɒpədəm |

crisp, often spiced, biscuit-like bread eaten before or with meals in India and Pakistan
scold

castigate

behaving without proper respect

insolent

to make a quick change of expression as a result of pain or something unpleasant.

wince

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countless

too many to count

implicated
burp |bɜ:p |

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quell
rout |raʊt |
sink

hypocrite
a'dulterer
mend one's ways

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ac'countancy

usury |'ju:ʒəri |

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grovel |'grɒvəl |

fa'tiguing |fə'ti:ɡɪŋ |

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sullen

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gaudy |'ɡɔ:di |

inad'vertently

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pant

re'taliate

(show to be) involved in smth. wrong
let out gas from the stomach through the
mouth, accompanied by a sound.

control or stop violent behaviour in a crowd
drive out

a basin where you wash dirty plates or throw
out (dirty) water; fig. a place where bad
things are gathered

a bad person who pretends to be good
person, who has sex outside marriage
change one's behaviour for the better

(the study of) bookkeeping, the way to keep
business accounts

charging too much on loans

show exaggerated respect, putting oneself
down in order to please.

making one tired

looking or acting as if one is dissatisfied

too bright or colourful to be in good taste
instinctively, without thinking about it

to breathe heavily

strike back