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I purchased this particular dictionary to use in the study of Latin with my daughter because it was recommended as giving good information on word derivations. Every word I have looked up has indeed had good information on word derivations.

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