

A bowser, greasy gateman pointing escape.
The skid-scorched highway.
The children fading.
Petrol to burn.

KNUTE SKINNER

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE DICTIONARY

On pages fourteen twenty and twenty-one
of *The American College Dictionary*
I learned

that zloty is “the gold monetary unit
of Poland
(introduced in 1924)”

that zonda is “the hot, oppressive wind
of the Argentine pampas”

and that Ulrich Zwingli
(1484-1531)
was a Swiss Protestant reformer.

But I did not,
dammit,
learn how to spell *zucchini*.