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What exactly is a credit crunch? Why do professional athletes earn so much more than the rest of us? Which country is likely to be the world's leading economy in ten years' time? Daily Telegraph economics editor Edmund Conway introduces and explains the central ideas of economics in a series of 50 essays. Beginning with an exploration of the basic theories, such as Adam Smith's "invisible hand," and concluding with the latest research into the links between wealth and happiness, he sheds light on all the essential topics needed to understand booms and busts, bulls and bears, and the way the world really works.

50 Economics Ideas You Really Need to Know Quercus

A long and distinguished tradition of writers have used the form of a satirical dictionary to undermine the received ideas of their day. Voltaire wrote a sharply humorous "Philosophical Dictionary," while Samuel Johnson's dictionary of the English language was derisive and

opinionated. These early dictionaries and encyclopedias were really weapons in a struggle for the soul of civilization between forces of humanistic enlightenment and the forces of orthodoxy and dogmatism. Their authors attacked and exposed the half-truths of their day by showing that it was possible to think differently about the social and political arrangements that everyone took for granted. But as John Ralston Saul argues in this decidedly unorthodox book, modern dictionaries have once again been captured by the forces of orthodoxy—albeit this time a rationalist orthodoxy. Our language has become as predictable, fragmented, and rhetorical as it was in the 18th century, divided as it is by special interest groups into dialects of expertise that are hermetically sealed off and inaccessible to citizens. In *The Doubter's Companion*, a marvelous subversive contribution to the great 18th century tradition of the humanist dictionary, Saul skewers and discredits the accepted content of common terms like Advertising, Academics, and Air Conditioning (defined as "an efficient means for spreading disease in enclosed public spaces"); Cannibal, Conservative, and Croissant; Dandruff, Death, and Dictionary ("opinions presented as truth in alphabetical order"); and several hundred others, including Biography ("a respectable form of pornography"), Museum ("safe storage for stolen objects"), and Manners ("people are always splendid when they're dead").

There is much in this volume that will stimulate, offend, provoke, perplex, and entertain. But Saul deploys these tactics of guerilla lexicography to advance the more serious purpose of reclaiming public language from the stultifying dialects of modern expertise.

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Orlando has done it again with these twelve hot new tales in his latest story collection. In *Special Services* Bradley finds out that his new bride expects him to become her permanent toilet, then in *Just a Friend*, Keith's wife brings home a hunk from work for a date...but the date isn't with her! Then in *My Ex-wife's New Maid*, Bruce accepts an invitation to visit his ex, only to be drugged and turned into a maid who will service her like a Queen. When she finally brings a male friend home and expects him to service him too, he revolts! Then, Brian makes a bet in *A Proper Pedicure* with his wife Betty, and unexpectedly loses. Due to a stiff penalty clause in the contract they signed, he has no choice but to submit to whatever she wants for the next week. And in *Permanent Acquisition*, David finally finds a woman to serve. He thinks it's just for a week, but Miss Sally doesn't do just a week!

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