



## The Queen's English: An A to Zed Guide to Distinctively British Words (Hardback)

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Reader's Digest Association, United States, 2011. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 198 x 130 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. From chips and crumbs to spending a penny, The Queen's English is your indispensable guide to surviving and thriving in the tricky byways of the English language, which has shown many a poor soul the way out for little more than twanging a vowel, splitting an infinitive or, crime of all crimes, saying dinner instead of tea. With The Queen's English there's no need to become flummoxed ever again. This must-have A to Z guide uncovers the quintessential meanings behind more than 100 familiar words and phrases of the distinctively British lexicon, including: By hook or by crook (adv. phrase): It is good to find a phrase in common use that goes back as far as this one, and which appears (though not entirely proven) to link back to England's feudal past. In medieval times when the peasantry were not allowed to cut down trees, they were permitted nonetheless to gather firewood from loose or dead branches which could be obtained using hook (bill hook, a traditional cutting tool) or crook, a staff with a...



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