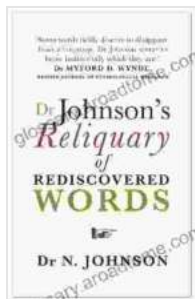


# Dr Johnson's Reliquary of Rediscovered Words: A Linguistic Exploration of Lost Treasures



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In the vast and ever-evolving tapestry of the English language, words come and go, shaping the way we communicate and perceive the world around us. From the archaic to the obsolete, every word holds a story, a glimpse into the history of our language and culture. In 'Dr Johnson's Reliquary of Rediscovered Words', lexicographer and language enthusiast David Crystal takes us on a captivating journey to rediscover forgotten words and phrases that once enriched our vocabulary.

## Rediscovering Lost Linguistic Gems

Drawing from Samuel Johnson's monumental 'Dictionary of the English Language' (1755), Crystal unearths hundreds of words that have fallen into disuse but deserve a second chance in our modern vocabulary. These words, described by Johnson as "obsolete" or "out of use," offer a

fascinating glimpse into the evolution of language and the richness of our linguistic heritage.

From the whimsical "allobrogical" (strange or eccentric) to the evocative "defervescence" (a gradual loss of intensity), each rediscovered word carries a unique charm and adds depth and nuance to our understanding of the English language.

### **Etymological Adventures: Uncovering Word Origins**

Crystal goes beyond mere definitions, delving into the etymological roots of these forgotten words, revealing their fascinating origins and connections to other languages. With each entry, he provides a concise history of the word's usage, tracing its evolution from its earliest known appearances to its eventual decline in popularity.

These etymological adventures not only enhance our understanding of the word itself but also provide a broader context for the history and development of the English language.

### **Practical Benefits: Enriching Your Vocabulary and Communication**

Rediscovering these forgotten words is not merely an academic exercise; it has tangible benefits for our vocabulary and communication skills. By incorporating these words into our writing and speech, we can elevate our language, expressing ourselves with greater precision and sophistication.

From formal speeches to casual conversations, the words in 'Dr Johnson's Reliquary of Rediscovered Words' offer an inexhaustible source of inspiration for writers, speakers, and anyone who wishes to expand their linguistic repertoire.

## Preserving Our Linguistic Heritage

Beyond its practical benefits, 'Dr Johnson's Reliquary of Rediscovered Words' serves as a vital tool for preserving our linguistic heritage. By bringing these forgotten words back into circulation, we not only enrich our own vocabulary but also safeguard the diversity and richness of the English language for future generations.

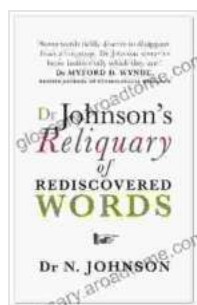
As Crystal aptly notes, "The more words we have at our disposal, the more effectively we can communicate our thoughts and feelings." 'Dr Johnson's Reliquary of Rediscovered Words' is an invaluable resource for ensuring the continued vitality and expressiveness of our language.

## Embark on a Linguistic Adventure

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Rediscover the hidden treasures of the English language and embark on a linguistic adventure that will inspire, educate, and delight you.

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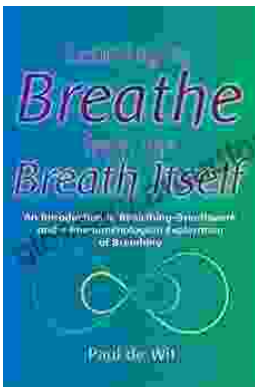
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