



A Dictionary of the English Language (Illustrated)

By Samuel Johnson

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. annotated edition. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Samuel Johnson, often referred to as Dr Johnson, was an English writer who made lasting contributions to English literature as a poet, essayist, moralist, literary critic, biographer, editor and lexicographer. Johnson was a devout Anglican and committed Tory, and has been described as arguably the most distinguished man of letters in English history. After nine years of work, Johnson's *A Dictionary of the English Language* was published in 1755. It had a far-reaching effect on Modern English and has been described as one of the greatest single achievements of scholarship. This work brought Johnson popularity and success. Until the completion of the Oxford English Dictionary 150 years later, Johnson's was viewed as the pre-eminent British dictionary. His later works included essays, an influential annotated edition of William Shakespeare's plays, and the widely read tale *Rasselas*. In 1763, he befriended James Boswell, with whom he later travelled to Scotland; Johnson described their travels in *A Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland*. Towards the end of his life, he produced the...



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