



The Forbidden Political Dictionary Complete and Unapproved

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Paperback. Book Condition: New. John Clifton (illustrator).

Paperback. 104 pages. Just when the nation couldnt seem more politically polarized, when the rhetoric from both left and right is often at best divisive and at worst downright nasty, comes this wickedly funny book that paints a moustache on the whole political scene, left, right, and in between. But perhaps describing The Forbidden Political Dictionary as simple moustache-painting does it an injustice, for there is much wit, and even wisdom, in its pages. Owing more than a casual nod to the Ambrose Bierce classic, The Devils Dictionary, John Cliftons handy guide is full of perverse definitions of common words daily bandied about by politicians and pundits, and manages to strike the funny bone and the truth bone simultaneously. Pervading the definitions (all alphabetically ordered, like any typical dictionary) is the sense of cutthroat rivalry among political figures, operating in the context of polished public images and devious private actions. A simple word like gift becomes A self-damaging error made by a rival. The verb smear is merely defined as Describe in Cliftons political paradigm. How is a reader supposed to react to that The first response is laughter; the second is realization...



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