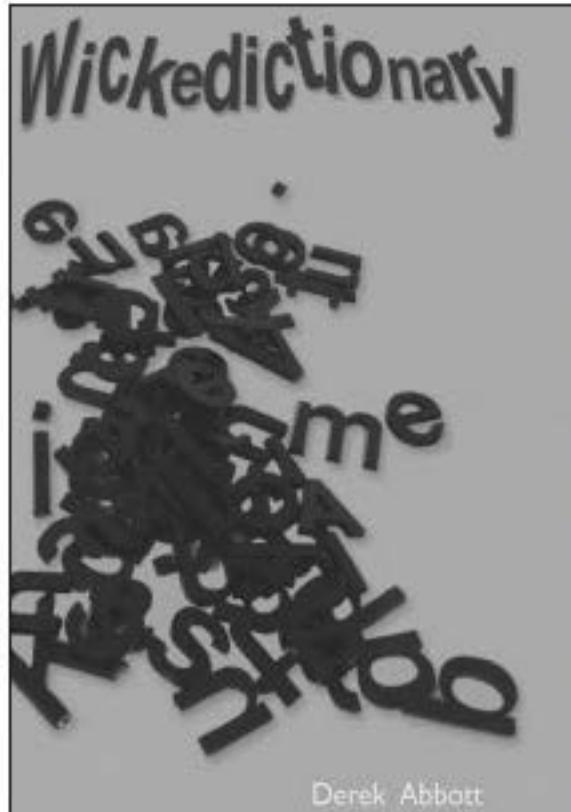


# Abbott's "Wickedictionary" proves anything but wicked

*New satirical book would be better kept online and out of print*



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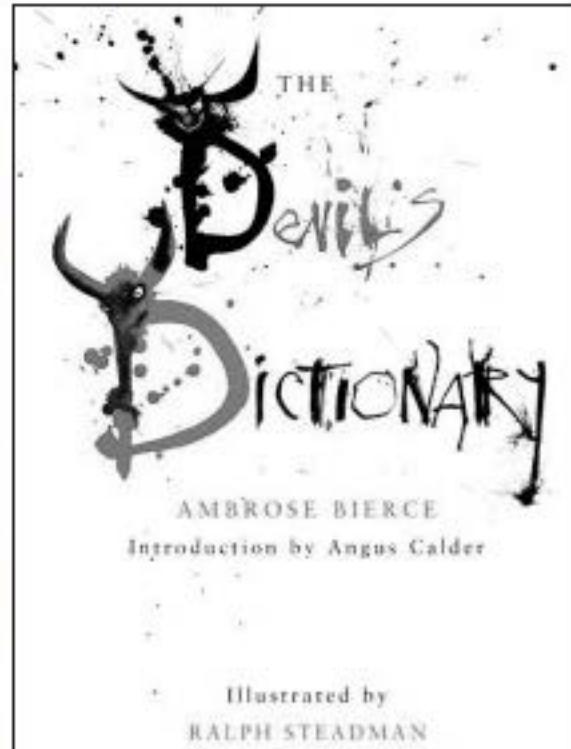
Derek Abbott's new book, "Wickedictionary," is a pet project best left to the digital age and kept online. Billed as a modern day version of Ambrose Bierce's, "The Devil's Dictionary," it lacks little punch, and worse yet, little input.

The book itself is a collection of quotes and wordplay that are meant to re-define common words in a "perverse way." While the introduction to the book calls for "perversion of definitions," much of the content is lamer than anything that may have appeared in the original "The Devil's Dictionary." In fact, any particular wit of note may have come from the quotes Abbott borrowed from Bierce.

It's a shame because the idea is sound. The modern world is just as ripe for satire as it ever was, but this is hardly the book to do it. Abbott's contributions are stale, many reminding the reader of something their old uncle would say at Thanksgiving.

Many of the contributions are credit to unknown sources and others are "adapted from"—meaning they butcher the original quote for a tiny bit of humor. The book includes an e-mail address to send one's own definitions too, but this feels cheapest of all.

A future edition may be less bloated and serve as a good stocking stuffer, but it would be best to pass up on what was present here. You can just check Urbandictionary.com if you need a laugh.



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