

- Assailed** Make a concerted or violent attack on. (p22)
- "bankruptcy as going human concerns"** Leading to the extinction of the human species or leading to the death of the individual (p21)
- Codified** Arrange (laws or rules) into a systematic code. (p17)
- Compulsion** An irresistible urge to behave in a certain way. (p22)
- Contemporary** of the present time; modern. (p14)
- Dilemma** A difficult situation or problem. (p22)
- Erratic** Not even or regular in pattern or movement; (p18)
- Expel** to drive or force out or away; discharge or eject. (Foreward, p15)
- Fervor** Intense and passionate feeling. (p22)
- Idioms** a language, dialect, or style of speaking peculiar to a people. (p14)
- "John Barleycorn"** a personification of alcohol (p24)
- "Last Gaspers"** those with low bottom / severe consequences from drinking (p22)
- Malady** A disease or ailment. (p23)
- Obsession** Preoccupy or fill the mind continually and to a troubling extent. (p22)
- Precarious** dangerously likely to fall or collapse. (p21)
- Prodigious** Remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree. (p17)
- Providence** The protective care of God or of nature as a spiritual power. (p21)
- Rapacious** Aggressively greedy or grasping. (p21)
- Rigorously** In an extremely thorough and careful way. (p24)
- Smitten** Strike with a firm blow. (p22)
- Spree** A sustained period of drinking (p23)
- Stark** Severe or bare in appearance or outline (p21)
- Taproot** a large, central, and dominant root from which other roots sprout laterally. (p22)
- Tenets** any opinion, principle, doctrine, dogma, etc., especially one held as true by members of a profession, group, or movement. (p16)
- Tolerant** Showing willingness to allow the existence of opinions or behaviour that one does not necessarily agree with. (p24)
- "Two score"** 40 in number (p17)
- Tyrant** A cruel and oppressive ruler. (p22)
- Unpalatable** Not pleasant to taste. (p22)
- Unstinted** Given without restraint (p17)
- Welter** Move in a turbulent fashion. (p18)
- Wield** Have and be able to use (power or influence) (p22)

--Definitions from Oxford Dictionary