Beating the odds: The complete dictionary of gambling and games of chance

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Abstract
With over 5,500 entries, the dictionary covers terms used in association with forms of gambling from around the world. As well as contemporary terms such as those used in internet gambling and racing, it will explore, through terminology, the rich history of gambling back to the origins of civilisation, as well as the concepts and rules of hundreds of games and practices both ancient and modern. Numerous Latin, French, Chinese, Japanese, German, Italian and other entries from non-English-speaking cultures are included.
their names and well in excess of $100 million in The odds are what gamblers consider when they bet. In thoroughbred racing, for instance, horses are given odds, or a rating of how they are predicted to win. For instance if a horse has a 20-1 odds, the better will win $20 for every $1 bet. This also means that the horse does not have a very good chance of winning the race. Odds are calculated on a horse depending upon its condition and previous wins. When a racehorse who has great odds such as 20-1 wins a race, he has beat the odds. The figurative meaning of this phrase, then, means that someone succeeds or survives despite all the logical an