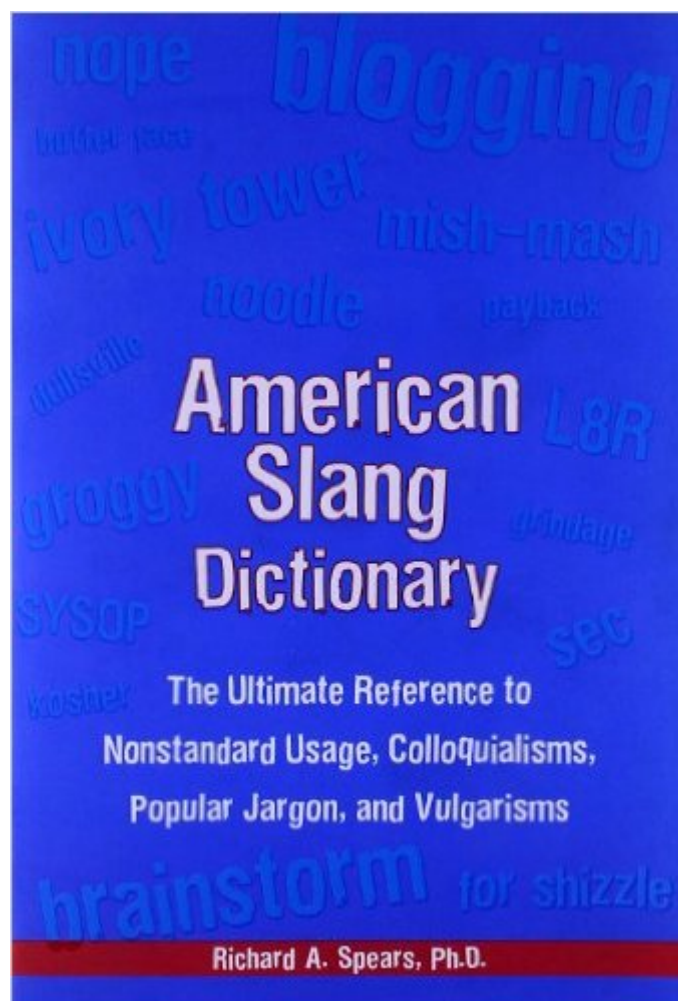


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I grew up in Chicago. That's surely a place with a long history of people using slang in everyday conversation. I decided I wanted to take a look at those phrases we used back then (maybe, still do) and find those that are new to me. If you are an avid reader (and I am), you sometimes run into slang that the author uses to make his or her story more realistic. Thank you, , for helping me in this endeavor.

No worries, yo. This guide is tight as cheese, son. Mostly for peeps that come from other lands, who have lingual letdowns when it comes to slinging that slang. Just cuz' they they ain't fully jive to English, doesn't mean that they need that bouncing ball to tell'em what is going down. Then they be all, respect my fresh!

This book has been interesting and fun to check out, so I ordered a second copy for myself. My first copy was for a relative's friend for whom English is not their first language.

This book was purchased for a young lady in Poland (Europe) and upon receiving it she was very happy and said it would be of great assistance to her in her studies. Many idiomatic phrases and words used in our slang do not appear in a regular dictionary.

This was a great gift for a gift exchange game we had with family at the holidays. It was definitely one of the most popular/coveted items in our White Elephant/Yankee Swap.

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