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With more than 7,000
definitions, this book

provides a definitive
guide to the use of
slang today. It deals
with drugs, sport and
contemporary society,
as well as favourite
slang topics such as
sex and bodily
functions. In this
convenient paperback

edition of the highly acclaimed Dictionary of Contemporary Slang, language and culture expert Tony Thorne explores the ever-changing underworld of the English language, bringing back intriguing examples of eccentricity and irreverence from the linguistic front-line. "Thorne is a kind of slang detective, going down the streets where other lexicographers fear to tread." Daily Telegraph

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"In this Very Short Introduction Jonathon Green asks what words qualify as slang, and whether slang should be acknowledged as a language in its own right. Looking forward, he considers what the digital revolution

means for the future of slang."--Cover flap.

The Life of Slang

Sterling Publishing Company, Inc.

How vocabularies once associated with outsiders became objects of fascination in eighteenth-century Britain While eighteenth-century efforts to standardize the English language have long been studied—from Samuel Johnson's Dictionary to grammar and elocution books of the period—less well-known are the era's popular collections of odd slang, criminal argots, provincial dialects, and nautical jargon. *Strange Vernaculars* delves into how these published works presented the supposed lexicons of the "common people" and traces the ways

that these languages, once shunned and associated with outsiders, became objects of fascination in printed glossaries—from The New Canting Dictionary to Francis Grose's Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue—and in novels, poems, and songs, including works by Daniel Defoe, John Gay, Samuel Richardson, Robert Burns, and others. Janet Sorensen argues that the recognition and recovery of outsider languages was part of a transition in the eighteenth century from an aristocratic, exclusive body politic to a British national community based on the rhetoric of inclusion and liberty, as well as the revaluing of a common British past.

These representations of the vernacular made room for the "common people" within national culture, but only after representing their language as "strange." Such strange and estranged languages, even or especially in their obscurity, came to be claimed as British, making for complex imaginings of the nation and those who composed it. Odd cant languages, witty slang phrases, provincial terms newly valued for their connection to British history, or nautical jargon repurposed for sentimental connections all toggle, in eighteenth-century jest books, novels, and poems, between the alluringly alien and familiarly British. Shedding new light on the history of the

English language, Strange Vernaculars explores how eighteenth-century British literature transformed the patois attributed to those on the margins into living symbols of the nation. Examples of slang from Strange Vernaculars bum-boat woman: one who sells bread, cheese, greens, and liquor to sailors from a small boat alongside a ship collar day: execution day crewnting: groaning, like a grunting horse gentleman's companion: lice gingerbread-work: gilded carvings of a ship's bow and stern luggs: ears mort: a large amount thraw: to argue hotly and loudly Strange Vernaculars A&C Black The Dictionary Of Americanisms,

Canadianisms, Briticisms and Australianisms is a complete, modern, and comprehensive dictionary featuring a large word list of more than 20000 entries. The purpose of this book is to provide a generous sampling of words and expressions of the various spheres of life in the USA, Great Britain, Australia and Canada during the last centuries. The dictionary also features a collection of slang and colloquial expressions in these four countries in the twentieth century. It has a clear, easy-to-use format and is ideal for students, schools, libraries, tourists and anyone who is interested in varieties of English spoken in major English-speaking countries.

NTC's Dictionary of British Slang and Colloquial Expressions

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A scholarly reference to slang expressions from all parts of the English-speaking world includes coverage of twenty-first-century terms and lists explanations of word origins.

Chambers Slang

Dictionary Bloomsbury

Publishing USA

English Vocabulary

Today: Into the 21st

Century offers an

innovative perspective on the ways in which contemporary English language vocabulary continues to adapt and grow in light of

emerging technologies and ideas. The book begins with a concise history of the English language, followed by chapters covering key topics including lexical

change, semantic change and word-formation. Additional chapters highlight unique topics not often covered in English language studies, including the mental lexicon, inclusive language and the importing and exporting of words between English and other languages.

Chapter discussions are enhanced by dynamic examples from a wide range of varieties of English, including American, British, Australian, New Zealand, Canadian, South African and South Asian. Taken together, English Vocabulary Today: Into the 21st Century offers students a clear and comprehensive understanding of the multi-faceted nature of English vocabulary

today as well as new insights into its continued development.

Vulgar Tongues

Random House

The classic pocket guide to the language of London. This wonderful little guide to cockney rhyming slang contains over 1,700 old and new rhymes translated from Cockney to English and English to Cockney, including: Custard and jelly - telly Hot cross bun - nun Lemon tart - smart Rock 'n' roll - dole Sticky toffee - coffee ...and many more. Master the art of the Cockney rhyme and discover the Cockney origins of common British phrases.

Lingo of No Man's Land

Larousse
Kingfisher Chambers
Just how did an

inadequate, second-rate language become the most successful language in the world? The answer is: attitude. In welcoming and absorbing many outside influences, including French, Yiddish and African words and rhymes, English has been able to adapt to needs in almost every corner of the globe. Howard Richler shows that despite its not-so-great beginnings, the English language, with its idiomatic structure, multiple word meanings and love of euphemisms, has evolved into a deeply sophisticated language. The flexibility of the English language is its great strength, and its great source of fascination. As modern culture grows, English finds

itself embracing more and more concepts, and as such coinages: road rage, millennium bug, dotcom, dot bomb...

Knickers in a Twist A&C Black

With its unparalleled coverage of English slang of all types (from 18th-century cant to contemporary gay slang), and its uncluttered editorial apparatus, Cassell's Dictionary of Slang was warmly received when its first edition appeared in 1998.

'Brilliant.' said Mark Lawson on BBC2's *The Late Review*; 'This is a terrific piece of work - learned, entertaining, funny, stimulating' said Jonathan Meades in *The Evening Standard*. But now the world's best single-volume dictionary of English slang is about

to get even better. Jonathon Green has spent the last seven years on a vast project: to research in depth the English slang vocabulary and to hunt down and record written instances of the use of as many slang words as possible. This has entailed trawling through more than 4000 books - plus song lyrics, TV and movie scripts, and many newspapers and magazines - for relevant material. The research has thrown up some fascinating results

Young Women, Girls and Postfeminism in Contemporary

British Film Oxford

University Press

Jackspeak is a comprehensive reference guide to the humorous and colourful slang of the

Senior Service, explaining in layman's terms the otherwise cryptic everyday language of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines and the Fleet Air Arm. Featuring more than 4,000 alphabetical entries, it was compiled by an ex-RM surgeon who spent 24 years in the service. With useful cross-references and examples of common usage throughout, along with excellent illustrations by Tugg, the cartoonist from service newspaper Navy News, it is the essential book for current and ex-Navy personnel and their families, or anyone interested in the modern armed forces. Conway is proud to present a revised and updated edition of this classic volume, which

is already acknowledged as the standard reference for every Jack, Jenny and Royal joining the Andrew, or for any civvy who wants a real insight into the unique culture of the Navy. African American Slang NTC/Contemporary Publishing Company This rollercoaster ride through the colorful history of slang—from highwaymen to hip-hop—is a fresh and exciting take on the subject: entertaining and authoritative without being patronizing, out-of-touch or voyeuristic. Slang is the language of pop culture, low culture, street culture, underground movements and secret societies; depending on your point of view, it is a badge of honor, a sign of identity or a

dangerous assault on the values of polite society. Of all the vocabularies available to us, slang is the most alive, constantly evolving and—as it leaks into the mainstream and is taken up by all of us—infusing the language with a healthy dose of vitality. Witty, energetic and informative *Vulgar Tongues* traces the many routes of slang, beginning with the thieves and prostitutes of Elizabethan London and ending with the present day, where the centuries-old terms rap and hip-hop still survive, though their meanings have changed. On the way we will meet Dr. Johnson, World War II flying aces, pickpockets, schoolchildren,

hardboiled private eyes, carnival geeks and the many eccentric characters who have tried to record slang throughout its checkered past. If you're curious about flapdragons and ale passion, the changing meanings of punk and geek, or how fly originated on the streets of eighteenth-century London and square in Masonic lodges, this is the book for you.

A Bawdy Language

Routledge

The Routledge

Dictionary of Modern American Slang offers the ultimate record of modern, post WW2 American Slang. The 25,000 entries are accompanied by citations that authenticate the words as well as offer examples of usage

from popular literature, newspapers, magazines, movies, television shows, musical lyrics, and Internet user groups. Etymology, cultural context, country of origin and the date the word was first used are also provided. In terms of content, the cultural transformations since 1945 are astounding. Television, computers, drugs, music, unpopular wars, youth movements, changing racial sensitivities and attitudes towards sex and sexuality are all substantial factors that have shaped culture and language. This new edition includes over 500 new headwords collected with citations from the last five years, a period of immense change in the English language, as well as revised

existing entries with new dating and citations. No term is excluded on the grounds that it might be considered offensive as a racial, ethnic, religious, sexual or any kind of slur. This dictionary contains many entries and citations that will, and should, offend. Rich, scholarly and informative, *The Routledge Dictionary of Modern American Slang and Unconventional English* is an indispensable resource for language researchers, lexicographers and translators. *A Dictionary of Victorian Slang, Cant, and Vulgar Words* Simon and Schuster This volume provides concise, authoritative accounts of the approaches and

methodologies of modern lexicography and of the aims and qualities of its end products. Leading scholars and professional lexicographers, from all over the world and representing all the main traditions and perspectives, assess the state of the art in every aspect of research and practice. The book is divided into four parts, reflecting the main types of lexicography. Part I looks at synchronic dictionaries - those for the general public, monolingual dictionaries for second-language learners, and bilingual dictionaries. Part II and III are devoted to the distinctive methodologies and concerns of the historical dictionaries

and specialist dictionaries respectively, while chapters in Part IV examine specific topics such as description and prescription; the representation of pronunciation; and the practicalities of dictionary production. The book ends with a chronology of the major events in the history of lexicography. It will be a valuable resource for students, scholars, and practitioners in the field.

A Pocket Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue

Canongate Books

Whether you want to be privy to the inside banter of the boardroom, backroom or the Washington Beltway, Slang is an indispensable resource, and a lot of fun. Slang is evidence

that the spoken language is continually changing to meet new needs for verbal expressions, tailored to changing realities and perceptions. Unlike most slang dictionaries that list entries alphabetically, Slang takes on modern American English one topic at a time, from "auctionese" to "computerese", the drug trade and sports slang. Slang was originally published by Pocket Books in 1990 in paperback and revised in 1998 in hardcover and paperback. The new Slang has 50% new material, including new chapters on slang associated with work cubicles, gaming, hip hop, and coffeehouses. Dickson brings slang into the twenty-first century with such

blogger slang as TMPMITW, which stands for "the most powerful man in the world" (the president). Whether you want to be privy to the inside banter of the boardroom, backroom or the Washington Beltway, Slang is an indispensable resource, and a lot of fun.

Slang and Sociability

McGraw-Hill

1811 Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue by Francis Grose is an entertaining and insightful exploration of the colloquial language and slang of early 19th-century England. This unique work serves as both a dictionary and a cultural commentary, capturing the vibrant and often humorous vernacular that characterized the

everyday speech of the time. Grose meticulously compiles a plethora of terms and phrases, many of which reflect the social customs, occupations, and idiosyncrasies of the period. In this dictionary, readers will encounter a rich tapestry of language that ranges from the whimsical to the vulgar, providing a window into the lives of ordinary people, including their struggles, triumphs, and playful expressions. Grose's definitions are often laced with wit and insight, showcasing his keen understanding of the human experience and the linguistic creativity of his contemporaries. The book also features anecdotes and examples that

illustrate the use of slang in context, making it a lively and engaging read. *1811 Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue* stands out not only as a linguistic resource but also as a historical document that captures the spirit of its time. Grose's work serves as an important reminder of the evolving nature of language and how it reflects societal changes. For language enthusiasts, historians, and casual readers alike, this dictionary offers a delightful journey through the colorful expressions of the past. Readers are drawn to *1811 Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue* for its quirky charm and invaluable insights into a bygone era. It is a must-have for anyone

interested in the evolution of English slang, the nuances of informal language, or the rich tapestry of human expression. Adding this book to your collection is not just an investment in a linguistic treasure but also an invitation to explore the humor and creativity that language can offer.

NTC's Super-Mini
British Slang Dictionary
Academic

This Handbook offers an authoritative and up-to-date collection of original essays bringing together ground breaking research into the development of contemporary poetry in Britain and Ireland.

*The Cassell Dictionary
of Slang* Bloomsbury
Publishing

This book traces the development of English

slang from the earliest records to the latest tweet. It explores why and how slang is used, and traces the development of slang in English-speaking nations around the world. The records of the Old Bailey and machine-searchable newspaper collections provide a wealth of new information about historical slang, while blogs and tweets provide us with a completely new perspective on contemporary slang. Based on inside information from real live slang users as well as the best scholarly sources, this book is guaranteed to teach you some new words that you shouldn't use in polite company. Teachers, politicians, broadcasters, and parents characterize

the language of teenagers as sloppy, repetitive, and unintelligent, but these complaints are nothing new. In 1906, an Australian journalist overheard some youths on a street-corner:

Things will be bally slow till next pay-day. I've done in nearly all my spond. Here, now; cheese it, or I'll lob one in your lug. Lend us a cigarette. Lend it; oh, no, I don't part. Look out, here's a bobby going to tell us to shove along. What, he wondered, was the world coming to. For the 411, read on ...

The City in Slang UNC Press Books

Unmarried, thirty-year-old Sophy Metcalfe told a little white he to soothe her nagging mother. The white lies name was "Dominic," the ideal boyfriend:

charming, successful, the kind of prospective son-in-law that would make any mother proud. But now that Sophy's thin and beautiful sister, Belinda, is getting married, Dominic is going to have to make an appearance in the flesh -- which should be a pretty neat trick ... since the genuine article vanished from Sophy's life after a single, singularly unmemorable evening. So she resorts to a very drastic measure -- aka Josh Carmichael, the escort she hires at the very last minute, sight unseen. But the trouble with white lies is that they tend to multiply. The trouble with rugged, too-sexy, and independent Josh is ... well, that Sophy's actually beginning to like him! Even if they

make it through the Wedding Day from Hell together -- with its new intrigues, old flames, and all-too-familiar faces -- there's the night that follows... and, of course, the morning after. And that could end up being the biggest trouble of all! A hip, witty, and freshly fantastic delight, Asking for Trouble is the most hilarious and knowing novel to make the scene since Bridget Jones first set pen to paper to record her most intimate innermost thoughts.

Passing English of the Victorian Era OUP Oxford

The American urban scene, and in particular New York's, has given us a rich cultural legacy of slang words and phrases, a bonanza of popular speech. Hot dog, rush

hour, butter-and-egg man, gold digger, shyster, buttinsky, smart aleck, sidewalk superintendent, yellow journalism, breadline, straphanger, tar beach, the Tenderloin, the Great White Way, to do a Brodie--these are just a few of the hundreds of popular words and phrases that were born or took on new meaning in the streets of New York. In The City in Slang, Irving Lewis Allen traces this flowering of popular expressions that accompanied the emergence of the New York metropolis from the early nineteenth century down to the present. This unique account of the cultural and social history of America's greatest city provides in effect a lexicon of popular speech about city life.

With many stories Allen shows how this vocabulary arose from city streets, often interplaying with vaudeville, radio, movies, comics, and the popular songs of Tin Pan Alley. Some terms of great pertinence to city people today have unexpectedly old pedigrees. Rush hour was coined by 1890, for instance, and rubberneck dates to the late 1890s and became popular in New York to describe the busloads of tourists who craned their necks to see the tall buildings and the sights of the Bowery and Chinatown. The Big Apple itself (since 1971 the official nickname of New York) appeared in the 1920s, though first in reference to the city's top racetracks and to

Broadway bookings as pinnacles of professional endeavor. Allen also tells fascinating stories behind once-popular slang that is no longer in use. Spielers, for example, were the little girls in tenement districts who danced ecstatically on the sidewalks to the music of the hurdy-gurdy men and, when they were old enough, frequented the dance halls of the Lower East Side. Following the trail of these words and phrases into the city's East Side, West Side, and all around the town, from Harlem to Wall Street, and into the haunts of its high and low life, *The City in Slang* is a fascinating look at the rich cultural heritage of language about city life.

Dictionary of

Contemporary Slang

Oxford University
Press, USA

A dictionary of modern
slang draws on the
resources of the
"Oxford English

Dictionary" to cover
over five thousand
slang words and
phrases from
throughout the English-
speaking world.

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