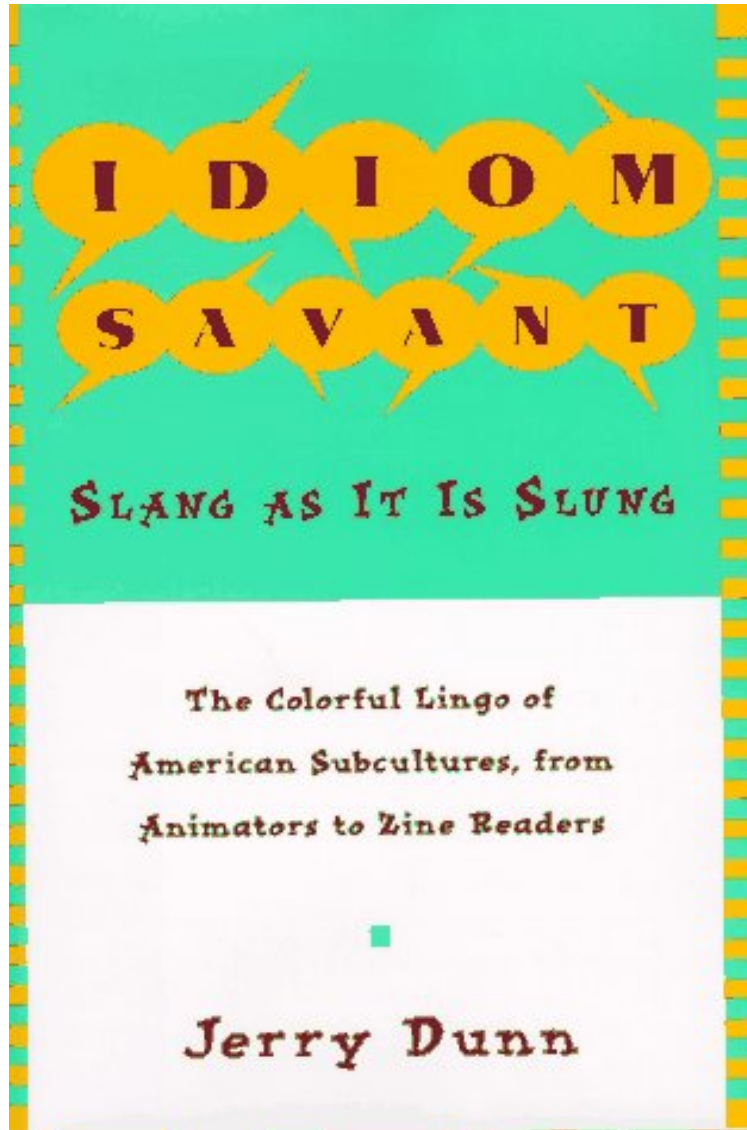


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Jerry Camarillo Dunn : Idiom Savant: Slang As It Is Slung before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Idiom Savant: Slang As It Is Slung:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy jeanne friedlandfun for all language, cultural lovers12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable look into America's languageBy wnstncpfanWhat fun! Any fans of the English language or American pop culture will enjoy this reference book of common (and not so common) slang. I really enjoyed the origins of slang terms, which Mr. Dunn provides for many of the entries.Gaining

insight into the private language of these professions, sports, and hobbies was very interesting, and many quite humorous. Some could offend, however, and the book is not recommended for children. One suggestion I would have made to Mr. Dunn is to have used periods to clarify acronyms that are pronounced by the letters (D.O.A.) and no periods when they are pronounced as a word (NASA), as I was confused as to how some terms were to be pronounced (all acronyms are listed without periods). I'm hoping there will be other editions of this book, as I'm sure there are many other lexicons in American culture to be explored.

Provides a colorful, categorized book of slang as it is spoken by various professions, such as nurses, pilots, lawyers, and salespeople, with full explanations of the proper meaning of each phrase or word being used."

.com Forget French and Spanish; it's time to keep up with the new English: the slang cooked up by pilots, lawyers, pot smokers, and pickpockets to keep us in the dark. In biker lingo, a scab is bacon; to garbage collectors, maggots are colorfully known as motorized rice; and there's a fine list of typographical symbols that e-mailers use to convey expressions (for example, :-D is a big smile, and 8-) is a smile from a person wearing glasses). Learning the idioms of 97 subcultures should keep your vocabulary au courant till they realize you're onto them and concoct a whole new batch. From Library Journal Dictionary lovers will be interested in a book with such a clever title as this one but will be disappointed upon opening it up. Dunn's classification of his entries into about 75 "subcultures" such as funeral directors, surfers, and FBI agents is unique for a slang dictionary. But why caddies and not professors? Why frisbee players and Alaskans but not horseshoe players and Californians? Dunn researched his book "live on the Internet" but quickly discovered that Internet folk had no compunction about giving him "bogus lingo." It's not clear whether he succeeded in screening out the "bogus," nor is it clear that Internet users' lingo is truly representative of their subculture. There are two entries for librarians: juvie and eight o'clock. He's partially right about juvie, but he fails to point out that juvie can be used as an adjective as well as a noun. And this librarian has never heard a patron who approaches the reference desk at closing time referred to as an "eight o'clock." This skimpy book lacks authoritativeness. ?Peter A. Dollard, Alma Coll. Lib., Mich. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Jerry Dunn's joyride through our lingo is a must for any lover of American life . . . you'll discover more about the American experience than you ever knew you knew."-Richard Lederer, author of Fractured English