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Paul Dickson : Slang : The Topical Dictionary of Americanisms (Hardcover - Revised Ed.)--by Paul Dickson [2006 Edition] before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Slang : The Topical Dictionary of Americanisms (Hardcover - Revised Ed.)--by Paul Dickson [2006 Edition]:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love It as a Cross-CheckBy OhioanI like this slang dictionary, and its predecessors, because the slang is categorized into chapters, depending on the milieu the slang is usually used in: Automotive, for example, Business and Finance, Crime, Hip-Hop, and so on. I like browsing this book to see what slang is used in different categories. And sometimes I use this topical dictionary as a cross-check on other slang dictionaries, just to confirm the information.The arrangement of slang into "topics," though, means that if you want to know the meaning of a particular slang word, you must use the fine-print index to look it up, then turn to the page number the word is on. This doesn't bother me, however, because each slang dictionary seems to have its own take on usage, and Dickson's take is area-of-origin of the slang term, and, because he chose to confine the terms to individual chapters, that requires an index.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. What a huge disappointment.By MonaLSI bought this book after hearing about it on NPR, and was really looking forward to reading through it. But after reading it cover to cover, I was appalled at the number of inaccurate definitions of commonly used slang terms. Did no one fact check this book? Some of the definitions aren't even from the US, they are from other countries - and

the meanings are very different. The way the book was organized wasn't very logical either, it appeared to jump all over the place, making finding a particular term difficult. I can't recommend this book for someone wanting to learn about American slang. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Open your eyes . . . there a whole world you dont know! By S. Roberts Yes, this book is great. It opens one's eyes to all the ethnicities in the world and how the different "tribes", albeit it Mexican, Black, White, Teenagers, Asian, Mixed with two or three ethnicities, etc., communicate. So, read it and learn to love people for their character, not the slang they speak.