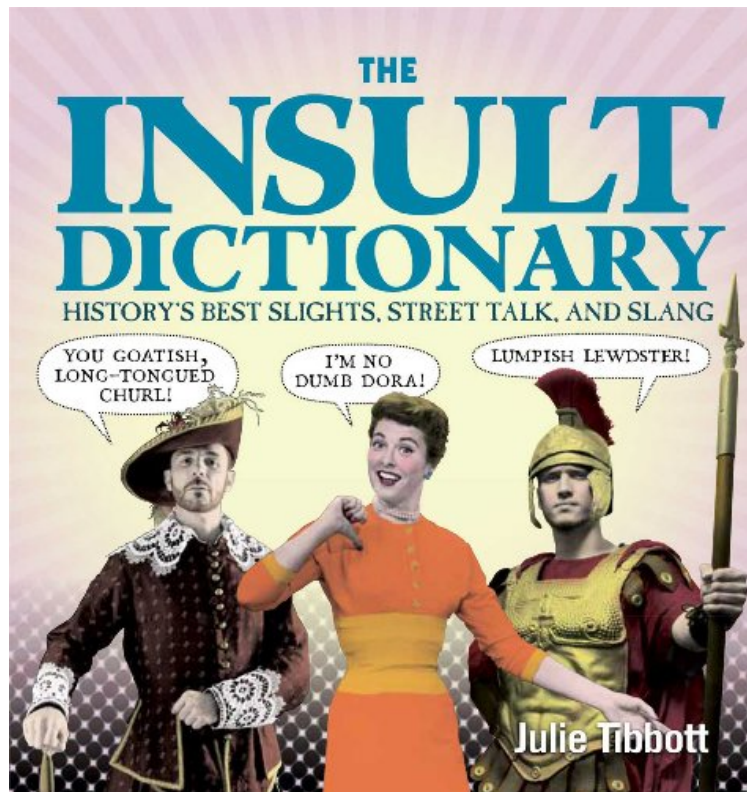


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Centuries of Strange Words and Their MeaningsBy ConnyTitle: The Insult DictionaryAuthor: Julie TibbottPublisher: Reader's DigestISBN: 978-1-62145-066-5"Are you tired of today's lackadaisical lingo? Try slipping some vintage slang into your vocabulary. Since the beginning of language, there has been slang - informal words and phrases utilized by certain cultural groups to show they're in the know," Julie Tibbott introduces in her book, "The Insult Dictionary - History's Best Slights, Street Talk and Slang."This one hundred and seventy-five page hardbound book is eight inches square but packs plenty of information about eclectic words in the English language down through the centuries. Targeted toward individuals who are bored with normal societies' vocabularies and looking for new words and expressions, it is a gives an overview and history of slang, phrases and historical background. Although there are some crude, lewd and off-beat topics, it would be geared toward teenager and adult age groups with some of its comical, outrageous and silly explanations.After an one page introduction, there are nine chapters that cover chronological dictionaries starting with the Greeks and Romans to the Middle Ages, the New World, the Wild West, the Victorian Era, through the Jazz Age, the Depression and Cold War, ending with current day pop culture. Ranging from twelve to twenty-eight pages, each chapter also includes several side bars of

stories, topics, and lists of words relating to the era's genre. Here is just one sample from each chapter that lists the word in bold print, its description and sometimes how it is used in a sentence: Ancient Appellations: Panacea - Minor Greek goddess of healing. Her name means "cure for all ailments." - My grandmother thinks chicken soup is a panacea. Mockery from the Middle Ages: Atomy - noun, a tiny particle; a skeletal person - You've got to put weight on; you look like a bony little atomy. Colonial Cracks: Nickninny - noun, a simpleton - Noozed - noun, married or hanged - Mutton-monger - noun, a man addicted to sex - You're a nickninny if you noozed to that mutton-munger. Wild West Words: Popskull - noun, moonshine - Rozzer - noun, police officer - Pokey - noun, jail - He sold his popskull to an undercover rozzer and got sent to the pokey. Victorian Venom: Tangle-monger - noun, liar - She never said a true word - what a tangle-monger. Jazz Age Jibes: Collar the jive - verb, to be in the know, hip - I haven't been able to collar the jive since I turned forty. Depression-Era Digs: Flip your wig - verb, to lose control or yourself - Frail eel - noun, a pretty girl - He flipped his wig over that frail eel. Cold War Cuts: Crib - noun, one's home - Copacetic - adjective, very satisfactory; excellent - I love your crib, it's copacetic! Pop Culture Phrases: Salad dodger - noun, an obese person - Scarf - verb, to eat with great appetite and gusto - That salad dodger just scarfed all the cupcakes. Besides the dictionaries, one can learn about Pompeii's graffiti, medieval torture techniques, piracy and railroad terms, cockney rhyming slang, liquor and soldier lingo along with rock talk and digital abbreviations in the highlighted sidebars in each chapter. The next time you want and need to say something to put someone in their place or sound more intelligent, pick up this book and use its myriad of odd, quirky and strange words to completely throw them off base! This book was furnished by the publicist for review purposes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lighter than a doorstep. Thinner than a booster seat. By mtspaceA tiny collection of arcane terminology relating to several colorful historical time periods: classical, medieval, colonial, western, and hip-hop. We learn a dozen terms from the ancient Greek that refer to many varieties of paid sex workers. Because the terms have absolutely no currency, they have no power to insult. We learn about the Greek gods. Mars, the god of war, is the basis for the word martial as in arts and law. Those who did not know this sort of thing in third grade are unlikely every to find it interesting. But that's not the problem: it takes up a lot of space in slim volume on insults, slights, and slang; but it fits into the book like an gorillas head fits into a thimble. I began to read the entries on hip-hop jargon with interest.. I doubt anyone knows less about it than I do. But if the author knows much more, she gave little reason for me to believe so and even less reason to care. Occasionally one will find a useful term that might surprise and delight: "gollumpus" is a bulky, clumsy fellow. I'm guessing that with diligent work one could find one dozen such surprisingly good terms. And maybe have occasion to use one or two in a lifetime. Too frequently, however, one finds terms like "country put" defined as " a rube." The definition far outstrips the old jargon. On the back cover, in a place of honor we find "doofus" a foolish, incompetent, or stupid person. I happen to love the term "doofus," and find it to be one of the best entries in the book; but I'm old enough to remember the cold war - the ancient time period from which it was culled - and it just seems too "junior high" to use as an adult. If it is resurrected by some clever post-millennials as a result of this book's publication, it will not have been a completely wasted effort. Still, if one is trying to use this book to study insults in any systematic way, one will be disappointed. It's a book of disparaging terminology. Not a book on insults. Missing is the slow-burn insult: "If I had a hundred million men of your talents and state-of-the-art equipment, I could open twenty cans of tuna in an hour." So, too, is the in-your-face insult: "You are not so smart as a soup can of slime mold." or " I'd rather keep company with a pile of pigs turds." Ditto the slur on heritage: "Judging by your demeanor your mother screwed only skunks, rats, sloths, and worms." These were insults thought up between arising and having my morning coffee. They are not that good; but I have not yet found an insult in this book that I enjoy more. The book is neatly designed, well arranged, printed large, and well bound. It presents us with as many as a dozen clever, obscure, and useful bits of arcane terminology. When measured against its title, however, the book presents us with one whopping insult: it fails to deliver. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A GREAT READ! By My Book Addiction and More THE INSULT DICTIONARY: History's Best Slights, Street Talk, and Slang by Julie Tibbott is an interesting non-fiction/Dictionaries Thesauruses/Slang Idioms. Filled with slang, street talk, and much more information. From the Ancient Greeks, to modern talk, and everything in between including the origin of phrases and sayings . What an intriguing book, filled with a ton of information and slang. You will not want to miss this interesting book. A wonderful addition to your reading library. So the next time you want to know where a slang word come from, be sure to pick up "The Insult Dictionary", you will not regret it. Received for an honest review from the publisher. RATING: 4 HEAT RATING: NONE (NON-FICTION) REVIEWED BY: AprilR, Review courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

This fun reference book contains insults ranging from Roman times and Shakespearean snipes to salty pirate-speak and Wild West zingers. You're sure to find an insult for everyone, be they a helminth or a swinge-buckler. Do you long for the days when a jerk was a cad? Want to tell that swillbelly to clean up his table manners and that grumbling glump to stop whining? Would you like a way of saying simpleton that's not quite so simpleninnnyhammer, perhaps? All this nastiness and more can be found in the pages of this fun reference book. With insults ranging from Roman times (lutum lenonium = filthy pimp) and Shakespearean snipes (Im talking to you, you knotty-pated fool) to salty

pirate-speak and Wild West zingers, you're sure to find an insult for everyone, be they a helminth (a parasite in Ancient Greece) or a swinge-buckler (an Elizabethan braggart). Chapters are organized chronologically by historical period: Ancient Attacks, Medieval Madness, Edgy Elizabethans, Victorian Venom, Jazz Age Jibes, and Cold War Cuts. Each chapter includes themed sidebars focusing on Pirate Put-Downs, Hobo Huffs, and Cowboy Curses, as well as samplers for words with many different sayings per period. Fun, a little bit lewd, and incredibly informative, this is a must-read for humor fans, history buffs, armchair etymologists, and the most sneaping of breedbates.

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