1811 Dictionary Of The Vulgar Tongue, A Dictionary Of Buckish Slang, University Wit, And Pickpocket Eloquence
Synopsis

The Georgian "Profanisaurus". From the 1790s to the 1820s, numerous editions of the Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue were published. Looking at the slang and vernacular language of the time, this dictionary pre-dated Roger Mellie's best-selling Profanisaurus by a good 200 years. Reprinted here, it covers the rude, the crude and the downright vulgar. Learn how the Georgians and early Victorians would insult each other and find out how some of today's words and derivations have come about. But most of all, just dip in and see how our ancestors considered and talked about such subjects as sex and the workings of the human body.

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Customer Reviews

If you're reading or writing Regency novels, or if you're watching a lot of Jane Austen books made into movies, this book will help you understand some unfamiliar words. In addition, browsing this book will explain more about the morals and humor of that era. Most of this is very different from Jane Austen's world. However, learning more about Regency culture -- including the vulgar side of it -- will help readers better understand why girls who didn't know or even scoffed at the constraints of polite society... well, they were at risk of being thought vulgar (and loose). This is a useful book for any fan of the Regency era.

I bought this book after a blog recommended it as one of the dictionaries every bookshelf should have. I ended up buyin a second copy as a present to my brother and he loved it as well.