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Customer Reviews

I've been studying Japanese now for 20 years as a hobby. I've had this book for a while now and come back to it every once in a while for a laugh and learn a few new terms. Despite what it says on the book cover, this is not a dictionary. It's just a collection of interesting/humorous words in casual, sometimes rude example sentences. The author says he picked tried and true words but when trying some out on friends, I have gotten confused looks or laughs saying that maybe just old people say that now. However, the majority are still very much in use. The one problem I have which I took a star off for is the English translations. I hate it when (especially in a study book meant for English learners), people take liberties with the English translations and completely change it around, losing any resemblance to the original. I think there is TOO much slang in the English where as in the Japanese it may just be a standard sentence with only the word in question being slang. As an advanced learner, this doesn't actually effect me now but it annoyed me as a beginner.
Pretty much every sentence is like this, almost like they got someone to go in and edit the English to make it as slangy/rude as possible without regard to the Japanese. Also, don't expect to find any words that have come into vogue the last 20 years or so since most of these are from the 80's or before. Funny thing about slang is once you know it, there's nothing special about it and is just like any other word. I use a large portion of these words already without even thinking it is slang per se, yet there are also many words I would not say but are good to recognize. It's (loosely) laid out in 10 sections like words relating to people, personalities, emotions, actions, etc.

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