The Red-Hot Book Of Spanish Slang: 5,000 Expressions To Spice Up Your Spanish

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Synopsis

Don’t sound like una momia--add a little sizzle to your Spanish! If someone called you tragaldabas would you be insulted or flattered? If you shouted ¡Mota! in the street, would you expected to get a cab or get arrested? Thanks to The Red-Hot Book of Spanish Slang and Idioms, you’ll always know your tejemaneje (scheme) from your merequetengue (mess) no matter where you find yourself in the Spanish-speaking world. Five thousand words and phrases--plus helpful hints as to what’s cordial and what’s vulgar--keep you in sync with Spanish slang. Spanish to English 
iños popis (upper-class kids) Spoiled brats Contigo ni a China me voy. (I’m not even going to China with you) You’re impossible La cruda (rawnness) Hangover English to Spanish Ugly as sin ser un espantapájaro (to be a scarecrow) To be lucky tener leche (to have milk) Why are you staring at me? ¿Tengo monos en la cara? (Do I have monkeys on my face?)

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Customer Reviews

This is James from James Spanish (the learning Spanish blog). Learning Spanish from academic courses is great, but if you want to travel, work or live in a Spanish speaking country you will need a bit of help to avoid looking stupid from time to time. Every language has its own slang expressions that can catch out even the most fluent of Spanish students. This great book covers a huge range of phrases, expressions, and idioms to help you understand Spanish slang. The book introduces common colloquial or slang terms from many different Spanish speaking countries around the world, highlighting different expressions used in different regions to give you a strong understanding of the local language. What is harmless in one country may be considered shocking in another, so be sure
to pay attention to the geography of each expression before you travel. The book isn't afraid to show you some of the more rude or vulgar slang. This will not only help you to identify when someone is being offensive, but can also help you to avoid an accidental slip of the tongue. (Some words are dangerously similar and changing a single letter can change the whole meaning.) Spanish is an extremely expressive language, and some might argue that it has many more slang expressions than English. Certainly the expressions are much stranger, with origins so well hidden that they seem obscure. This book sheds some light on seemingly bizarre phrases, and also gives you a more interesting vocabulary to use in conversations. While you wouldn't want to rely solely on this book to provide you with your Spanish vocabulary it is a great addition to your reference library, adding plenty of fun to your learning.

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