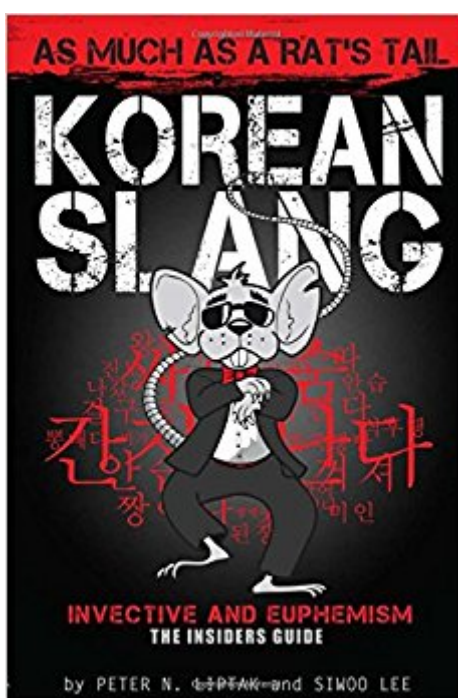


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Korean Slang: As Much As A Rat's Tail: Learn Korean Language And Culture Through Slang, Invective And Euphemism



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This book is simply a godsend for those learning Korean slang. I have been studying Korean on my own and have been learning random slang words from my time chatting online. Although I have owned *Making Out in Korean: Revised Edition (Making Out Books)* for awhile, it doesn't really give any useful examples of how to use the words. It's just straight word and definition. However, this book gives real conversations in Korean that include the slang word that it's trying explain and also includes English translations. What's also intuitive about this book is that it includes some cultural explanations to some words as well as onomatopoeias that Koreans love to use! Try out this book! You'll definitely impress your Korean friends. As usual, there are some words in here that should never be used with people you don't know. However, that's just common sense stuff. Enjoy!

Per my "Frog's Tears" review, I picked this book to get reacquainted to Korean (and slang). It seems to be on the same level, but maybe little more advanced than Frog since this is more of a usage book rather than a comprehension book. But anyone studying Korean or wanting to learn Korean will eventually have to read this book or something like it because Koreans use a lot of slang due to the many homonyms in the Korean language.

Funny and informative. but I don't like the printing of the slang expressions in gray - I suppose it was done to prevent copyright violations but it's hard to read.

The book is real entertaining. As a non-Korean native, I find the book highly entertaining. Something that my korean friends find it funny as well. A great read. Highly recommended! It's the real deal.

I like this book, I just wish I had more time to read it like I originally planned to. I found out about this book by watching "Seoul Report", on the KBS channel.

Learned more from eight pages than six years of speaking Hangul with friends.

It is so fun and helpful for living in Seoul. Thanks to this book, I was able to make lots of Korean

friends with good interaction each other! There are tons of useful slangs that Korean (mostly young people) use in their daily life. and the images in the book were very helpful to clarify how and when the word need to be used (like the right man in the right place). I highly recommend this book to my American friends who would love to live in South Korea for a while so that they can interact and communicate smoothly with Korean friends very well. Thanks for making this awesome book, Peter! Keep going and let's be badass :)

Absolutely adore this book. Some of the dialogues will make you laugh, and this is very clearly organized, other comments to the contrary. You will not find this stuff in a traditional textbook, I will promise you that.

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