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**Maurice H Weseen : A dictionary of American slang**, before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A dictionary of American slang,:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Far F\*\*\*ing Out, ManBy Laura P. SchulmanWow, man, this is a really neat book. It is kinda heavy, like, it takes two dudes or chicks to lift it, but that's, like, your karma, man, if you always get heavy s\*\*\* thrown at you. You're like, a Scorpio with a moon in Cancer, right? Thought so.OK, the real review. I got this book to do research on 1960's and '70's slang, because I am writing a memoir and for some reason the hippie lingo has left me. I was hoping the book would be organized by time periods: 1900-1910, 1910-1920, sort of like that. But instead, it's organized alphabetically. I suppose that would make it easier for someone who had a word like "hooligan" that they wanted to know the meaning and etymology of. That does make sense, seeing as it's a dictionary. But it didn't really meet my needs. I don't think that's the book's fault--it just isn't exactly what I need.I would think that if someone were reading a 20th century book that had a lot of slang in it, and they were born any time from the '80's on, that a dictionary such as this one would be very helpful.But I find it extremely entertaining, since I love words and write a lot; so I manage to hold it up somehow, and read it at bedtime.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It has a lot of stuffBy aliusI am not qualified (academically) to rate this product, but from my perspective with English as my second or third language, it helps me understand some of the "gibberish" in movies, on TV and in contemporary American prose. Amazing how it has grown in content since I last bought this dictionary!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good dictionary, poor reference for originsBy JonskuThis dictionary is good for defining various slang words and provides dates for when the term(s) was used. I was hoping for more history/background/origins of the words and phrases, which this does not provide in the detail I would have

desired.

Interested in 1930s-era slang? This volume spells out what hipcats were saying then.