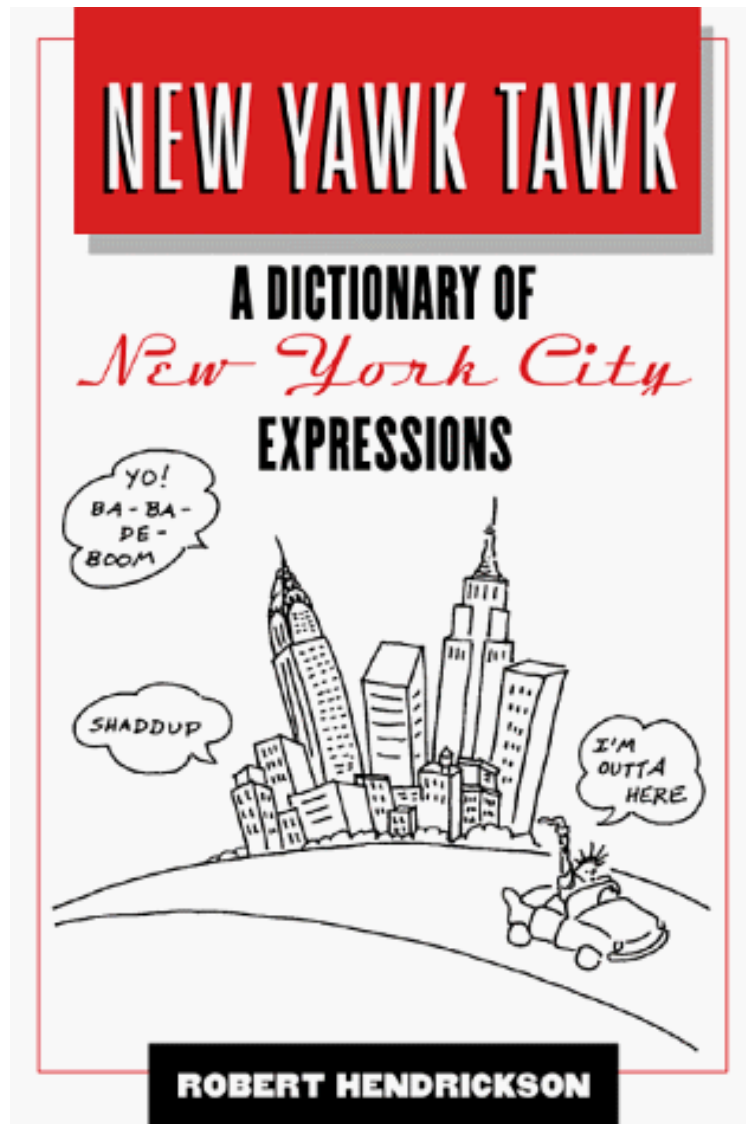


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you do not care that no one in New York (at least after the 50's) has used much of the terminology, go for it! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. An interesting stroll down memory lane...By Kirk McElhearnAs a displaced New Yorker, living in France for almost two decades, this book made me realize how much I have lost my linguistic roots. I remember drinking egg creams and playing boxball when I was a kid, and all those words that entered English from Yiddish - kvetch, dreck, and many others. This book is laid out like a dictionary, but the descriptions are often meatier than the usual slang dictionary. That makes it a dictionary you can really read, not just look words up in. While a lot could be said about the lack of linguistic rigor in this book - no specific etymological information, no references and notes - it is not meant to be a linguistic work. It is more a book for those curious about the New York dialect, or others, like me, who see it as a stroll down memory lane to the language they grew up with. I would say that there are lots of words that are not specifically New York words, especially those used by the mob. The author quotes far too many Prizzi novels. There are terms (such as punk rock) which certainly did not originate in New York, and are not specific to New York either. And, while the author lists a lot of specific New York food - mostly of Jewish origin, like matzohs, lox, halvah - there is a lot left out: where are knishes? Lots of expressions that are missing; a lot of attention is given to baseball words; but, in the end, this is not meant to be an exhaustive work. It did give me a lot of enjoyment, and can be very useful for those needing information on New York slang. But don't buy it if you are looking for a more general dictionary of slang; it is not complete enough. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I really like this By Paul Daniel Hart I really like this booj

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"This [New York Tawk] gives me a chance to recommend a range of recent Hendrickson dialect works . . . from 'Yankee Talk' to 'Whistlin' Dixie' to last year's Ozarkian 'Mountain Range.'" -- William Safire, The New York Times Magazine