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I'll be the first to admit that French is my secondary language. But what was the deal: I who have read Moliere in the original, who correspond with actual Frenchmen in their language (without-I might boast-sounding like a dolt), and who reads ParisMatch with no problem was staring at the sentences on AOL's French Chat as if they were...well...written in a foreign language. "Es-tu MEC?" Am I a Mec. What the heck is a mec? My very good French English dictionary was very bad at helping me comprehending the more trendy words. So I was left scrambling to get my hands on a very good dictionary of French Slang dictionary. This book is it. The dictionary begins with a quasi-scholarly assessment of slang then moves on to a standard A to Zed listings of French

slang words. Each word is given with a "dictionary" definition and its slang renderings are given in the examples sentences. These example sentences, by the way, are excellent. They are not the namby-pamby sentences of first-year text books. Instead they have a very "real life" feel to them giving a sense on how to employ the slang word in original speech or writing. That said, there are several considerations about the dictionary worth mentioning. First it is a one-way dictionary. (French-English only). So that you can look up a slang word you've encountered, but you're stuck rendering "She puked her guts out" as "Elle a beaucoup vomi" until you happen across the French slangs equivalents. Secondly, there is no pronunciation guide at all. The book assumes you can pronounce never-seen-before words. Finally, this is not one for the kiddies. As a good deal of slang revolves around sexual concepts so does a good portion of dictionary deal with "dirty" words. These words cover the gambit from crude, risqu, to down right vulgarities. This book is a good first step if you want to move beyond a textbook vocabulary. And PLEASE have at least textbook vocabulary to begin with. Slang is slippery enough in one's own language. To memorize slang expressions without a broader understanding of French as a whole could have you sounding like a misplaced hippy or worse... like Pauley Shore.