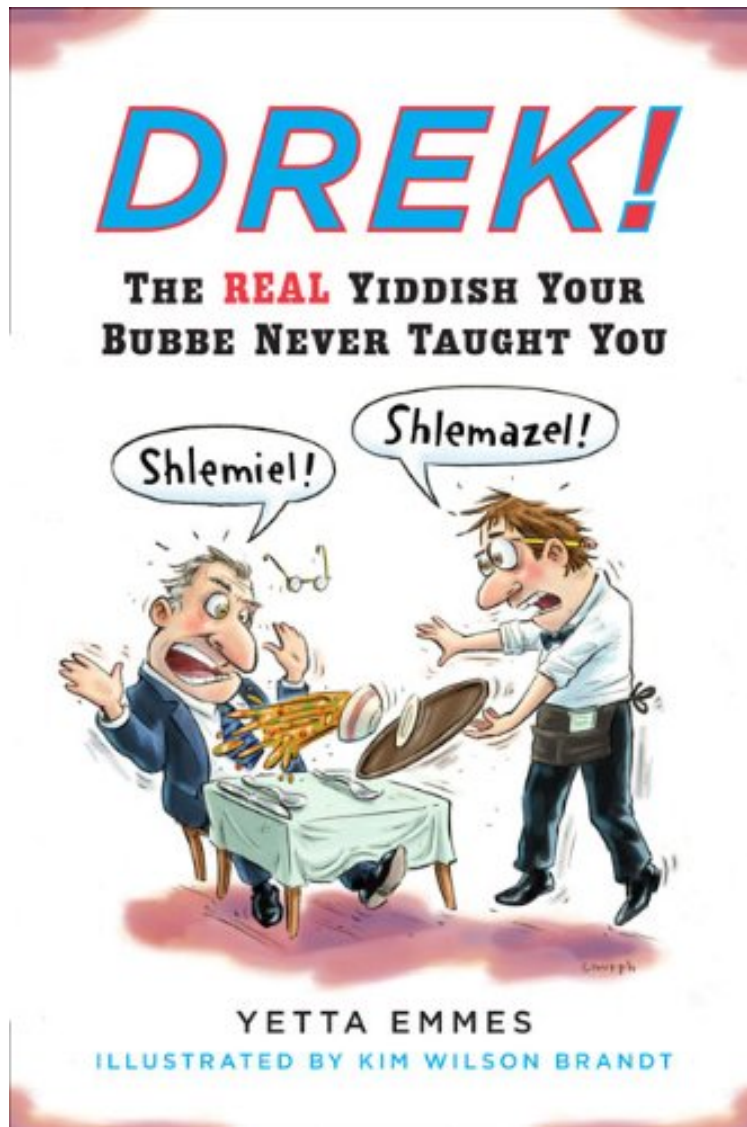


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wonderful, factual approach to this dying language via the humorous road! This book dares to expose to the secrets, words, and expressions that only a Yiddisah-cupe would know! I recommend this book to anyone; Jew or non-who wants to have a great laugh, return to their childhood roots or just to pick up some very bad words indeed! My Wife, Helene and I laughed out loud and are going to buy a crate full of "Drek" for our friends and family! My only complaint is now I may not be able to talk behind people's backs so easily - they have the Drek! Who knows for sure! Gay-cach-and-yam to all, and to all a goodnight!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not quite Drek  
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By Bunson Honeydew If you grew up with Yiddish speaking relatives, this is great. Even if you didn't it's still hysterical. Yiddish is a really funny language. For those of you not familiar with it, it is a hodge-podge of Hebrew and German. It was a language that united Jews by giving them a common language in Europe and Russia. A lot of the vernacular, expressions, words, etc. have made it into the American style of English language. I laughed my rear end off with this one.

One doesn't have to be Jewish to recognize the words that have made their way into every fold of popular language: Chutzpah, Mensch, Tokhes, Mishmash, Nudge, Shtick, Schmaltzy, Schlep, Icky, and so on. Then there are phrases whose meaning and syntax are borrowed from Yiddish: "bite your tongue", "drop dead", "enough already", and "excuse the expression". This hilarious, concise guide includes chapters on the Basic Descriptions of People (the good, the bad, the ugly, and the goofy), the Fine Art of Cursing, Juicy Words and Phrases, Exclamations and Exasperations, and the Fine Art of Blessing.

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