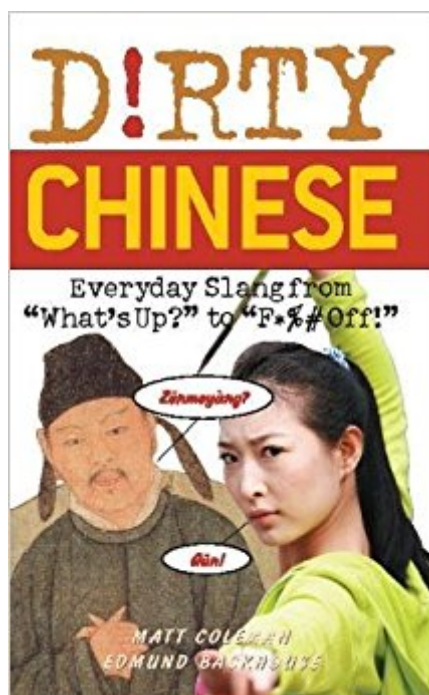


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# Dirty Chinese: Everyday Slang From (Dirty Everyday Slang)



## Synopsis

GET DIRTY! Next time you're traveling or just chatting in Chinese with your friends, drop the textbook formality and bust out with expressions they never teach you in school, including:

- Cool slang
- Funny insults
- Explicit sex terms
- Raw swear words

Dirty Chinese teaches the casual expressions heard every day on the streets of China:

- What's up? Zenmeyang?
- Fuck it, let's party. Qíngtāma, zǎinmen chuqí feng ba.
- Who farted? Shǐfàng de pǎifàng?
- Wanna try doggy-style? Yǎobǎo zǎinliar shǐfàng-shǐfàng gōu cǎifàng o shǐfàng?
- Son of a bitch! Gōuniàngyáng de!
- I'm getting smashed. Wogānjuéheduo le.
- I can't eat this shit! Wochībǎixiǎoqǎ!

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## Customer Reviews

Matt Coleman is a University of Queensland Chinese Language graduate who has spent six years in China long enough to know that understanding foul language is a very important and essential skill that must be used wisely. Edmund Backhouse is the nom de guerre of a Beijing-based writer and translator. Despite his potty mouth and his choice of namesake, he leads a relatively virtuous life.

I am in my third month of studying Mandarin. I plan to visit a close friend who has recently moved to

Beijing. This is exactly what I needed to feel comfortable about the upcoming trip (several months from now). It provides some very helpful cultural tidbits. Aside from that, it is one funny read! I laughed so hard at parts of this book that my cheeks still hurt. Kudos to the author!!!! Job well done. If every book I picked up was this entertaining, I would undertake a great deal more very challenging learning experiences (like learning languages). I read some of the paragraphs to my friend in Beijing and she is still laughing--plus, she verifies the information is dead-on correct. I'm an old lady and I don't have much use for the "pick up" lines--but if I get lucky enough to have someone use them on me, at least I will recognize them! It has been a long time since I've read anything that was written as well or had so much good-natured humor in it. Now my Chinese friend is laughing at more than my mistakes with the Chinese characters or grammar and we are both having lots of fun because of the great material in this book. I had been rather bored learning body parts--this changes everything! Most surprisingly, I already knew most of the words--just not how to put them together to alter their meaning just enough. I am convinced that one cannot learn Mandarin without understanding a great deal of the cultural differences between the US/Canada/Western world and Chinese culture. This little book is better than a history lesson in providing cultural insights and the humor makes the lessons stick. The stereotypes are dead on if you know anyone in China--it takes more than a little understanding to have the insight the author has in his comments; one has to be a purveyor of the human condition and part-psychologist, part-sociologist, part-anthropologist to gain the little tidbits of insight given in this tiny book. I am having difficulty even imagining the depth of knowledge this author has and then am blown away that he has been able to condense it so efficiently and with such great humor. I'd love to spend an evening with this guy just to pick his brain (especially if we were drinking and watching a steady stream of people pass by on whom we could comment). It would probably be the funniest evening of my life. This is **MUST READ** if you are American and have no Chinese friends and plan to visit China. Don't go without it!

Well, you can't title it "Practical Dirty Chinese" but it'd be a better description. I've been a student of Mandarin Chinese for 15 years since I married a wonderful Chinese lady and adopted her two terrific children. I never thought of myself ever learning such a "difficult" language but I am. Rosetta Stone and all the other "immersion" language studies are good and valuable but they're nothing like "D!RTY Chinese" that give an insight unavailable anywhere else short of talking to real Chinese people who possess the vast knowledge in this fun to read book! Dirty is just a come-on and yes it tells the truth about Chinese culture I don't think you can get anywhere else. My wife and kids (all college graduates) found it a scream and they keep saying "yeah, that so TRUE!!" I have the book

conveniently on my Kindle reading every chance I get in my busy life. The book is easily understood, with helpful pronunciation guides (Pinyin) and very funny explanations in the current vernacular. Even if you don't plan to learn Chinese but have a mild interest in their culture you'll truly enjoy this book for its entertainment (and true!) value alone. Well researched and presented "Dirty Chinese" is as informative and grossly entertaining as they come! Thanks for adding real spark to my Chinese studies! LOL

First two disclaimers, so that you can put my review into perspective: First, I have not read this book cover to cover yet; only the first couple chapters, so far. Second, my knowledge of "normal" and "polite" Chinese is fairly fluent, but not exceptional. I speak Mandarin routinely and generally effortlessly at home, and my vocabulary is fair-sized, but not really large. Given that background, my guess is that this book is about 70% an authoritative accounting of Chinese slang, and maybe 30% Westerners' impression of said slang. So, I think it's probably fairly successful in its stated goal, but some of it, I suspect, is just hyped up to give that impression. Some of the slanginess seems to me to be more in the English sentences used as examples than in the actual Chinese sentences/phrases they translated them to. That is, some of the English sentences are poised in 'street talk,' when the translation to Chinese is pretty straight-forward and matter-of-fact (and accurate). So, if you were to use some of the translations presented here, you might think you're sounding like a gangster, when in fact you're really just sounding like an "average Joe" (or should I say an "average Zhou"! ). But all in all, it probably is largely what it's claimed to be, and an entertaining read.

I'm learning Chinese for a new job, and my classes cover the formal, proper language one would need and use in a professional environment (but really, who actually needs to debate nuclear testing in North Korea as a basic Chinese speaker?). But what to do when I'm walking down the street and someone rudely comments on my derri~f~re? Or shoots another inappropriate comment my direction? This book is the best. Gives real-life examples of how slang is used in Mainland China. Supplemented my education to make me effective at the office, but also in the community. Colleagues constantly ask me to borrow this book. Even if you don't intend to use dirty Chinese (props to you), don't you at least want to know what people are saying TO you? Super useful, amusing little book. Warning-- some of this stuff is a wee-bit graphic. Would recommend for responsible adults. Had a 13 year old neighbor try to steal it and his dad called me demanding to know "who taught him XXXX."

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