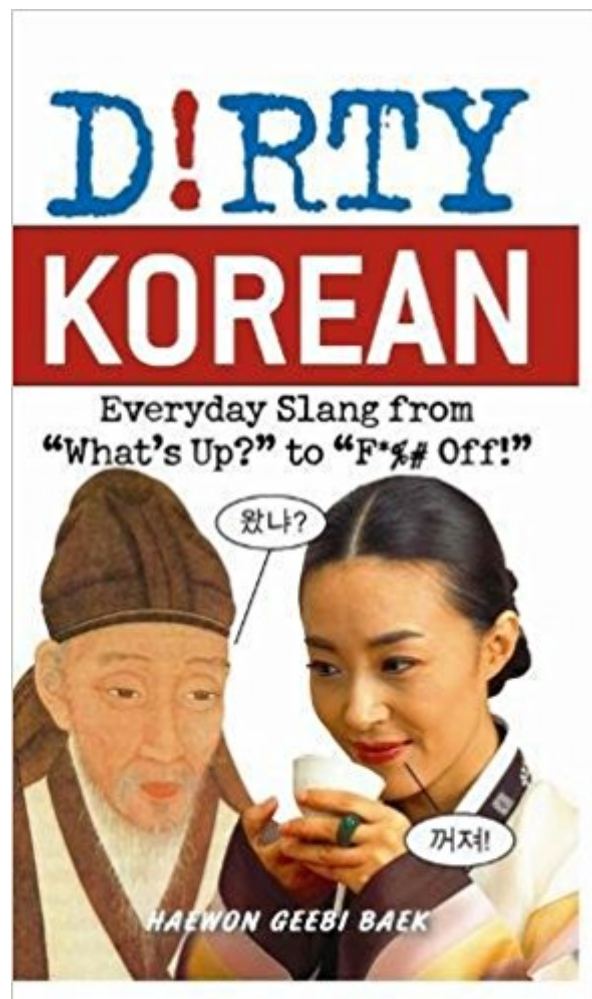




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GET DIRTY! Next time you're traveling or just chattin' in Korean with your friends, drop the textbook formality and bust out with expressions they never teach you in school, including:

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

Dirty Korean teaches the casual expressions heard every day on the streets of Korea:

- What's up? Wasseo?
- Holy shit, I'm trashed. Ssibal, na manchiwi.
- I gotta piss. Na swi ssayahae.
- Who farted? Bangu nuga ggyeosseo?
- Wanna try doggy-style? Dwichigi haeboja?
- That bitch is crazy! Heo nyeon michin nyeoniya!
- I could really go for some Korean BBQ. Na cheolpangui meokgospieo.

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Customer Reviews

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I can already speak Korean. Just so you know. I don't live there, but I know enough Koreans who do, to have a decent opinion of this book. It's okay. Koreans don't always say any one thing any one way - so it comes close to what most say (and they will understand you.) The book however, comes with one fatal flaw that works in my favor. The Korean hangul itself isn't typed, it's hand written. This is going to be very very bad for anyone IN Korea or learning Korean who needs to see the typed hangul (because the written is harder to read - if not impossible in this book in places). BUT FOR ME,

it's good! Great practice in reading hand written Korean. Sloppy as it is written, it is like something you might scrawl across a post-it in English...and so, this is what you might see if a Korean left you a post-it note. Since I don't have much chance (here in the USA to actually see written Korean hangul, this book will hopefully train my eye to the written form of the language (visually). But, again, to the visitor, tourist or true beginner - the book isn't ideal exactly because of this MAJOR flaw. Best of both worlds the author should have included both --- and is probably kicking herself now after all the scathing reviews complaining about this aspect. It'll be fun for me. And all those culture thumpers out there worried about impressions of Korea and Koreans? Forget about it. Korea is as different and as the same as any other. Every country has its dark side and it's bragging points. Whatever you really need to learn about the people of Korea, you'll learn when you go there... and this book doesn't pretend to teach you THAT. It just gives you some fun phrases that some Koreans say (depending on the city/socioeconomic level and age.) Enjoy.

I enjoyed the cultural notes. There is a ton of benign stuff here compared to what I was expecting, and the translations don't quite translate such as the English gives "Where is the can" but the Korean gives "Where is the toilet", so the slang is really not there in this example and is not dirty at all, because the Korean is what you would say if you were speaking polite Korean. Also the Hangul, or Korean alphabet below each example is handwritten in an annoying script rather than using printed Hangul. One big problem is that the transliteration of the Korean is written letter for letter, but beware because if you have no knowledge of how Korean is actually pronounced which takes a few days study of pronunciation rules, you will be laughed at when you try to say "Excuse Me", which is transliterated literally as Sillyehapnida, but is actually pronounced as "Shill-eh-ham-ni-da" due to standard pronunciation rules (such as "Si" is pronounced as SHI, nasalization of P before nasal sounds turns P into M, etc. Another example is the word for Korean Language shown as: "Hangukmal", but which is pronounced Hangung-mal. The transliteration makes a lot of the content unusable if you don't know these rules... I guess if you were going to use Dirty Korean, you would have to speak pretty good Korean anyway, but if you try to speak dirty slang without knowing Korean, you will be laughed at because a lot of the content is formal or polite Korean, and unless you know how, when and with whom to use these politeness levels, you will come off as a wierdo, which is kinda dirty slang anyway!

As a fluent Korean speaker and reader, I found this book to be hilarious. While it does have some confusing/non realistic parts, it does have a decent amount of correct vocabulary and phrases that

are useful! I don't recommend this book if you're trying to learn Korean, as the Hangul/special characters are not properly typed, the romanization of the words are actually quite accurate. I've had friends that have never seen Korean before in their life try repeating after the romanized words and they said it nearly perfect. Overall, a really funny and interesting product.

I bought this book as a novelty and to understand some negative language that may be directed at me for whatever reason. They use English, romanized Korean and then Hangul. I don't like the romanization because if you already know hangul, you don't need the romanization. I don't like the Hangul because the font is too stylish even though it's not very stylish at all; if you know Hangul, reading it shouldn't be a problem, but their M's and L/R's, N's, G's and many more are too stylized for a novice to understand. Not a bad book but you'd better have a healthy understanding Hangul itself before using this book

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