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## Slang: The People s Poetry

By Michael Adams

Audible Studios on Brilliance, 2016. CD-Audio. Condition: New. Unabridged. Language: English . Brand New. Slang, writes Michael Adams, is poetry on the down low, and sometimes lowdown poetry on the down low, but rarely, if ever, merely lowdown. It is the poetry of everyday speech, the people s poetry, and it deserves attention as language playing on the cusp of art. In Slang: The People s Poetry, Adams covers this perennially interesting subject in a serious but highly engaging way, illuminating the fundamental question What is Slang and defending slang--and all forms of nonstandard English--as integral parts of the American language. Why is an expression like bed head lost in a lexical limbo, found neither in slang nor standard dictionaries? Why are snowboarding terms such as fakie, goofy foot, ollie and nollie not considered slang? As he addresses these and other lexical curiosities, Adams reveals that slang is used in part to define groups, distinguishing those who are down with it from those who are out of it. Slang is also a rebellion against the mainstream. It often irritates those who color within the lines--indeed, slang is meant to irritate, sometimes even to shock. But slang is also inventive language,...

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