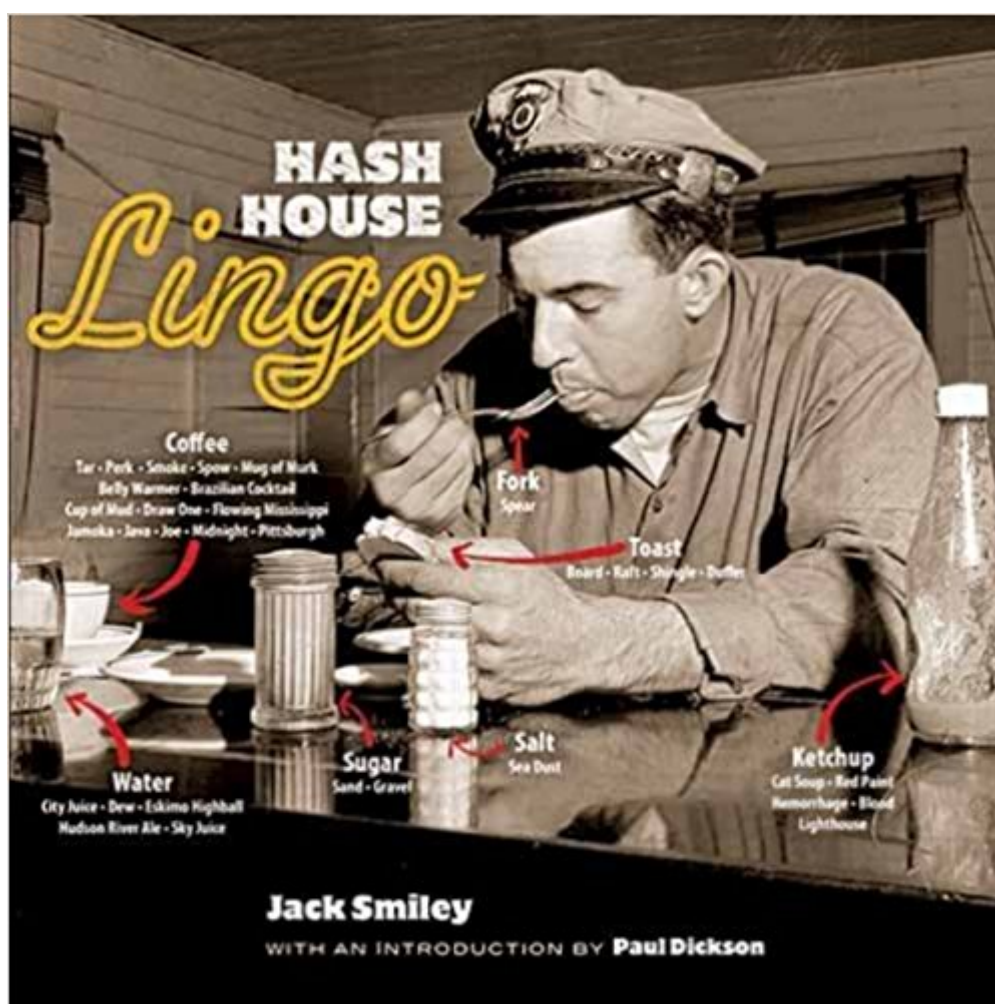


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Hash House Lingo: The Slang Of Soda Jerks, Short-Order Cooks, Bartenders, Waitresses, Carhops And Other Denizens Of Yesterday's Roadside





Synopsis

Originally published in 1941, this pocket-sized treasury preserves the language of diners and roadside restaurants during their golden age in the '30s and '40s. From "all hot" (baked potato) and "dog soup" (water) to "perk" (coffee) and "first lady" (spare ribs), the long-lost terms are fascinating, funny, and sometimes politically incorrect by today's standards. Historic photos from the Library of Congress add nostalgic appeal.

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Customer Reviews

I got such a kick out of this book and have read it over and over. You'll learn the origin of such diner calls as "Adam and Eve on a raft...and wreck 'em!" for scrambled eggs on toast, and "Sinkers and Suds" for coffee and doughnuts. What a great compilation of slang used in bygone days! (Actually, some terms are very much still in use among the general public, such as "O.J" for orange juice, "fresh meat" to describe a new employee and "86'ed" to denote that something is gone.) Anyone who is interested in language should quite enjoy this little gem.

This is a fun read -- not as comprehensive as I might have liked, but it was probably not intended to be a scholarly work to begin with. Some of the photos are very nice. Over all, a nice jaunt through a certain area of a certain era.

A good addition to any author's library. Many of these phrases are humorous. It's also a nice walk

down memory lane.

GREAT !!!

Fascinating copy, but the book was smaller than I expected. I'd recommend this book for anyone in the area of studying Americanisms and words.

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