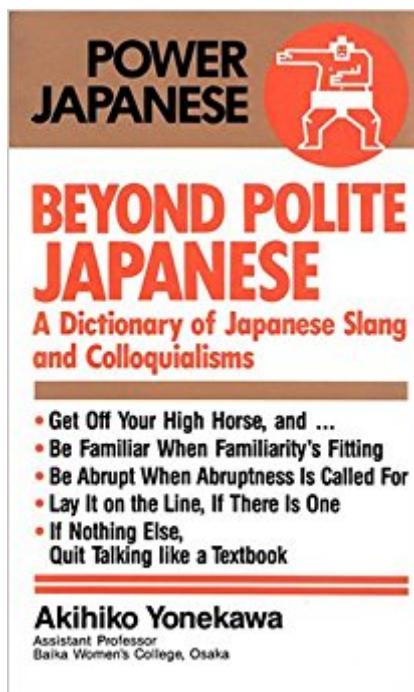


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I've been studying Japanese now for 20 years as a hobby. I've had this book for a while now and come back to it every once in a while for a laugh and learn a few new terms. Despite what it says on the book cover, this is not a dictionary. It's just a collection of interesting/humorous words in casual, sometimes rude example sentences. The author says he picked tried and true words but when trying some out on friends, I have gotten confused looks or laughs saying that maybe just old people say that now. However, the majority are still very much in use. The one problem I have which I took a star off for is the English translations. I hate it when (especially in a study book meant for English learners), people take liberties with the English translations and completely change it around, losing any resemblance to the original. I think there is TOO much slang in the English where as in the Japanese it may just be a standard sentence with only the word in question being slang. As an advanced learner, this doesn't actually effect me now but it annoyed me as a beginner.

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