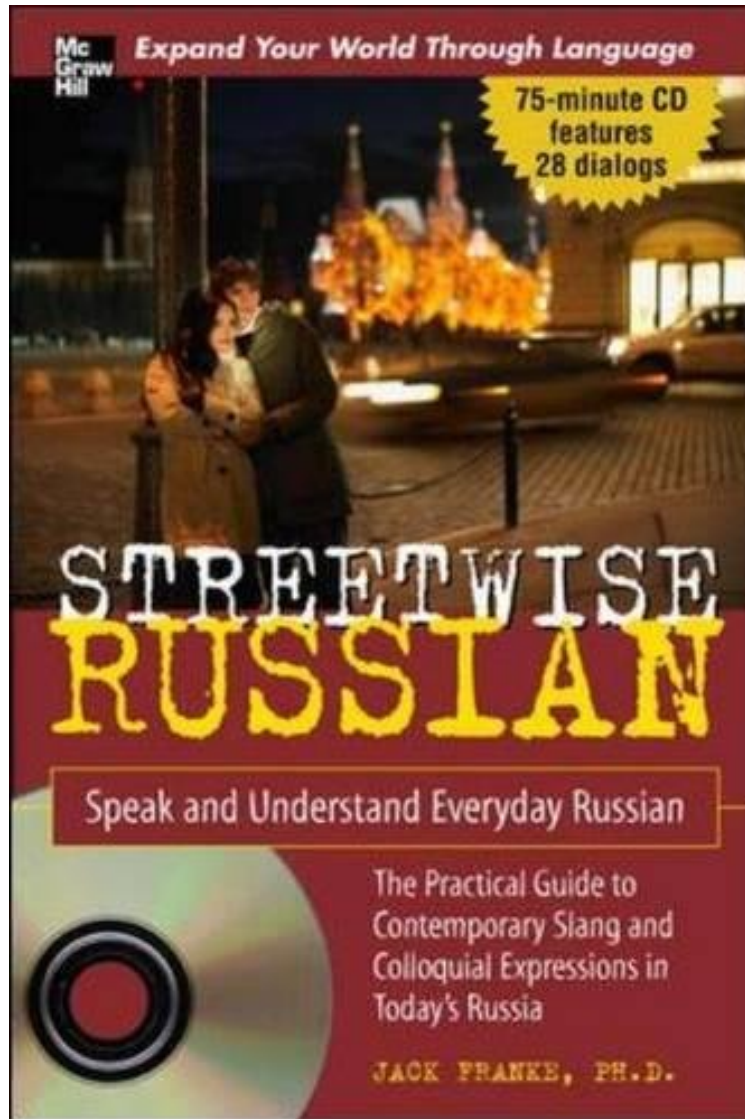


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By Customer
It's about time they made a streetwise Russian slang book. I actually waited for this book since last year. They are Russian slang books but not as good as the streetwise series. If you want to know about Russian slang, this is a really good book. It starts off with dialogues - Russian and English together - then the vocabulary and synonyms for them, then some exercises to strengthen your memory for the slang and close off the chapter with a bit of cultural notes. This book is designed for the intermediary level, so a good basic Russian background such as reading and understanding is required because it is written in Cyrillic. I'd recommend this book to anyone who wants to take a step further in Russian. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Nice Try, But...

By R. Ogan
The book seems to be set up in much the same way as other slang books for foreign languages. There is a conversation in Russian translated into English, then essential vocabulary, and then some exercises. Usually the conversation is loosely translated into English for comprehension's sake, then later in the vocabulary section, the literal meaning of the slang word or phrase is given along with grammatical information. This book's vocabulary section just repeats the same loose translation of the word without giving the student further insight into meaning and grammatical use. We are left guessing what the word means in a non-slang context and we are not sure how to use the word, especially if it is a verb. The use of verbs are very confusing in this work. I teach languages for a living, and I have taught myself about ten. I taught myself Polish and became fluent in it. The fact that this book confuses someone who has been a student and teacher of languages for some 30 years is a sign that this book is not a good one. The audio is also not very good. It does not sound like it was professionally recorded. It sounds like someone recorded it in a bathroom or something. The speakers also speak way too fast. This was a huge disappointment since I think audio is such an essential part of language learning. I am in chapter 3, and I plan to continue until I finish the book, but it will take a lot of effort on my part to find out the information that the author left out. I have good dictionaries and reference material, so I will get most of it on my own, but the author could have saved us the extra work by providing exact translations and good grammar points in the book. If the author had put forth an effort, I think he could have written a better book.

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