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means "mouth", but it's another to figure out how to take the denotation "mouth" and add on at least some of the connotations of \_chavka\_, thus coming up with an adequately slangy translation into English. Someone using a dictionary for this second purpose won't only be needing "mouth" as a translation of \_chavka\_, but also words like "trap" or "piehole". This dictionary won't be all that helpful in this second regard; on that count I'd give it two stars, since some of the example sentences (provided here with English translations) do give good, slangy translations (as it does with "trap" for "chavka"). But a lot of the entries don't. "Excellent running shoes" just isn't a good translation of \_pizdatiye krossovki\_. In other words, using this dictionary while translating will only get you part of the way -- it'll tell you what a slang word or phrase means, but it won't help you find the right English equivalent. No translator should ever rely on a dictionary entirely to do his word-choosing for him, but a dictionary should be as helpful as it can, too. That's why I can't give this dictionary more than a 3. If you're only worried about understanding Russian, and not translating it, then this book will work fine for you. However, if you're using this dictionary to translate Russian slang into equivalent English slang, then it leaves a lot to be desired. But then again -- how many bilingual dictionaries of Russian slang are there, anyway? Katzner's and Oxford and Lingvo aren't going to have even 10 percent of the entries and meanings listed in this one, so why not go ahead and buy it? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. LmaoBy Louis A WeyrichIt is fun and gave me a fun way to share the language with my Russian friends.

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