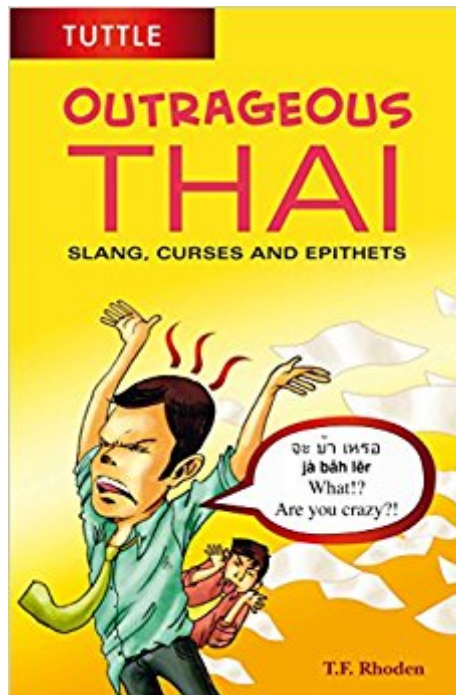




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Outrageous Thai: Slang, Curses And Epithets (Thai Phrasebook)



Synopsis

This is a user-friendly and concise Thai phrase book and guide to Thai slang and Thai curses. The Thai people love fun and laughter. They appreciate foreigners who speak their language. But how would they react to foreigners who throw insults in the Thai language and know how to make them blush at the use of direct and vulgar Thai words? This Thai phrasebook, while designed to teach non-Thais to understand that spoken language on the street or in everyday life, also teaches powerful words that could easily get them punched in the face—probably worse. So, be cautious. This little book contains powerful words. A non-Thai, especially a Westerner, will appreciate the opportunity to learn some really strong and direct language that his Thai colleagues would rather he not know. Learn how to call someone hot or ugly, a walrus or a potbelly, stupid or a hypocrite. Know how to put off lechers by saying "piss off!" in the strongest possible way. Intended for just about anyone who wants to get the most reactions from any Thai within hearing distance, this book is simply the best reference you need to survive Thailand. Not just a simple phrasebook, *Outrageous Thai* teaches how to really speak Thai, and understand the Thai language. Know what Thais really mean and answer back. Features of this Thai phrasebook are: Compact travel size. Hundreds of colorful Thai phrases organized by topic and use. Extensive explanations of context and culture. All phrases shown in written Thai script, Romanized Thai and English. Intended for students of all levels and anyone interested in how Thai is really spoken, this book is absolutely indispensable for foreigners who live in Thailand and want to know what is being said when someone insults you in Thai!

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Customer Reviews

This book may have a limited audience, but for those of us trying to understand conversational Thai the way it's really spoken it's pretty damn useful. I learned a lot of colorful and juicy expressions, though many of them are too profane for me to comfortably use. -Mike in Portland, Goodreads
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I speak the Thai language and I enjoy this book in learning how to speak Thai slang. The author really gets into the cultural details on how Thai people see foreigners in speaking Thai. I can corroborate what he is saying. I love it how he teaches you to say all these vulgar Thai words and phrases. I use them to joke around with my Thai friends. They get a kick out of my lewd and gangster Thai talk. It is easy to learn cuss words in Thai. Thai people love to hear foreigners say lewd and gangster words and phrases in the right circumstances. They think it is cute when done right.

Want to teach yourself some Thai slang? Learn some basics of the language and then tackle this book. It's broken up into section to tackle any situation you might need to say 'wa' in. It's also very accurate as numerous Thai women have told me "Don't say this to a Thai person".

Great stuff! Many interesting Thai phrases. But the downside is that many words are overlapped with each other. That glitch really bothers me.

This is an interesting read if you're learning Thai, because you do get some flavorful language that most language books don't touch. What the author doesn't make clear is where he learned this stuff and with what groups of Thais. I'm assuming he's an expat living in Bangkok who interacts primarily with a certain group of Thais, who if you've been there you may be familiar with. Unfortunately this doesn't really represent the rest of Thai society, and most of the slang in here is really, really specific to those groups. I couldn't figure out how to get something across to a Thai friend, and this book had something similar to what I was trying to say. They had no idea what the Thai phrase presented in the book meant, and neither did another Thai person I asked. They browsed through the book a bit and recognized some of the common stuff (the basic curse words and so on) but almost none of the rest. This was in Chiang Mai, and my girlfriend and other friends who looked at

the book are from all over the northwestern region. So if you're a budding Muay Thai boxer and want to learn some colorful language to use in the rough Bangkok Muay Thai scene (and it would probably work in other southern areas), I'm guessing this book might help you. For most, it won't. The worst part is that there's a section with "romantic" stuff, and there are some useful words and phrases included (not bargirl stuff, there are entire books for that if that's what you're interested in) but even most of those are obscure slang. Kind of pointless trying to say romantic phrases that come out as gibberish to most Thais. The thing that sort of saved it for me is the discussion of culture that goes along with each section. The author tries to get across Thai social norms, and how slang fits in. Even if the phrases included don't mean anything to the Thai people you meet, it's still useful to know how slang fits into the language and the culture, and that's not something that many other books cover. I looked through a few similar books (including the books meant for bargirl interactions) in a bookstore in Thailand and I think this was probably the best one, so if you're really looking for something like this it's a decent option. Might be a better idea to get two or three of them, you might get a little more balance that way.

Fun, arai wah

This ground-breaking book deserves five stars because it is the best, most comprehensive resource for Thai slang and colloquialisms available. Becker's slang book is pretty good, but *Outrageous Thai* is superior. I believe that only a foreigner would dare to put to paper all those words that Thais use but tell us we don't need to know. I wanted to know. I was not disappointed. Be warned that the book indeed contains vocabulary and expressions that are vulgar; hard-core slang that's offensive. The book also offers a wide range of useful suggestions on ways to get your Thai to sound more natural, less bookish. So, the book teaches you words that you are likely never to utter, but are interesting to know and you may encounter, while providing a wide range of vocab./tips that can be put into daily use immediately. This book is a must for anyone serious about not only learning, but really using the Thai language.

Great book to help you get around in Thailand.

I enjoyed dipping into this book and browsing the wide variety of examples of Thai colloquial language and slang. The examples of language have good transcriptions and translations, and there is also a lot of interesting text explaining the meaning and providing anecdotes of usage. A lot

of fun!

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