

BOOK REVIEW

The slang and jargon of drugs and drink

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The subculture of non-therapeutic drug use has spawned a plethora of specialized terms of esoteric meanings. This dictionary represents a commendable attempt to define many of the phrases used by the initiated when describing alcohol or other drugs in the English speaking world. Of course, the fashion in both drug abuse and the terminology used to describe such practices is subject to rapid flux. However, your reviewer - although he does not pretend to be an expert in this area - was unable to find any term with which he is acquainted excluded from the book.

This is a useful reference text.

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