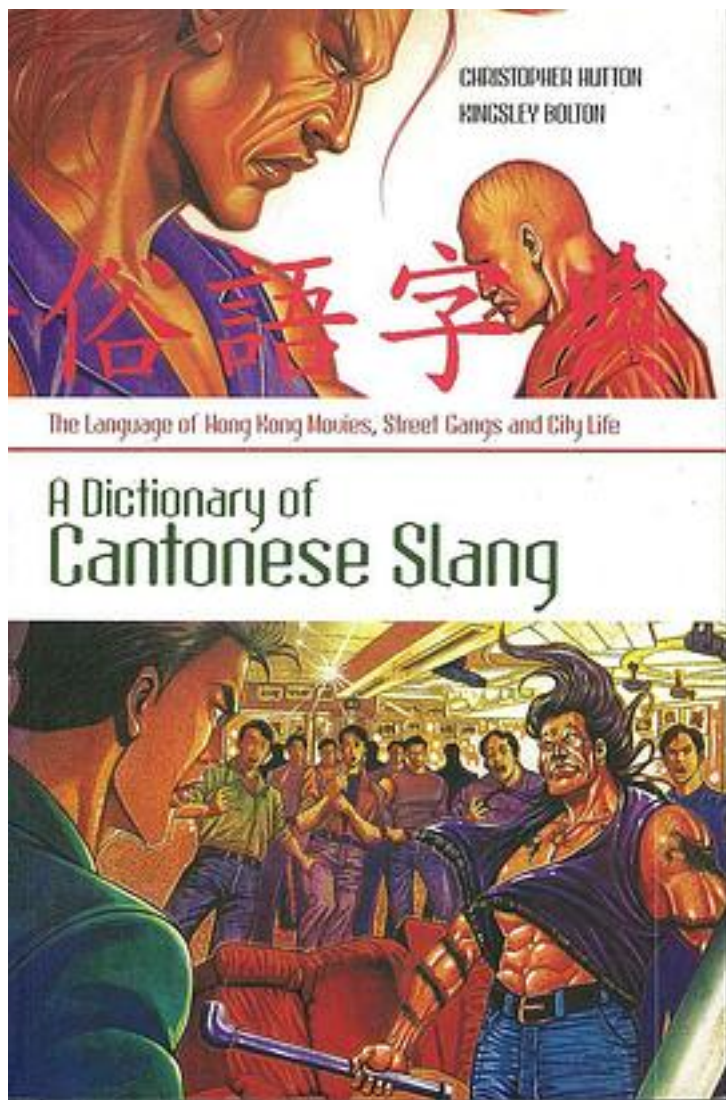


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This unconventional and colourful dictionary locates the discussion of its subject, Cantonese slang, within the social, cultural and political dynamics of Hong Kong society. 'Slang' refers to a wide range of Hong Kong vernacular Cantonese speech styles, notably the language of the underworld of teenagers, and of Hong Kong movies and comics.

The book opens with a general introduction to the history of the 'vernacular' and 'vulgar' dictionaries, including the lexicography of Cantonese; the socio-political and linguistic background to Hong Kong; and the specific problems of approach and methodology faced by the linguist as urban anthropologist in researching such issues. Concise definitions and examples of usage are provided where appropriate, and a character list enables readers unfamiliar with Chinese transcription systems to use the text.

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