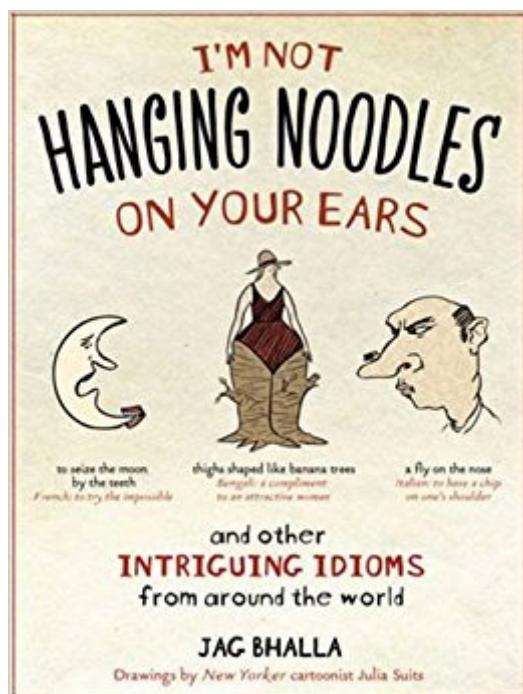


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I'm Not Hanging Noodles On Your Ears And Other Intriguing Idioms From Around The World



Synopsis

"IÃ¢â€”m not hanging noodles on your ears." In Moscow, this curious, engagingly colorful assertion is common parlance, but unless youÃ¢â€”re Russian your reaction is probably "Say what?" The same idea in English is equally odd: "IÃ¢â€”m not pulling your leg." Both mean: Believe me. As author Jag Bhalla demonstrates, these amusing, often hilarious phrases provide a unique perspective on how different cultures perceive and describe the world. Organized by theme—food, love, romance, and many more—they embody cultural traditions and attitudes, capture linguistic nuance, and shed fascinating light on "the whole ball of wax." For example, when English-speakers are hard at work, weÃ¢â€”re "nose to the grindstone," but industrious Chinese toil "with liver and brains spilled on the ground" and busy Indians have "no time to die." If youÃ¢â€”re already fluent in 10 languages, you probably wonÃ¢â€”t need this book, but youÃ¢â€”ll "get a kick out of it" anyhow; for the rest of us, itÃ¢â€”s a must. Either way, this surprising, often thought-provoking little tome is gift-friendly in appearance, a perfect impulse buy for word lovers, travelers, and anyone else who enjoys looking at life in a riotous, unusual way. And weÃ¢â€”re not hanging noodles from your ear.

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Jag Bhalla is an amateur idiomologist, amateur inventor, amateur entrepreneur, amateur film maker, and now amateur author.

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Interesting read. Plan to re-sell.

This book is just plain fun! If you love language as I do, you'll find it very enjoyable. As a native English speaker who has studied Latin, French, and Spanish, seeing how (literally) foreign cultures express themselves in metaphor and idiom is fascinating. If non-English speakers find our English idioms as strange as I/we find theirs, no wonder English is so difficult to master. Highly recommended!

interesting!

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Funny!

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