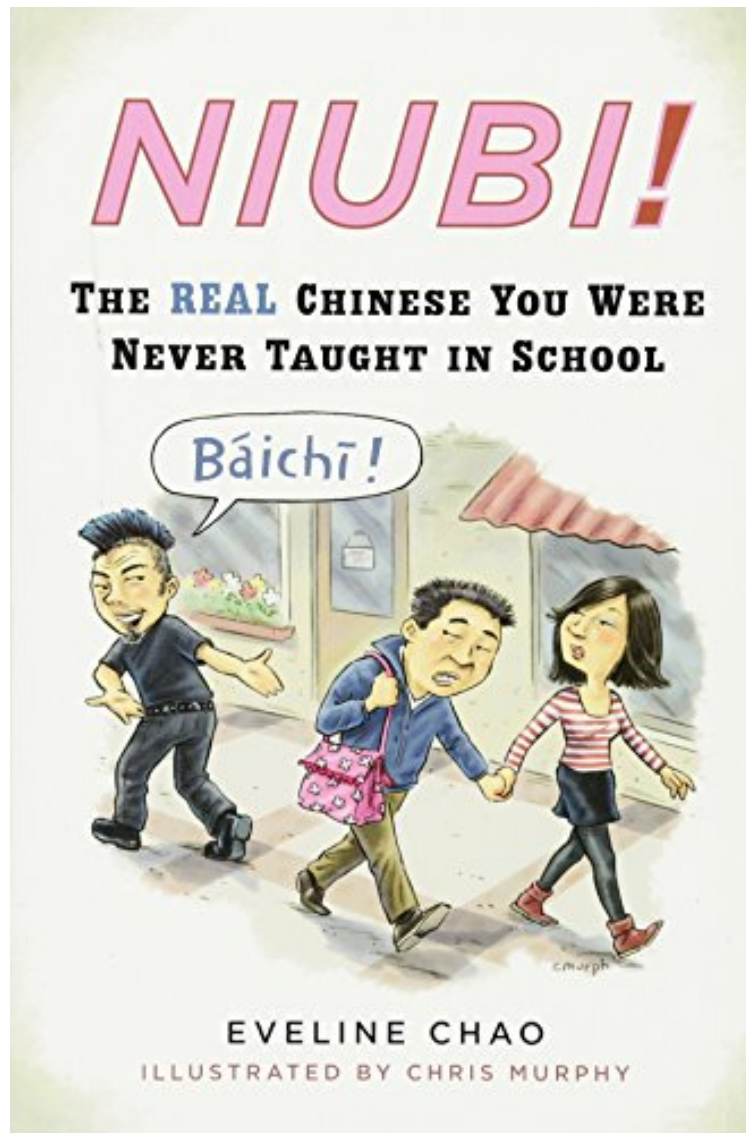


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sorts of surrounding detail such as for example the build-up of the characters denoting bad words, making it really intellectually/academically interesting and entertaining, aside from the learning of bad words. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What My Boyfriend Didn't Have the Guts to Teach Me By American Girlfriend I fell in love with a Chinese man, who was much more modest than I am. For months, I grappled with finding the right Mandarin phrases to refer to our intimate life. Finally, after asking around, embarrassing many Chinese friends and making my foreign friends howl in pity, I stumbled across a phrase book that far surpassed the usual titles on the bookstore shelf. Niubi is practical and hilarious, well-styled and keen. It goes a bit overboard into high brow discussions of low brow topics at some point, but I guess that's a benefit for those who want to understand more about the origins of Chinese slang. Even though I left China two years ago, I still love to set out Niubi when I have guests coming over. Inevitably, someone picks up the book, starts browsing, and feels compelled to share a funny or shocking phrase. A great party hit! All in all, a must-buy for the young and hip foreigner trying to tackle Chinese. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. fascinating, educational, fun, and freaking NIUBI By Charlene As the title suggests, this is all the fun, colorful, and nuanced street vernacular Chinese you wish you knew but no teacher is ever going to teach you. So luckily Ms. Chao goes through all the trouble of collecting and editing all those terms for you. Not only do you learn all the cool words the cool kids are using, but Ms. Chao's well researched text gives insight into the historical and cultural context of many of these words. So you get to start rattling off like a street seasoned local with the added bonus of anthropological insight. The vignettes she uses to introduce each chapter are well-written and an amusing introduction to life in contemporary China. Highly recommend for anyone interested in contemporary Chinese culture, language learners, and those in search of a cool gift--but maybe not for Mother's Day.

How to talk dirty and influence people - in Chinese! Are you looking to learn the Chinese only a native speaker knows? Niubi! will teach you the colorful vernacular phrases used by Chinese people of all ages in a wide variety of situations, including flirting and dating, fighting and partying, and all the swear words you'll ever need. Learn why many Chinese insults involve turtle eggs, how code words referring to Internet censorship have evolved, multiple names for body parts your textbook skipped, and how they've perfected the art of everyday abuse and insults. For complete novices (Niubi! newbies), intermediate students of Mandarin Chinese, or just anyone who enjoys cursing in other languages, this hilariously illustrated guide is packed with irreverent anecdotes, mini cultural lessons, and contextual explanations. So whether you're planning a trip to Beijing, flirting with an online acquaintance from Shanghai, or just want to start a fight in Chinatown - Niubi! will ensure that nothing you say is lost in translation.

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