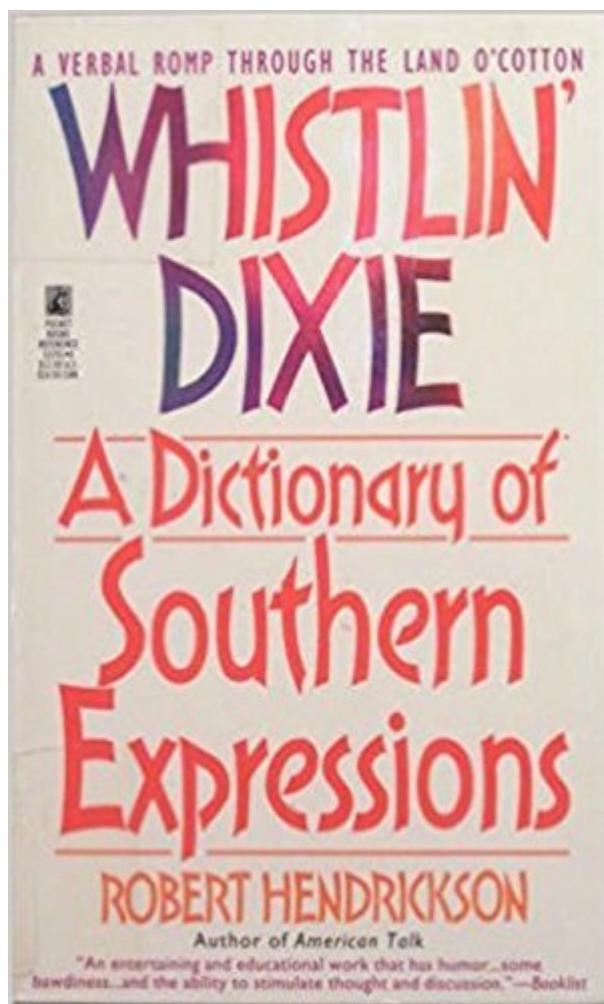


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# Whistlin' Dixie: A Dictionary Of Southern Expressions



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I use this book and others similar to this one when doing transcription and translation work. It is a very useful tool.

This book is written by a Yankee who hasn't spent enough time in the South. Yankees should not depend on this book to garner an understanding of the way we talk in Dixie. A significant number of

definitions are simply wrong. Southerners will laugh at the errors. For example, most food descriptions are wrong. Other definitions are close enough to lend credence but are really off the mark. Don't buy the book. Check it out from your local library, scan it, chuckle, and return it the next day.

This was a gift for a writer. She loved it!

I concur with the reviewer above me who said the book was written by someone who obviously knows nothing about the south. Do not buy this book, it is a joke.

I've found this book useful when I need to know a Southern expression. I find the one-star rating surprising, because when I look up an expression in this book and then verify the definition by checking other sources, the definitions in "Whistlin Dixie" are correct. That is, they check out to be correct. This is a keeper.

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