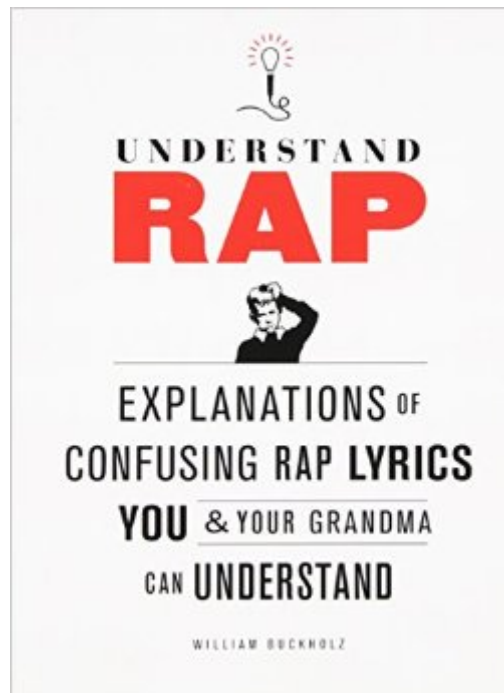


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# Understand Rap: Explanations Of Confusing Rap Lyrics That You & Your Grandma Can Understand



## Synopsis

A compendium of rap lyrics paired with academic translations which precisely explain all the confusing terms and lyrics in a language even the most unhip person can understand. It features hip hop artists of all names, colours and creeds and organises the lyrics into categories including cars, money, fashion and crime.

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## Customer Reviews

I want to start off by saying: I never used to be a rap fan. I've always loved the sound (the "beats"), but I've never understood what the music is really saying! It's never been out of lack of effort either. I mean, I've tried to understand for YEARS, generally by consulting my grandma (who's been NO HELP whatsoever), but also by playing the music in reverse, because I've heard that's a way to find hidden meaning in songs. Well, ALL THAT HAS CHANGED. Now that I've purchased this book, I've had a reason to visit her EVERY WEEK, and together we sit on her "davenport" (that's what she calls her sofa) and peruse this fine piece of literature. This is like the Rosetta Stone of rap music. I can now confidently say that both my grandma and I can listen to various rap songs that we've never heard before and understand what's going on! I even rapped about instant grocery savings the other day, because I was so stoked to save \$5.83 with my QFC Advantage Card (that was 38% in savings, yo). I wish I could give this book six stars, because I would send me an email telling me I can only give five stars and then I would give my grandma the other star, because she is great and, not to mention, a mighty fine rapper herself.

I got a free autographed copy straight from the author and it was worth every penny. (Well I AM his uncle and I DID give him all 2000 of my valuable baseball cards back in '84, including Tom Seaver's rookie card) Anyways, I thought he was working for Boeing and doing Hospice work on the side. That's what my brother told me. Here I find out he's writing "ethnically-oriented" music books. The most lilly white kid west of Pahokee and he's explaining rap to the uncool masses. Not as good as Hospice work, but socially valuable nonetheless. The whole family is as proud as a brown peacock.

Gave this to a music producer/DJ friend for her birthday. She is beyond cool and loved it. I know nothing about music and had fun sounding like a fool while I read the lyrics and interpretations aloud. My friend will use this to educate her conservative Texan mother on the rap lyrics she always asks about. We actually used this as a birthday card, and circled, highlighted and drew pictures on the pages that reminded us of our friend. "I love you like a fat kid loves cake," I believe, was the big hit.

My friends and I love this book so much! We've made a game out of it. Someone reads the translation and we all have to guess what the rap lyrics are. Its pretty fun. Anytime I have someone over, they pick up the book and they think its brilliant, and so do I!

since I only had 5\$ of bucks, I got this, used. It probably wasn't the best idea but the book is in pretty damn good condition. Also, it's hilarious! Making fun of rappers that use autotune and other slang, and then dissecting it is funny af.

Not the best read. I bought this for my husband because I thought the title looked funny and interesting. He read a few pages and thought it was very funny. The title confused the heck out of him though, for some reason. I thought it was hysterical. It's not the best book out there, but it's pretty entertaining. It's a bathroom book now ;)

For Christmas, I got a a new grill, an autographed naked picture of R. Kelly, a new set of 24s, and Understand Rap and I have to say that this book was my favorite gift of all. It's seriously so good that I wish William Buckholz were my baby daddy. Or at least my baby. Or daddy.

overall pretty happy with it. ive followed hip hop along with other types of music my whole life and

got this for my brother who loves to drop a lot of the lines that you will see in this book that make you go "wow". good in a rap song, but out of place in every day life. we recognized most of the lines in the book, and already knew the meanings but the explanations wont really make you laugh but they will all probably bring a smile at the very least. kinda wish there were more clever lines in there like "got so many chips they call me hewlett packard" i found that to be the most interesting part for me. lil wayne has a bunch, ludacris is the king of doing that. overall a reasonable stocking stuffer or small gift for someone. wouldnt make it the only gift though if it was for someone your close too

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