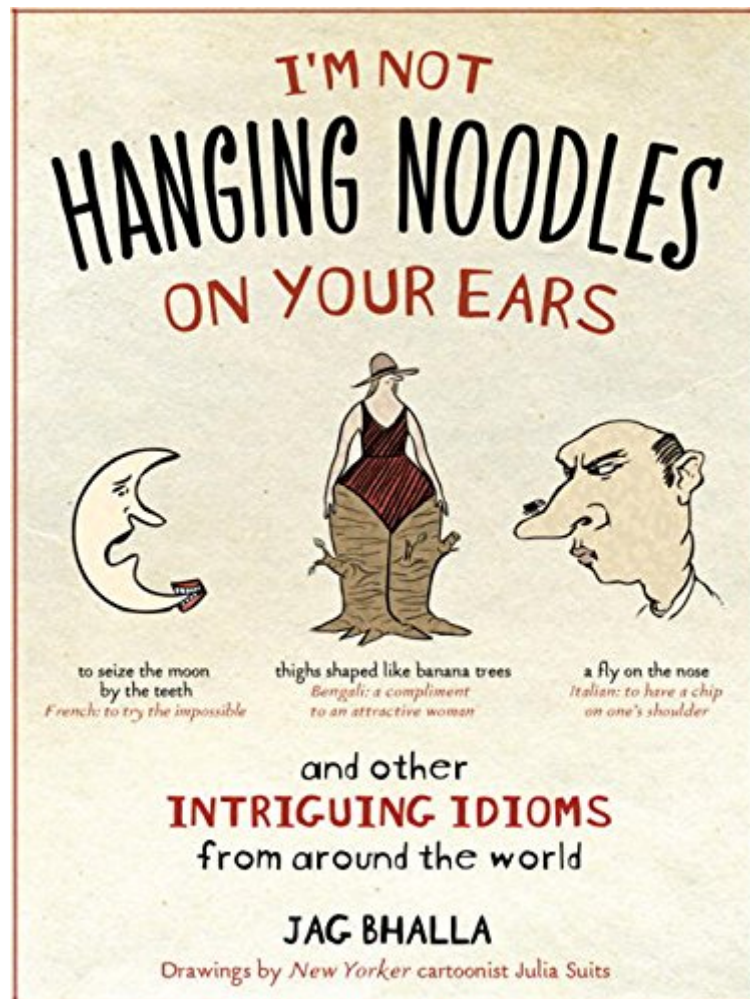


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# I'm Not Hanging Noodles On Your Ears And Other Intriguing Idioms From Around The World



## Synopsis

"Iâ™m not hanging noodles on your ears." In Moscow, this curious, engagingly colorful assertion is common parlance, but unless youâ™re Russian your reaction is probably "Say what?" The same idea in English is equally odd: "Iâ™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 themeâ™food, love, romance, and many moreâ™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, weâ™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 youâ™re already fluent in 10 languages, you probably wonâ™t need this book, but youâ™ll "get a kick out of it" anyhow; for the rest of us, itâ™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 weâ™re not hanging noodles from your ear.

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## Customer Reviews

I just got the book today, to give it as a gift. As I started to scan through it I found myself smiling and then laughing out aloud. Then I found myself talking aloud arguing with the book. I am usually a pretty stable sort, but this is a very well written book and presented in a nice engaging manner that literally pulls you in. I am enjoying this tremendously and have ordered a second copy for myself (this one is a gift and I will have to part with it). To quote the book, this can "make the chickens laugh".

This was a fun, quick read (actually, more like browsing a catalog). Only problem was that I asked a number of friends who hailed from many of the nations listed in the book about the local idioms listed in the volume and often got a curious look--like, I've never heard that one myself. Maybe things got lost in translation. Anyway, I think this would be a perfect book to have on a coffee table for a party--people would browse through and shout out different ones with joy. Nice job!

I found this book very interesting and entertaining. The only thing that would have made it better, was if he had used all the entries in a typical sentence to aid in understanding usage.

I agree with the earlier reviewer who criticized the author's inexplicable failure to include these intriguing and colorful expressions in their original languages. The concept is delightful, but the execution is substantially less interesting than it otherwise would have been, and it seems condescending to the reader.

This is a great little book that allows the reader to peak into other cultures and learn about their idiomatic expressions. This is not a foreign language phrase book, as all of the phrases have been translated into English. It's a quick and delightful read.

I was hoping for more indepth information. I wanted to find the idioms in their original language. The number of cultures identified was very limited, the explanations or etiologies were limited. Just okay

Jag Bhalla's *I'm Not Hanging Noodles on Your Ear* is one of those rare types of books that can be read for pure enjoyment or for knowledge about how other cultures and countries express themselves. For those who would like a few fun facts with which to amaze their friends, this is the book for you. Or for those who would like a basic, generalized introduction to the subject, this book is a great starting point. I greatly enjoyed reading this book. My only quibble is that I sometimes

found myself wishing for more in-depth explanations at several points in the book.

I heard Jag Bhalla on public radio. I ordered the book because of it. The book is very entertaining and downright funny at times. You can really see where we get some of our saying from. It is an excellent bathroom book. You can read it a little at a time and not get lost. This book is good for anyone who likes words and where they come from.

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