

## Slang within the book: *The Outsiders*

The slang in the book reflects both the times of the setting and its cast; much of it is 50s slang, while the remainder dates from mid-60s, when the book was created. The following is a partial list. What can we add to this list?

- 1) **booze** - Any form of alcohol; particularly beer. Likewise, **boozed** means drunk
- 2) **broad** – An attractive girl/boy
- 3) **cooler** – Jail
- 4) **cancer stick** – Cigarette
- 5) **Chessy Cat** -Cheshire Cat
- 6) **hacked off** – To be angry
- 7) **heater** – A hand-gun
- 8) **hot** - recently stolen
- 9) **fly** – An attractive girl
- 10) **fuzz** – Police/law enforcement
- 11) **jumped** – To be attacked; the Greasers use this to describe attacks by the Socs
- 12) **lift** – To steal, shoplift, or pick-pocket
- 13) **lighting up** – Smoking
- 14) **lone it** – Doing something alone
- 15) **rank** – Something uncool and not fun
- 16) **rolled** – To have been robbed or to have robbed
- 17) **rumble** – Gang fight
- 18) **scrap** – To fight
- 19) **switchblade**- hand knife used to defend or show off, usually opening at the push of a button
- 20) **tuff** – Something cool
- 21) **weed** – drug (In this novel it refers to cigarettes)
- 22) **woofin** - to be kidding