

**Ragmarket/Southbridge Thieves' Cant**  
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<b>THIEVES SLANG</b>	<b>Novel</b>	<b>Meaning in Common Speech</b>
Ace of spades	DK	Widow
Bang-up Cove	GWT	Remarkably elegant
Bawler	DK	Loud preacher
Bingo	GWT	brandy
Blue ruin	GWT	Potent drink of a blue color; gin
Bluejacket	DK	Member of the Queen's Guard
Bravo	DK	Mercenary killer; killer for hire
Bully Ruffins	GWT	highwaymen
Clanks	GWT	Tankards
Cove	DK	man
Cracksman	DK	House-breaker
Crew	DK	Gang
Darbies	GWT	Handcuffs or manacles
Dawb	DK	Bribe
Deadly Nevergreen	DK	gallows
Diver	DK	Pick-pocket
Draw-latch	DK	House-breaker
Flash the hash	GWT	Vomit
Footpads	GWT	Spies, tails
Fustiluggs	GWT	Beastly, nasty woman
Gamon	DK	To fool, con
Hempen widow	DK	Widow of someone hanged
Hush	DK	Kill
Iron	CC	Money
Kiddeys	GWT	Young thieves
Knight of the Post	CC	One who gives testimony for money
Mad Tom	GWT	Crazy, insane
Mark	DK	Target of a gamon or ruse
Mill, miller	DK	Kill, killer
Mumper	GWT	beggar
Nazy-nab	GWT	Drunken dandy
Nick-ninny	DK	Easy mark
Nick-ninny mark	DK	Easy mark
Nickum sharp	DK	Card sharpening
Pudding-Sleeve	GWT	Sanctimonious parson
Put it on the black and white	CC	Swear an affidavit, give signed testimony
Raggers	DK	Dominant gang in Ragmarket, led by Cat Tyburn
Resurrection Men	GWT	Grave robbers, body stealers
Rum	DK	Good, skilled

Rum Diver	GWT	Skilled pick-pocket
Rum Togs	GWT	Fine clothes
Rusher	DK	Mugger, strong-arm man
Scummer	GWT	Refuse, excrement, filth
Second-story man	DK	House-breaker, burglar
Shoulder-Clapper	DK	Bailiff or sergeant
Shoulder-tap	DK	Stab
Slide-hand	DK	Pick-pocketing, thievery by deception
Snub-devil	GWT	parson
Soaker	GWT	Drunkard
Southies	DK	Dominant gang in Southbridge, led by Shiv Connor
Stingo	GWT	Potent drink
Strum	GWT	Have sex with
Sword-dangler	GWT	Soldier, military
Wacker-mouthed	GWT	crazy
Whacks	GWT	Shares, as thieves gang shares