Slang within the book:

Slang is defined as very informal usage of language. Slang is a casual type of language that is playful and trendy or used by a particular group of people or particular to a time period.

The slang in the book reflects both the times of the setting and its characters; much of it is 50s slang, while the remainder dates from mid-60s, when the book was created. There are many other words that are not on here, but this is a good start!

* Booze - Any form of alcohol; particularly beer
* Boozed up or rip-roarin’ - drunk
* Broad – An attractive girl
* Cancer stick – Cigarette
* Chessy Cat -Cheshire Cat
* Cooler – Jail
* Dig - OK with that
* Fly – An attractive girl
* Fuzz - The Cops; Police/law enforcement
* Greasers - poor kids from the east side
* Hacked off – To be angry
* Heater – A hand-gun
* Hood - criminal
* Hot - recently stolen
* Jumped – To be attacked; the Greasers use this to describe attacks by the Socs
* Let's split - Let's get out of here
* Lift – To steal, shoplift, or pick-pocket
* Lighting up – Smoking; lighting up a cigarette
* Lone it – Doing something alone
* Rank – Something uncool and not fun
* Rolled – To have been robbed or to have robbed
* Rumble – Gang fight
* Savvy - You understand
* Scrap – To fight
* Shut your trap - Be quiet or shut your mouth
* Slugged - Punched
* Socs - The rich kids from the west side
* Switchblade - hand knife used to defend or show off, usually opening at the push of a button
* Tuff - Cool, Sharp
* Weed - cigarette
* Wise Cracker - someone been a smart aleck
* Woofin’ - to be kidding