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"Blind tiger" was a term of unknown origin applied to establishments that sold liquor during [Prohibition](#) ^[3]. [Newspapers](#) ^[4] and other publications in North Carolina in the 1920s used it as a synonym for "speakeasy," and North Carolina author [Thomas Wolfe](#) ^[5] also used it in his novel *The Web and the Rock* (1938). With the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, the term became obsolete.

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