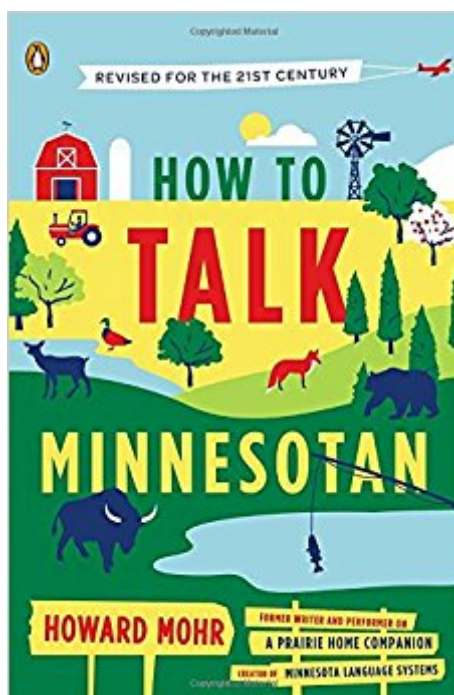


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How To Talk Minnesotan: Revised For The 21st Century



Synopsis

A revised edition of the hilarious Minnesotan culture guide from a former writer for A Prairie Home Companion. Fans of the Minnesota-set movie Fargo will love this uproarious culture guide to all-things Minnesotan. With his dry wit and distinctive voice, Howard Mohr won millions of fans across the country on Garrison Keillor's radio show A Prairie Home Companion. His popular commercials and ad spots, including one for "Minnesota Language Systems," became the best of the best of Minnesota humor. Now, Mohr has updated his classic guide, How to Talk Minnesotan, to advise visitors on the use of Twitter and Facebook, cell phone etiquette, and more while in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. Ranging in flavor from satiric pungency to lunatic lushness, this is glorious, uproarious humor. Or as they say in Minnesota, "a heckuva deal, you bet."

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Howard Mohr was a writer and performer for several years on the radio program A Prairie Home Companion. He has since created two long-running musicals based on How to Talk Minnesotan. Twin Cities Public Television filmed a popular award-winning version of Howard's book in 1991. He lives with his wife in Cottonwood, Minnesota.

As with the first (1987) edition of "How to Talk Minnesotan" the author humorously -- and accurately -- portrays the language and customs of "Greater" (rural) Minnesotans that can sometimes be observed in urban residents with rural connections as well. My only disappointment with "...Revised for the 21st Century" is the amount of "New Stuff" -- about 90% of the book's content is a re-write of the edition published 25 years earlier. Nonetheless, it had me laughing (often out loud) throughout...even if 90% of what I was reading was for the second time within the past month. As other reviews have noted, "How to Talk Minnesotan..." is best appreciated by one who, like me, has a personal connection with rural Minnesota and can picture people, places and events that perfectly fit the scenarios and conversations in this book.

This is a great book. My cousin from California came for a visit. Neither she or her adult kids have been to Minnesota so I gave them a welcome kit that included this book and a can of bug spray. They had fun reading the book.

I remembered audiobook version of the original edition of "How to Talk Minnesotan" and thought I would get this. It's a great book that's funny and gets me to think about at least part of my family. If you're a fan of "A Prairie Home Companion," this is also going to bring back memories as it is written by one of the people who has written for the radio show. The only reason why this isn't a 5-star book is that some of the formatting for the ebook was problematic.

Great book. Gave as a Christmas gift and we all sat around reading from it and had a good laugh.
Great coffee book table.

This book is a classic; fans of Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion* will love it. My in-laws from Maryland found it to be an entertaining glimpse into my idiosyncratic Minnesota culture. I also love the darling updated cover.

Purchased the original when I first moved to MN from NYS. Found it absolutely correct and hysterical! I have since purchased several copies for friends who are from the South and now working on projects in MN to help them adjust to the different idioms of Minnesota.

I read the previous edition couple years ago, and enjoyed it very much. Eight months ago I moved to Minnesota, and decided to re-read this book, the new edition. It depicts wonderful local people so precisely! I laughed like never before. I truly love this book as well as Minnesota and the Minnesotans.

Loved his first book with the same title. First became aware of his humor when he was writing for Garrison Keillor. I grew up in the midwest, so know he is portraying us with a great deal of knowledge.

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