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The Complete How To Speak Southern



Synopsis

The laugh sensation that swept the nation, *How to Speak Southern and More How to Speak Southern*, is now collected in one completeâ “and completely hilariousâ “volume. Embraced by Southerners everywhere and dedicated to all Yankees in the hope that it will teach them to talk right, this uproarious book decodes â œSuthunâ • wit and wisdom for â œNawthunâ • upstarts everywhere. From â œaigâ • (a breakfast food that may be fried, scrambled, boiled, or poached) to â œzacklyâ • (as in â œpreciselyâ •), hereâ ™s just a sampling of what youâ ™ll find inside: **ATTAIR**: Contraction used to indicate the specific item desired. â œPass me attair gravy, please.â • **EVERWHICHAWAYS**: To be scattered in all directions. â œYou should have been there when the train hit that chicken truck. Them chickens flew everwhichaways.â • **YONTNY**: Do you want any. â œYontny more corn bread?â • Funny as well as informative, this laugh-out-loud dictionary will keep you laughing and learningâ “no matter where you fall on the Mason-Dixon Line!

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AACit: Thatâ ™s it. â œAh (I) donâ ™t wanna hear no more about it. **ACit** as far as Ahâ ™m concerned.â • **Addled**: Confused, disoriented, as in the case of Northern sociologists who try to make sense out of the South. â œWhatâ ™s wrong with that Yankee? He acts right addled.â • **AD-dress**:

Where you live. â œWhatâ ™s your AD-dress, honey?â •A-DRESS: What women look very good in. â œJeans are nice, but lâ ™d rather see a woman in a-DRESS.â •Afar: In a state of combustion. â œCall the far department. That house is afar.â •Ah: The things you see with, and the personal pronoun denoting individuality. â œAh think Ahâ ™ve got somethinâ ™ in mah ah.â • Ah â ™magine: The first word means yourselfâ ™ or as Southerners say, â œyosefâ •â ™and the second is an expression of intent or belief. â œAh â ™magine sheâ ™s â ™bout the sweetest gull (girl) in Jeff Davis County.â •Ahce: Solidified liquid that is best employed in the cooling of mint juleps and aged bourbon. â œThis dry ink (drink) needs more ahce in it.â •Ahdin: I didnâ ™t. â œAhdin know the gun was loaded, Judge.â •Ahmoan: An expression of intent. â œAhmoan have a little drink. You want one?â •Ahr: What we breathe, also a unit of time made up of 60 minutes. â œThey shouldâ ™ve been here about an ahr ago.â •Ahreen: A ladyâ ™s name. â œYou remember that song that was popular during the Korean War? â ^Goodnight Ahreenâ ™?â •Aig: A breakfast food that may be fried, scrambled, boiled or poached. â œWhich came first, the chicken or the aig?â •Ails: 1. Else. â œWarnâ ™t nothinâ ™, maâ ™am. Anybody ails would have done the same thing.â • 2. To be ill or afflicted by something. â œThat mule sure is actinâ ™ strange. Wonder what ails him?â •Aint: The sister of your mother or father. â œSon, go over and give Aint Bea a big hug.â •Airish: Drafty, cool. â œDonâ ™t leave that door open. Itâ ™s too airish already.â •Airs: Mistakes. â œThat shortstopâ ™s made two airs, and the gameâ ™s not half over yet.â •All Ah wanna do is hold you a little, is all: One of the most brazen, outrageous lies Southern men tell women, and always with the utmost sincerity. â œAll Ah wanna do is hold you a little, is all, honey.â •All over hell and half of Georgia: Covering a large area. â œAhâ ™ve looked for that boy all over hell and half of Georgia.â •Alms: What beggars ask for, but what Southern men hold their girls with. â œAh just want to put my alms around you a little, is all.â •AMBolance: A four-wheeled vehicle used to convey the injured to a hospital. â œThat boyâ ™s hurt bad. Better call an AMbolance.â •Ar: Possessive pronoun. â œThatâ ™s ar dawg, not yours.â •Argy: To dispute in a contentious manner. â œAh told you to take your bath, boy, and Ahâ ™m not gonna stand here and argy with you about it.â •Arkensaw: A Southern state some Yankees have been known to confuse with Kansas, even though the two have nothing whatever to do with each other. â œSheâ ™s from Little Rock, Arkensaw.â •Arn: An electrical instrument used to remove wrinkles from clothing. â œAhâ ™m not gonna arn today. Itâ ™s too hot.â •Arrer: A pointed stick the Indians used to employ with great efficiency, as General George Custer discovered at Little Big Horn. â œAh shot an arrer into the ahr...â •Arshtaters: A staple of the Irish diet and the source of French fries. â œAh like arshaters, but Ah hate to peel â ™em.â •Arthiritis: A painful illness characterized by stiffening

of the joints and paralysis. â œGrandmaâ ™s arthritis is botherinâ ™ her real bad today.â •Ary: Not any. â œHe hadnâ ™t got ary cent.â •Ast: To interrogate or inquire, as when a revenue agent seeks information about illegal moonshine stills. â œDonâ ™t ast me so many questions. It makes me mad.â •At: That. â œIs at your car?â •Attair: Contraction used to indicate the specific item desired. â œPass me attair gravy, please.â •Awduh: A state of affairs that depends on obedience to law. â œThe marshal brought law and awduh to this town.â •Awf: The opposite of on. â œTake your muddy feet awf the table.â •Awficer: A policeman. â œWell, Awficer, Ah guess Ah might have been goinâ ™ a little over the speed limit, but...â •Awfis: The place where men say they have to work late and sometimes actually do. â œGo ahead and have supper without me, honey. Ah have to work late at the awfis.â •Awfullest: The worst. â œThatâ ™s the awfullest lie you ever told me in your life.â •Awl: An amber fluid used to lubricate engines. â œAh like that car, but it sure does use a lot of awl.â •Awraht: Okay. â œIf you want to go back home to your mother, thatâ ™s awraht with me.â •AY-rab: The desert people who inhabit much of North Africa but not much of Israel. â œThat fella looks like a AY-rab, donâ ™t he?â •BBabdist: A religious denomination whose members are found in great profusion throughout the South. They are against drinkinâ ™ and dancinâ ™, but...â œAh hear the Babdist preacher run off with the choir director.â •Bad-mouth: To disparage or derogate. â œAll these candidates have bad-mouthed each other so much Ahâ ™ve about decided not to vote for any of â ™em.â •Bad off: Desperately in need of, also extremely ill. 1. â œIs that Valley of the Dolls? You must be bad off for somethinâ ™ to read.â •2. â œJimâ ™s in the hospital. Heâ ™s bad off.â •Bad to: Inclined toward, prone to. â œJohnnyâ ™s bad to get in fights when he gets drunk.â •Bait: A surfeit of. â œAh hope you get a bait of them spareribs, â ™cause youâ ™ve et about all of â ™em.â •Bard: To obtain the use of, not always on a temporary basis. â œHe bard mah shovel and never did bring it back.â •Batry: A boxlike device that produces electricity. â œLooks like your carâ ™s got a dead batry.â •Bawl: What water does at 212 degrees Fahrenheit. â œThat gal cainâ ™t even bawl water without burninâ ™ it.â •Baws: Your employer. â œThe baws may not always be right, but heâ ™s always the baws.â •Bawstun: The largest city in Massachusetts. â œKing George III didnâ ™t like the Bawstun Tea Party much.â •Beholden: Indebted to. â œAhâ ™m beholden to you for loaninâ ™ me that five dollars.â •Best: Another baffling Southernism that is usually couched in the negative. â œYou best not speak to Cecil about his car. He just had to spend \$300 on it.â •Bidness: The art of selling something for more than you paid for it. â œMy cousin Archie is in the real estate bidness.â •Bleeve: Expression of intent or faith. â œAh bleeve we ought to go to church this Sunday.â •Bobbuh: One who cuts hair. â œAh wish youâ ™d go to a different bobbuh.â •Bobbycue: A delectable Southern sandwich that is prepared

properly only in certain parts of North Carolina. It consists of chopped pork, cole slaw and a fiery sauce made chiefly of vinegar, red pepper and ketchup. â œFour bobbycues to go, please.â •Bobwar: A spiky strand of metal used to keep cattle inside an enclosed space. â œWatch out, youâ™ll get caught on that bobwar.â •Body: Person, usually an oblique reference to yourself. â œA body canâ™t get a minuteâ™s peace around this house.â •Bound to: Certain to. â œToo much beer is bound to give you a hangover.â •Bounden determined: Totally committed to a course of action, not always the wisest. â œSheâ™s bounden determined to marry him.â •Bout: About, except in Tidewater, Virginia, where it is pronounced â œaboot.â • â œltâ™s bout time to put out the fire and call in the dawgs.â •Bowut: In Charleston, South Carolina, a small craft that conveys one across water. â œWhereâ™s the motor for this bowut?â •Boy: Any Southern white male under the age of 50, usually preceded by the words â œgood ole,â • meaning he is amiable, likes a drink now and then and is fond of fishinâ™, huntinâ™ and good--lookinâ™ women. â œClarence is a good ole boy.â •Braht: Dazzling. â œVenus is a braht planet.â •Branch: Part of a tree, but also what you use to cross a body of water. â œWeâ™ll cross that branch when we come to it.â •Break bad: To behave in a violent, wanton or outrageous manner for no discernible reason. â œOle Bill broke bad last night and wound up in jail.â •Break of: To induce the abandonment of an undesirable trait or habit. â œAhâ™m gonna break that husband of mine of lyinâ™ to me if itâ™s the last thing Ah do.â •Bub: A fragile glass object that converts electricity into illumination. â œAh think that light bubâ™s burnt out.â •Bud: Small feathered creature that flies. â œA robin sure is a pretty bud.â •Bum: An explosive device dropped from airplanes called bummers. â œAh think we ought to drop the atomic bum on â™em.â •Bumminham: The biggest city in Alabama. â œYou can travel cross this entire land, they ainâ™t no place like Bumminham.â •CCaint: Cannot. â œAh just caint understand why this checkbook wonâ™t balance.â •Carry: To convey from one place to another, usually by automobile. â œCan you carry me down to the store in yoâ™ car?â •Cawse: Cause, usually preceded in the South by the adjective â œlawstâ • (lost). â œThe War Between the States was a lawst cawse.â •Cayut: A furry animal much beloved by little girls but detested by adults when it engages in mating rituals in the middle of the night. â œBe sure to put the cayut outside before you go to bed.â •Cent: The plural of cent. â œYou paid five dollars for that necktie? Ah wouldnâ™t give fifty cent for it.â •Chalstun: A city in South Carolina that Yankees call the Cradle of Secession. â œAh donâ™t know why theyâ™re so upset. All we wanted was Fort Sumter back.â •Cheer: A piece of furniture used for sitting. â œPull up a cheer and set a spell.â •Chekatawlfarya?: An expression that is rapidly disappearing because of the gasoline shortage, but one that still may be heard by baffled Yankees at service stations in small Southern towns. It translates as â œCheck

that oil for you?â •Chimbley: What smoke comes out of. â œAh bleeve that chimbleyâ ™s stopped up.â •Chitlins: It is said that there are two things you should never see being made: laws and sausages. Chitlins are another. Chitlins, which can smell up the whole county when being cooked, are boiled and fried hog intestines. Delicious, if you can forget what they are. â œAhâ ™I have another plate of them chitlins.â •Chunk: To throw. â œChunk it in there, Leroy. Ole Leroy sure can chunk â ™at ball, canâ ™t he? Best pitcher we ever had.â •Claws: An appendage to a legal document. â œYouâ ™d be advised to study that claws very carefully.â •Clawth: A woven material from which clothes are made. â œLet me have three yards of that clawth, please.â •Clone: A type of scent men put on themselves. â œWhatâ ™s that clone you got on, honey?â •Co-cola: The soft drink that started in Atlanta and conquered the world. â œAh hear they even sell Co-cola in Russia.â •Collards: A variety of kale, also known as greens. Southerners love them cooked with fatback, also known as the bacon that didnâ ™t quite make it. â œPass the collards, please.â •Collie flare: A crisp white vegetable that is surprisingly good once you get past the appearance. â œLots of boxers have collie flare ears.â •Cominâ ™ up a cloud: An approaching storm. â œStay close to the house. Itâ ™s cominâ ™ up a cloud.â •Commence to: To start or engage in some activity. â œThey got in a argyment, and the next thing you know, they commence to fight.â •Commite nigh: To come very close to. â œWhen -Sue--Ann caught her husband kissinâ ™ that waitress from the Blue Moon, she commite nigh killinâ ™ him.â •Contrack: A legal document, usually heavily in favor of the party who draws it up. â œItâ ™s just a standard contrack...just sign right here.â •Contrary: Obstinate, perverse. â œCecilâ ™s a fine boy, but she wonâ ™t have nothinâ ™ to do with him. Sheâ ™s just contrary, is all Ah can figure.â •Cooter: A large turtle found in Southern streams that supplemented many Dixie diets when the Yankees came down during Reconstruction and carried off everything that wasnâ ™t bolted down. â œGoinâ ™ to the hardware store? Get me some cooter hooks.â •Costes: The price of something. â œDonâ ™t buy lettuce if it costes too much.â •Crawss: The symbol of Christianity. â œAh love to hear â ™em sing â ^The Ole Rugged Crawssâ ™.â •Crine: Weeping. â œWhatâ ™s that girl crine about?â •Cuss: Profane language, or a malediction. â œThe Hope Diamond has got a cuss on it.â •Cut awf: To switch off. â œItâ ™s too bright in here, honey. Why donâ ™t we cut awf that light bub?â •Cut the fool: To behave in a silly or foolish manner. â œQuit cuttinâ ™ the fool and do your homework.â •Cyst: To render aid. â œCan Ah cyst you with those packages, maâ ™am?â •

My husband and I found this book at a souvenir shop when we went to Savannah GA. We couldn't even get past the first page we were laughing so hard. He's from South Carolina and I'm from North

Carolina, so we "get it!" I bought 2 copies on the spot. I was so pleased to find the book here on I got one for my girlfriend next door. I put one in my husband's Christmas stocking. I can tell when he's reading from the book because I can hear him cracking up laughing from his man cave! He laughs so hard at the sentences made from the words in the book that he can't finish a whole page!!! I get a kick out of hearing him laugh like that. Life can be tough sometimes, so when I hear him laughing like that, life is good!!!

Bought as a gift for friends retiring to the south. Good humor and a few laughs

great bathroom material, fun to read the sentences aloud.

A hilarious book to give to yankees who are venturing south

I had this book when I was a kid and loved it. We recently moved to Charlotte where I expect it will come in handy. Product arrived quickly and intact

Miss Steve Mitchell, who wrote the book and is no longer with us. Funny and sometimes too real!

Had this book before and lost it. I was happy to find it again. It is written in a delightful manner. Maybe even tongue-in-cheek. As someone who did grow up in the deep south, I understood most words even without the explanation.

I was given this from a boss who came from Memphis Tn, 30 years go, she said it would help me understand her when she got excited. I bought this book for my grandson who graduated from college and new job is Tn. to help him understand some of the locals.

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