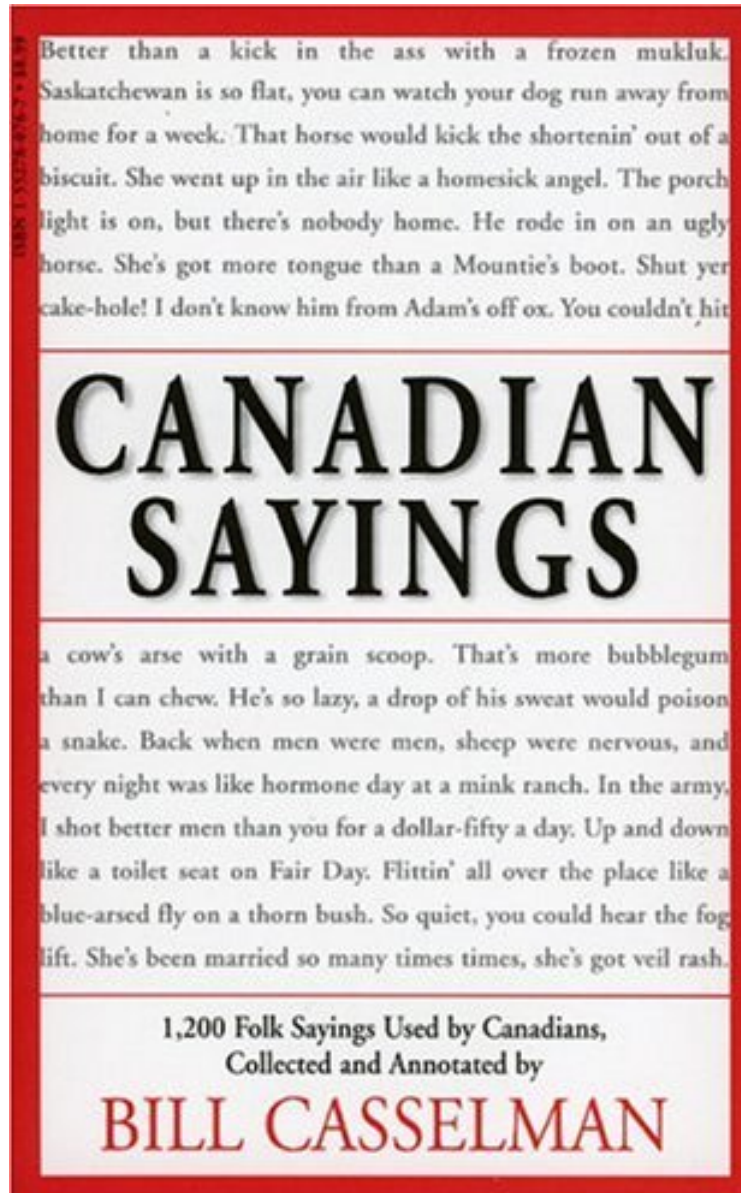


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getting Mom's turkey dinner. Worth buying for the one liners you can use, but if you miss your fellow Canucks it's highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. You say these are Canadian, Eh? By Jerry Guild 133 pages and 1200 sayings that are part of the palaver in Canada. First, I'd like to comment on the word "palaver". This is a great word, but until I saw it in this little tome, I had not heard it used in Canada. I read a lot of American Old West Westerns and it is frequently used there. Now, to the subject at hand. This is a fascinating read of homespun sayings that Bill Casselman has lovingly assembled. It will amuse and inform readers, as they will be familiar with many of them; but many will be unknown to them as well. These sayings are somewhat dated as many are said to have been used by parents and or grandparents. Also many are seldom heard today. Not only does Casselman give the saying, but in many of them he explains their source. The sayings are a mixture from across Canada, many are from people who live in Canada, but either they, or their parents came from Europe. It is interesting to note that many of these sayings came from countries like England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Ukraine, and eastern Europe since that was where most Canadian immigrants came from. However; since the last few decades, that trend has changed, and most immigrants now come from the mid east or Asia; and rarely, if ever have I hear sayings from that part of the world. I suppose that is because in the past great assimilation was the way of life, but now ethnic groups tend to stick together and promote their culture within. Everyone has some sayings that they use often, and many sayings are basically the same except for a word or two changed. Casselman has grouped the 1200 sayings in 130 categories, thus making it easy to find any at a later time. One of my favorite categories is "stupidity" where he gives 135 sayings. Most of these are aimed at a person who is not normal and missing something. Here are a few, which are really all the same and could be applied to that same person: "He's not the sharpest knife in the drawer" "He's about two sandwiches short of a picnic." "Two bricks short of a pallet." "One wall in his attic isn't plastered." "He's two potatoes short of a bushel." "He's a few clowns short of a circus." Over the years I've tended to write these down, and there are; many, many of them; however one of my favorites about Stupidity, and I don't think it is in the book is: If you're ignorant, you can always learn, but if you're stupid, it's permanent. All in all, this is a great little book of sayings, and it's sure to have many you have heard and even used. With this book to back you up, you can always add a little color to your palaver.

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