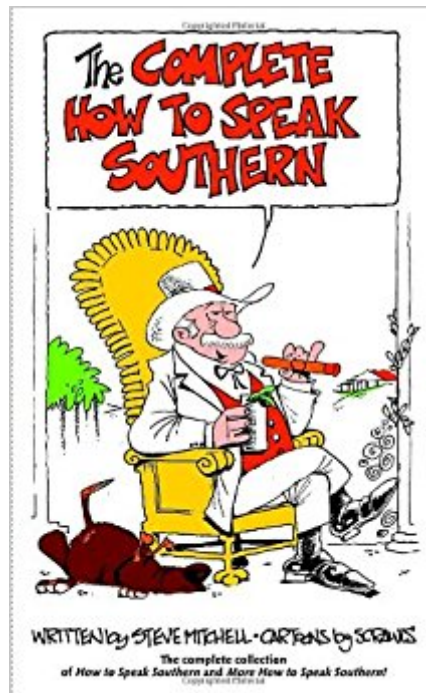




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The Complete How To Speak Southern



Synopsis

The laugh sensation that swept the nation, *How to Speak Southern and More How to Speak Southern*, is now collected in one complete and completely hilarious 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 wit and wisdom for upstarts everywhere. From aig (a breakfast food that may be fried, scrambled, boiled, or poached) to zackly (as in "precisely"), here's just a sampling of what you'll find inside:

ATTAIR: Contraction used to indicate the specific item desired. "Pass me attair gravy, please."

EVERWHICHAWAYS: To be scattered in all directions. "You should have been there when the train hit that chicken truck. Them chickens flew everwhichaways."

YONTNY: Do you want any. "Yontny more corn bread?"

Funny as well as informative, this laugh-out-loud dictionary will keep you laughing and learning no matter where you fall on the Mason-Dixon Line!

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AACit: That's it. Ah (I) don't wanna hear no more about it. ACit as far as

Ah **Aw**: Concerned. **Aw**: **Aw**: Addled: Confused, disoriented, as in the case of Northern sociologists who try to make sense out of the South. **Aw**: **Aw**: "What **Aw**: **Aw**: What's wrong with that Yankee? He acts right addled. **Aw**: **Aw**: **AD**-dress: Where you live. **Aw**: **Aw**: "What **Aw**: **Aw**: What's your **AD**-dress, honey? **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**-DRESS: What women look very good in. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Jeans are nice, but I **Aw**: **Aw**: I'd rather see a woman in a **DRESS**. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**far: In a state of combustion. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Call the far department. That house is afar. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**h: The things you see with, and the personal pronoun denoting individuality. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Ah think Ah **Aw**: **Aw**: I've got somethin' **Aw**: **Aw**: in mah ah. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**h **Aw**: **Aw**: I imagine: The first word means yourself **Aw**: **Aw**: or as Southerners say, **Aw**: **Aw**: "yosef **Aw**: **Aw**: **Aw**: and the second is an expression of intent or belief. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Ah **Aw**: **Aw**: I imagine she **Aw**: **Aw**: What's **Aw**: **Aw**: about the sweetest gull (girl) in Jeff Davis County. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**hce: Solidified liquid that is best employed in the cooling of mint juleps and aged bourbon. **Aw**: **Aw**: "This dry ink (drink) needs more ahce in it. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**hdin: I didn't. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Ahdin know the gun was loaded, Judge. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**hmoan: An expression of intent. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Ahmoan have a little drink. You want one? **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**hr: What we breathe, also a unit of time made up of 60 minutes. **Aw**: **Aw**: "They should **Aw**: **Aw**: I've been here about an ahr ago. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**hreen: A lady **Aw**: **Aw**: What's name. **Aw**: **Aw**: "You remember that song that was popular during the Korean War? **Aw**: **Aw**: "Goodnight Ahreen **Aw**: **Aw**: What? **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**ig: A breakfast food that may be fried, scrambled, boiled or poached. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Which came first, the chicken or the aig? **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**ils: 1. Else. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Warn **Aw**: **Aw**: I got nothin' **Aw**: **Aw**: ma **Aw**: **Aw**: I am. Anybody ails would have done the same thing. **Aw**: **Aw**: 2. To be ill or afflicted by something. **Aw**: **Aw**: "That mule sure is actin' **Aw**: **Aw**: strange. Wonder what ails him? **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**int: The sister of your mother or father. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Son, go over and give Aint Bea a big hug. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**irish: Drafty, cool. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Don't **Aw**: **Aw**: I leave that door open. It **Aw**: **Aw**: I's too airish already. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**irs: Mistakes. **Aw**: **Aw**: "That shortstop **Aw**: **Aw**: I's made two airs, and the game **Aw**: **Aw**: I's not half over yet. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**ll 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. **Aw**: **Aw**: "All Ah wanna do is hold you a little, is all, honey. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**ll over hell and half of Georgia: Covering a large area. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Ah **Aw**: **Aw**: I've looked for that boy all over hell and half of Georgia. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**lms: What beggars ask for, but what Southern men hold their girls with. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Ah just want to put my alms around you a little, is all. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**Mbulance: A four-wheeled vehicle used to convey the injured to a hospital. **Aw**: **Aw**: "That boy **Aw**: **Aw**: I's hurt bad. Better call an **A**Mbulance. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**r: Possessive pronoun. **Aw**: **Aw**: "That **Aw**: **Aw**: I's ar dawg, not yours. **Aw**: **Aw**: **A**rgy: To dispute in a contentious manner. **Aw**: **Aw**: "Ah told you to take your bath, boy, and Ah **Aw**: **Aw**: I'm not gonna stand here and

argy with you about it. **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.

She **Ar:** An electrical instrument used to remove wrinkles from clothing. **Ah** **Ar:** Ah not gonna arn today. It's too hot.

Arrer: A pointed stick the Indians used to employ with great efficiency, as General George Custer discovered at Little Big Horn. **Ah** shot an arrer into the ahr...

Arshaters: A staple of the Irish diet and the source of French fries. **Ah** like arshaters, but Ah hate to peel 'em.

Arthritis: A painful illness characterized by stiffening of the joints and paralysis. **Grandma** arthritus is botherin' her real bad today.

Ary: Not any. **He** hadn't got ary cent.

Ast: To interrogate or inquire, as when a revenue agent seeks information about illegal moonshine stills. **Don** ast me so many questions. It makes me mad.

At: That. **Is** at your car?

Attair: Contraction used to indicate the specific item desired. **Pass** me attair gravy, please.

Awduh: A state of affairs that depends on obedience to law. **The** marshal brought law and awduh to this town.

Awf: The opposite of on. **Take** your muddy feet awf the table.

Awficer: A policeman. **Well**, Awficer, Ah guess Ah might have been goin' a little over the speed limit, but...

Awfis: The place where men say they have to work late and sometimes actually do. **Go** ahead and have supper without me, honey. Ah have to work late at the awfis.

Awfullest: The worst. **That** 's the awfullest lie you ever told me in your life.

Awl: An amber fluid used to lubricate engines. **Ah** like that car, but it sure does use a lot of awl.

Awraht: Okay. **If** you want to go back home to your mother, that 's awraht with me.

AY-rab: The desert people who inhabit much of North Africa but not much of Israel. **That** fella looks like a AY-rab, don't he?

BBabdist: A religious denomination whose members are found in great profusion throughout the South. They are against drinkin' and dancin', but...

Ah hear the Babdist preacher run off with the choir director.

Bad-mouth: To disparage or derogate. **All** these candidates have bad-mouthed each other so much Ah 've about decided not to vote for any of 'em.

Bad off: Desperately in need of, also extremely ill. 1. **Is** that Valley of the Dolls? You must be bad off for somethin' to read. 2. **Jim** 's in the hospital. He 's bad off.

Bad to: Inclined toward, prone to. **Johnny** 's bad to get in fights when he gets drunk.

Bait: A surfeit of. **Ah** hope you get a bait of them spareribs, 'cause you 've et about all of

Āĉĉ Āĉem. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bard: To obtain the use of, not always on a temporary basis. Āĉĉ Āĉ“He bard mah shovel and never did bring it back. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Batty: A boxlike device that produces electricity. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Looks like your car Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉs got a dead batry. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bawl: What water does at 212 degrees Fahrenheit. Āĉĉ Āĉ“That gal cain Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉt even bawl water without burnin Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉ it. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Baws: Your employer. Āĉĉ Āĉ“The baws may not always be right, but he Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉs always the baws. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bawstun: The largest city in Massachusetts. Āĉĉ Āĉ“King George III didn Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉt like the Bawstun Tea Party much. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Beholden: Indebted to. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Ah Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉm beholden to you for loanin Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉ me that five dollars. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Best: Another baffling Southernism that is usually couched in the negative. Āĉĉ Āĉ“You best not speak to Cecil about his car. He just had to spend \$300 on it. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bidness: The art of selling something for more than you paid for it. Āĉĉ Āĉ“My cousin Archie is in the real estate bidness. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bleeve: Expression of intent or faith. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Ah bleeve we ought to go to church this Sunday. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bobbuh: One who cuts hair. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Ah wish you Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉd go to a different bobbuh. Āĉĉ Āĉ•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. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Four bobbycues to go, please. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bobwar: A spiky strand of metal used to keep cattle inside an enclosed space. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Watch out, you Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉll get caught on that bobwar. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Body: Person, usually an oblique reference to yourself. Āĉĉ Āĉ“A body can Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉt get a minute Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉs peace around this house. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bound to: Certain to. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Too much beer is bound to give you a hangover. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bounden determined: Totally committed to a course of action, not always the wisest. Āĉĉ Āĉ“She Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉs bounden determined to marry him. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bout: About, except in Tidewater, Virginia, where it is pronounced Āĉĉ Āĉ“about. Āĉĉ Āĉ• Āĉĉ Āĉ“It Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉs bout time to put out the fire and call in the dawgs. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Bowut: In Charleston, South Carolina, a small craft that conveys one across water. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Where Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉs the motor for this bowut? Āĉĉ Āĉ•Boy: Any Southern white male under the age of 50, usually preceded by the words Āĉĉ Āĉ“good ole, Āĉĉ Āĉ• meaning he is amiable, likes a drink now and then and is fond of fishin Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉ, huntin Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉ and good--lookin Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉ women. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Clarence is a good ole boy. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Braht: Dazzling. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Venus is a braht planet. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Branch: Part of a tree, but also what you use to cross a body of water. Āĉĉ Āĉ“We Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉll cross that branch when we come to it. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Break bad: To behave in a violent, wanton or outrageous manner for no discernible reason. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Ole Bill broke bad last night and wound up in jail. Āĉĉ Āĉ•Break of: To induce the abandonment of an undesirable trait or habit. Āĉĉ Āĉ“Ah Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉm gonna break that husband of mine of lyin Āĉĉ Āĉ,ĉ to me if

it. **Ā**: the last thing Ah do. **Ā•Bub**: A fragile glass object that converts electricity into illumination. **Ā**: “Ah think that light bub **Ā**: burnt out. **Ā•Bud**: Small feathered creature that flies. **Ā**: “A robin sure is a pretty bud. **Ā•Bum**: An explosive device dropped from airplanes called bummers. **Ā**: “Ah think we ought to drop the atomic bum on **Ā**: Āem. **Ā•Bumminham**: The biggest city in Alabama. **Ā**: “You can travel cross this entire land, they ain’t no place like Bumminham. **Ā•CCaint**: Cannot. **Ā**: “Ah just caint understand why this checkbook won’t balance. **Ā•Carry**: To convey from one place to another, usually by automobile. **Ā**: “Can you carry me down to the store in yo **Ā**: car? **Ā•Cawse**: Cause, usually preceded in the South by the adjective **Ā**: “lawst **Ā**: (lost). **Ā**: “The War Between the States was a lawst cawse. **Ā•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. **Ā**: “Be sure to put the cayut outside before you go to bed. **Ā•Cent**: The plural of cent. **Ā**: “You paid five dollars for that necktie? Ah wouldn’t give fifty cent for it. **Ā•Chalstun**: A city in South Carolina that Yankees call the Cradle of Secession. **Ā**: “Ah don’t know why they’re so upset. All we wanted was Fort Sumter back. **Ā•Cheer**: A piece of furniture used for sitting. **Ā**: “Pull up a cheer and set a spell. **Ā•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 **Ā**: “Check that oil for you? **Ā•Chimbley**: What smoke comes out of. **Ā**: “Ah bleeve that chimbley **Ā**: stopped up. **Ā•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. **Ā**: “Ah **Ā**: I’ll have another plate of them chitlins. **Ā•Chunk**: To throw. **Ā**: “Chunk it in there, Leroy. Ole Leroy sure can chunk **Ā**: cat ball, can’t he? Best pitcher we ever had. **Ā•Claws**: An appendage to a legal document. **Ā**: “You’d be advised to study that claws very carefully. **Ā•Clawth**: A woven material from which clothes are made. **Ā**: “Let me have three yards of that clawth, please. **Ā•Clone**: A type of scent men put on themselves. **Ā**: “What **Ā**: that clone you got on, honey? **Ā•Co-cola**: The soft drink that started in Atlanta and conquered the world. **Ā**: “Ah hear they even sell Co-cola in Russia. **Ā•Collards**: A variety of kale, also known as greens. Southerners love them cooked with fatback, also known as the bacon that didn’t quite make it. **Ā**: “Pass the collards, please. **Ā•Collie flare**: A crisp white vegetable that is surprisingly good once you get past the

appearance. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Lots of boxers have collie flare ears.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Comin* *Āçâ* → *â*„ç up a cloud: An approaching storm. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Stay close to the house. It *Āçâ* → *â*„çs comin *Āçâ* → *â*„ç up a cloud.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Commence to*: To start or engage in some activity. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“They got in a argyment, and the next thing you know, they commence to fight.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Commite nigh*: To come very close to. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“When -Sue--Ann caught her husband kissin *Āçâ* → *â*„ç that waitress from the Blue Moon, she commite nigh killin *Āçâ* → *â*„ç him.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Contrack*: A legal document, usually heavily in favor of the party who draws it up. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“It *Āçâ* → *â*„çs just a standard contrack...just sign right here.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Contrary*: Obstinate, perverse. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Cecil *Āçâ* → *â*„çs a fine boy, but she won *Āçâ* → *â*„çt have nothin *Āçâ* → *â*„ç to do with him. She *Āçâ* → *â*„çs just contrary, is all Ah can figure.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *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 wasn’t bolted down. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Goin *Āçâ* → *â*„ç to the hardware store? Get me some cooter hooks.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Costes*: The price of something. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Don *Āçâ* → *â*„çt buy lettuce if it costes too much.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Crawss*: The symbol of Christianity. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Ah love to hear *Āçâ* → *â*„çem sing *Āçâ* → *Ė*œThe Ole Rugged Crawss *Āçâ* → *â*„ç.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Crine*: Weeping. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“What *Āçâ* → *â*„çs that girl crine about?” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Cuss*: Profane language, or a malediction. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“The Hope Diamond has got a cuss on it.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Cut awf*: To switch off. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“It *Āçâ* → *â*„çs too bright in here, honey. Why don *Āçâ* → *â*„çt we cut awf that light bub?” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Cut the fool*: To behave in a silly or foolish manner. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Quit cuttin *Āçâ* → *â*„ç the fool and do your homework.” *Āçâ* → *Ā*• *Cyst*: To render aid. *Āçâ* → *Ā*“Can Ah cyst you with those packages, ma *Āçâ* → *â*„çam?” *Āçâ* → *Ā*•

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!!!

ÄfÄ Ä ÅÄ ÆœÄ â ÄfÄ Ä ÅÄ ÆœÄ â ÄfÄ Ä ÅÄ ÆœÄ â 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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