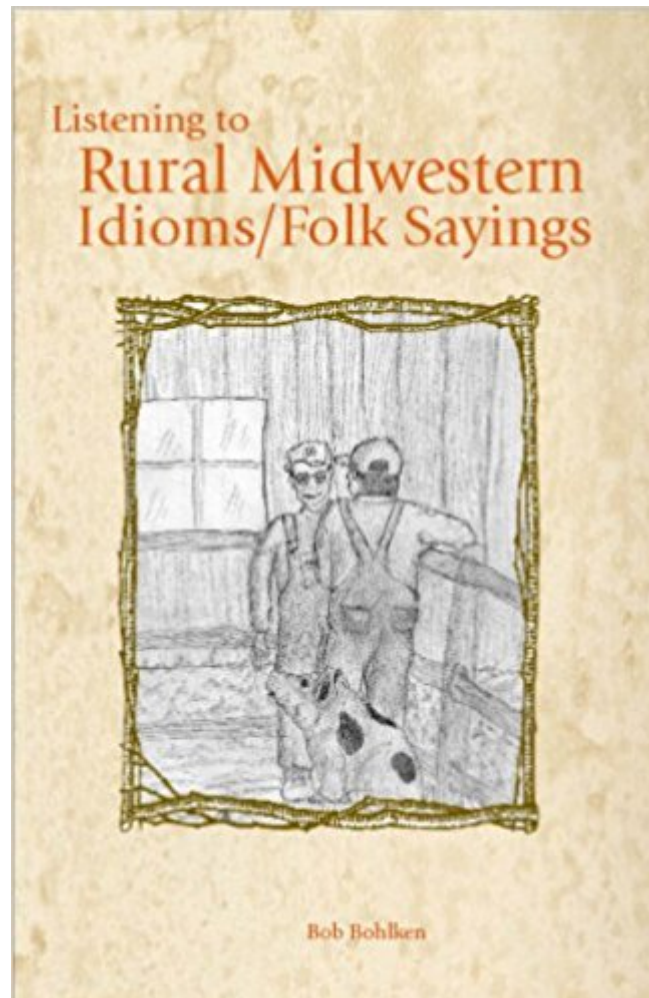




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Synopsis

This collection of regional country history reveals the events, experiences and lives of early farm folks through their sayings and curious expressions. These informal sayings are colored with allusions from the past and touched with a bit of humor. Some may appear to be crude and crass, but they are authentic. An entertaining guide that will keep the reader chuckling as expressions are recalled from an almost lost early rural culture.

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Lee Jackson says: You'll have fun learning the meaning and references in these curious expressions and folk sayings. This is an expanded and revised edition of Bob Bohlken's earlier work. Grab a copy for your grandparents' reading enjoyment. It's also helpful for those who have recently moved into rural areas and are confused by what others may be saying. Words can be interpreted in many different ways. --Lee Jackson, author of Healthy to the Core! All Natural Low Sugar/No Sugar Apple Recipes for Kids --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Lee Jackson says: Bob Bohlken, Ph.D. is a noted storyteller and observer of the local folks. He is an astute scholar of rural Midwestern folk sayings. He's lived his entire life in the Midwest, or as he likes to say, in this neck of the woods. He retired after spending 42 years teaching. Over 30 years were spent as an administrator and professor of communications. He's a newspaper columnist and has been inducted into the International Listening Association Hall of Fame. Here he gives you a collection of sayings that may ruffle your feathers, but he's a hard dog to keep under the porch.

It's a well laid out book, just wasn't what I was hoping for. I was looking for the 'sayings' origins, where they came from and what they meant at the time.

Loved It!

I grew up hearing a lot of these phrases, and many of them are still in use today, particularly in the rural area where I reside. Bob has done a good job of laying out the book, and sectioning it according to its applicable use, i.e, Appearance, Marriage, Common Sense, and so on. As a writer, books of this type are invaluable resources, especially when defining character traits. A character's lingo defines him/her as much as the description of their clothing or the surrounding environment. You will speak more clearly to your readers if the dialog of your characters reflect the place where they live and breath and have their meaning. Bob takes the time to show that nearly every phrase has more than one meaning or use in language. I've made Bob's Rural Midwestern Idioms/Folk Sayings a part of my reference collection. I was just browsing through it again this evening and had to smile at some of the familiar turns of phrase, and even picked up a couple of new ones that I'm sure one of my future characters will be given cause to utter.

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