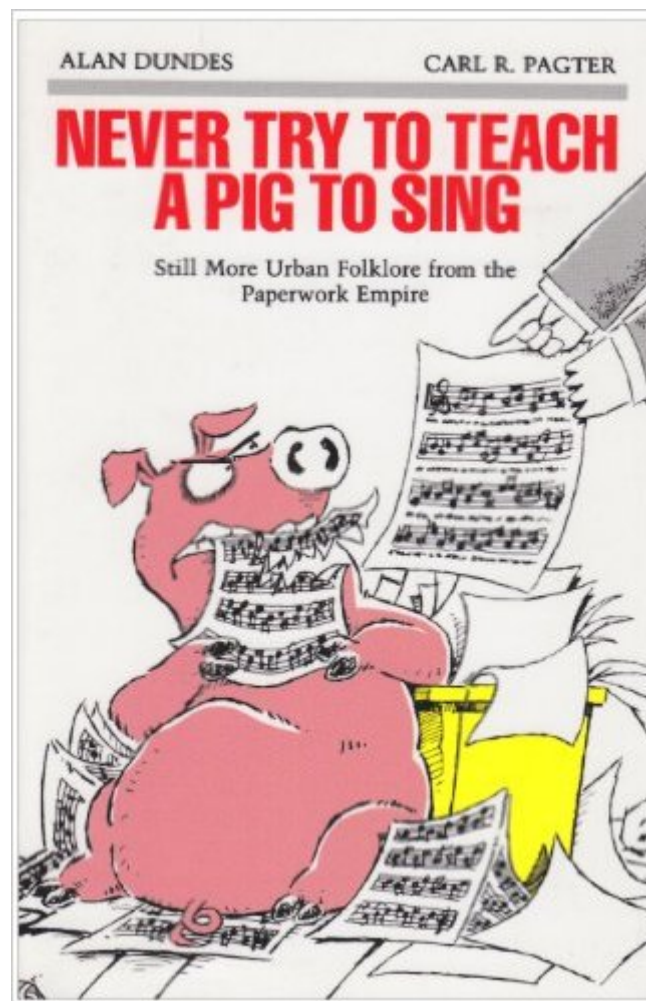


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Great fun, and a fascinating look at urban legend and myth. Copiers gave the joke new life, as bits of popular wisdom spread through offices and then around the country. Not unlike the funny-forwards epidemic on today's eMail networks, this book captures the growth of folk humor in a thoroughly enjoyable way! Complete with behavioral annotations that peek just below the laughter. Highly recommended!

An amusing book gathering up lots of sayings, poems, and cartoons developed by everyday people

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This is a hilarious book that I highly recommend.

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