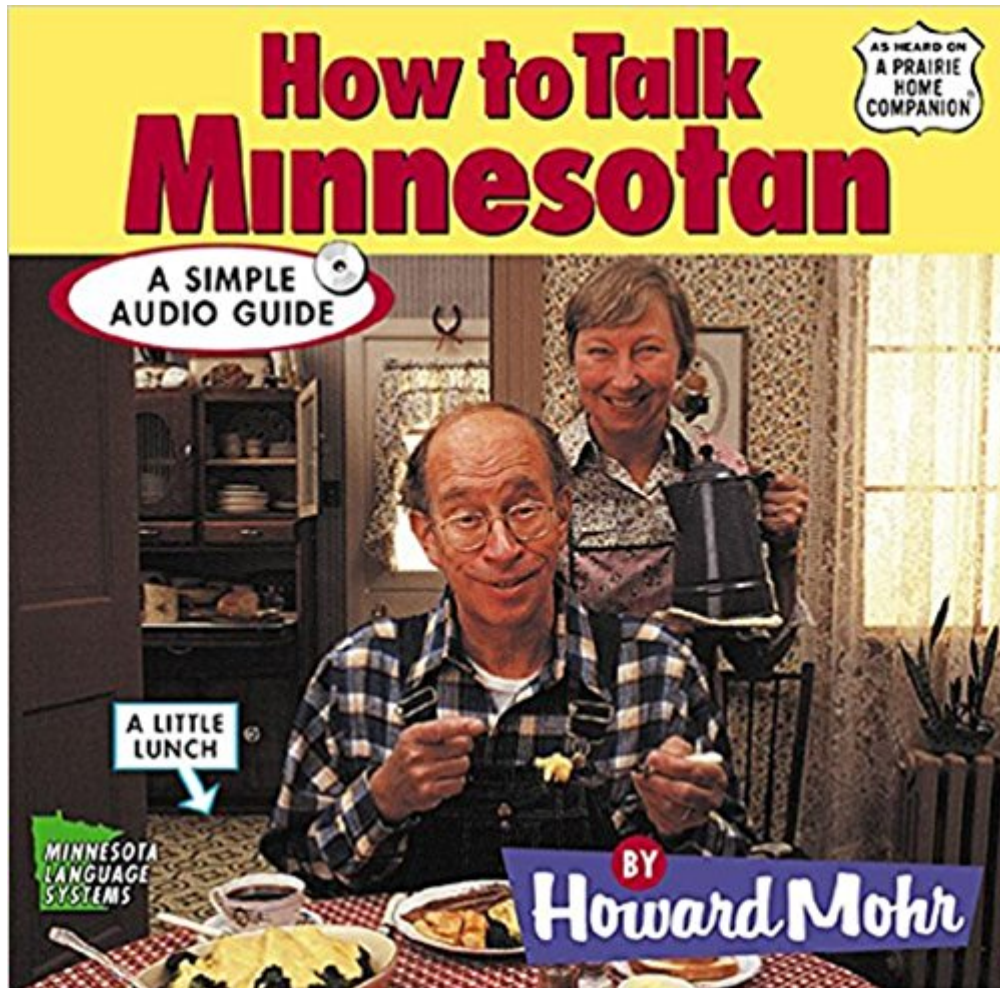




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# How To Talk Minnesotan



## Synopsis

Now you can cultivate authentic Minnesota pronunciation, vocabulary, and colloquialisms from the man who wrote the book on it. Speak with confidence when using Minnesota words and phrases to make indirect commands and statements. Feel at ease constructing whole conversations based on "the weather" and "car talk." Learn the subtle differences of "lunch," "dinner," and "a little lunch." Plus, added at no extra cost, useful messages from Raw Bits Cereal, Pentagon Overstocks, and Polka Pants Industries. Not to mention classic Howard Mohr prose pieces on the "art of waving" and "where I live and what I burn for fuel."

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## Customer Reviews

Those looking for someone to fill Garrison Keillor's trademark red socks will not be appeased by Mohr, who was a writer for *A Prairie Home Companion*. There is a similarity in the book's wryness to the humor in the show, and there are dummied-up ads of local businesses. But despite the book's subtitle, this isn't really about Minnesota: some of the humor is based on the idiosyncracies and colloquialisms of the region, but most of it can be applied to just about any state. Still, Mohr has found some purely Minnesotan motifs: the section on starting the car in winter will ring true to anyone who has survived the experience; his few, well-chosen words on going to the lake or the cabin is acutely observed; and his attitude about lutefisk, a dish that natives consume more out of a sense of duty than with relish, strikes just the right tone (he regrets having to mention it altogether). But he misses and skims over some genuine regionalisms (where's uffda?), invents others, and usually strains to make a point. Because his humorous account of Minnesota invites comparison

with Keillor, the book is found wanting. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Purchased this hilarious book, to replace one given to me in the late eighties by a Minnesotan girlfriend, living in Miami. Could always make her laugh about talking Minnesotan and the little tell-tale phrases. The book is broken into 26 "Lessons", on how to talk like and be like a Minnesotan. Includes quirky stories, like "Bob's B-17 Park". Convinced me that Minnesotans are from the Heartland and have Big Hearts. A Good Read."A heckuva deal". Funny from beginning to the end.  
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God I love this book, it's The 3rd copy I've bought, because friends want a copy.it's hilarious and apparently much of southern California are actually minnesota people disguised. Including myself.no speaking in the morning,talk about cars and the weather is the main topic of conversation, being in one of the only places in southern California with a good snowfall will do that.we just have much better food.

I am from Minnesota and adore this. The video is even better (you can watch it on YouTube) I have purchased so many of these books over the years to give to friends. Especially when I have friends coming over from another country. I no longer live in MN but it is who I am and always will be -- ya, you betcha I love hot dishes and don't forget the lefse. :) Be ready for some out loud chuckles and laughs...it is all so accurate!

Great fun to read, especially if you have lived there

One of my all time favorite books. I first read it over 20 years ago and it's a book I go back to often when I need a laugh. I've recommended it to many friends. As a Michigander, much of the content of the book relates to my experiences and is so very funny. Don't buy it if you're not someone who likes to laugh and enjoys delightful prose poetry.

Book came quick & in good condition.A MUST HAVE for a good Minnesotan or a new convert.Still, Mohr's writing can drag on a bit. Perhaps endemic of the time - book is appx 40 years old now. Be

sure to watch the video - you can find it on Vimeo. Not too bad I'd say ;-)

This will make most people laugh at least a little at some of the ridiculous truths about folks from Minnesota. Being from the north and somewhat west (Rochester NY) I know people just like the ones this audio describes and can relate to how they act and how they interact with one another. Like the advice one guy gives to another vs. the advice one guy gives to a gal. Check out the "If a guy..." sketch its hilarious. Or the description of "A little lunch" neither little nor at lunch. Usually served with a "hot dish" which typically requires mixing in a can of mushroom soup. After hearing this I'm ready to venture into the wilds of Minnesota.

After 50+ years in the Midwest I have relocated in the Pacific NW. I love it here but felt "misunderstood" a few times. How to Talk Minnesotan has provided a handy translation guide for my friends. It's a good deal. You betcha!

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