



The Mountain Man's Field Guide to Grammar: A Fearless Adventure in Grammar, Styl

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Sourcebooks. 1 Paperback(s), 2006. soft. Book Condition: New. "When I was a boy, I was a terrible student," Gary Spina notes. "I was especially proficient at failing English. By some fluke of fate I grew up to become an English teacher and writer." With wry wit, Spinawho has taught in New York City and Washington, D.C., as well as among the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indians in Montaneturns the stuffy old grammar book format on its head, delightfully reminding you, the reader, that grammar can actually be fun. The book is seasoned throughout with colorful stories, clever anecdotes, and offbeat words of wisdom, evoking the rugged individualism and lore of the mountain man on the western frontier. "In writing this book, I have attempted to make each line of text, each rule of grammar, and each example fresh and new and original. But a noun is a noun and a verbal is a verbal, and festooning them in gaudy finery can neither add nor detract from their essence. American grammar and constructionthe essential stuffis staid and stately, elegant, sensuous, raw, and beautiful." 358.

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