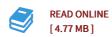




Catfish at the Pump: Humor and the Frontier (Paperback)

By Roger L. Welsch, Linda K. Welsch

University of Nebraska Press, United States, 1986. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Were our forefathers liars? You bet they were, says Roger Welsch, and damned fine ones at that. The proof is in Catfish at the Pump, a collection of the kind of humor that softened the hardships of pioneering on the Great Plains. From yellowed newspapers, magazines, and forgotten Nebraska Federal Writers Project files, the well-known folklorist and humorist Roger Welsch has produced a book to be treasured. Here are jokes, anecdotes, legends, tall tales, and lugubriously funny poems about the things that preoccupied the pioneer plainsman: weather extremes; soil quality; food and whiskey; an arkload of animals, including grasshoppers, bed bugs, hoop snakes, the ubiquitous mule, and some mighty big fish; and even sickness and the poverty that would inspire black laughter again in the Great Depression. Catfish at the Pump proves abundantly that the art of story telling was practiced diligently by our plains ancestors. Roger Welsch, who brought out Shingling the Fog and Other Plains Lies in 1972 (reprinted by the University of Nebraska Press in 1980), now issues this book about lies and liars, knowing full...



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