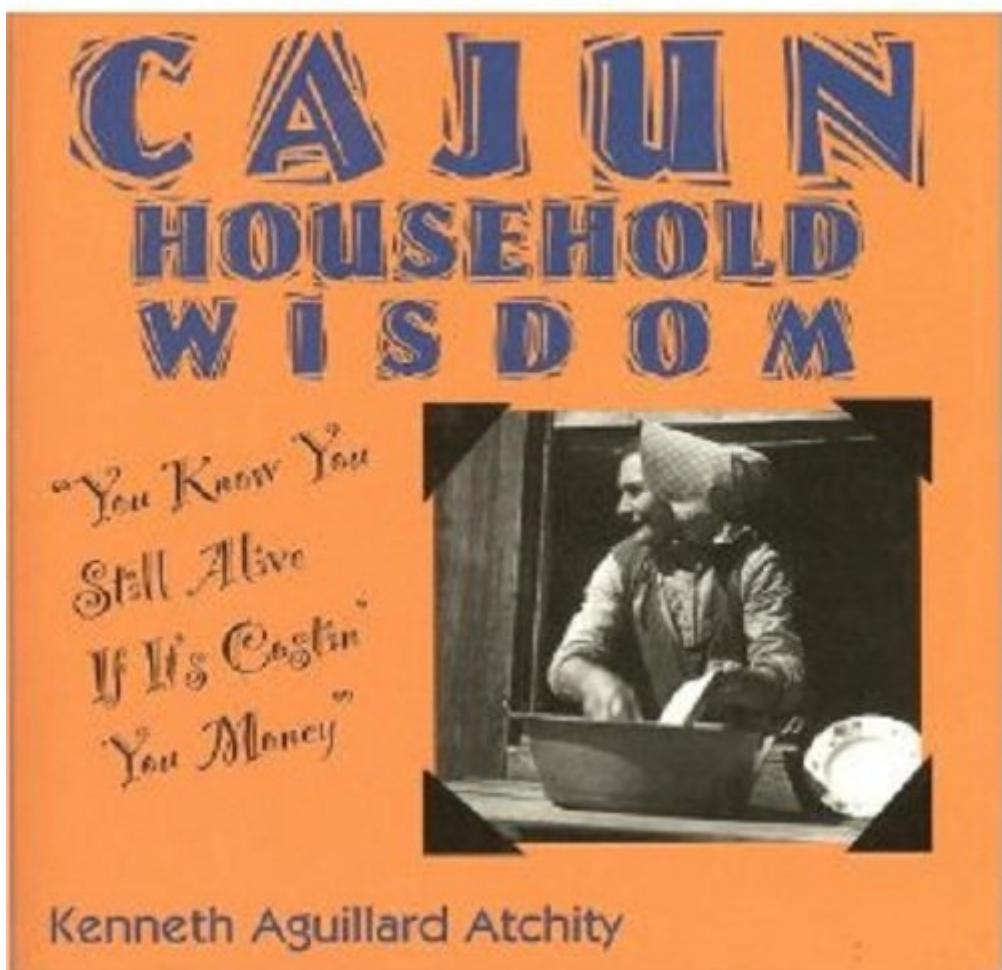


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Cajun Household Wisdom



Synopsis

Laissez les bon temps roulez! Let the good times roll! Cajun culture is funny and fun-loving. It's rooted in the earth. It's rooted in the kitchen. It's needlessly, hopelessly, complicated, and yet is utterly simple and suspicious of all things modern, especially food and drink. CAJUN HOUSEHOLD WISDOM takes you back to the days when family gatherings stretched far into summer nights with endless food and fun, when uncles and aunts, sisters and brothers, and countless cousins teased and taunted and chased fireflies, while grandpere spouted yet another story about "that ol' white mule," and strains of fiddle music lured lovers off into the dark. You'll be reminded that the best therapy for whatever ails you, other than eating and laughing, is dancing. In little towns throughout the state of Louisiana, in lounges like the Rainbeaux in New Iberia, the Green Frog in Lake Charles, and the Purple Peacock in Eunice, you'll find people of all ages--from three to 103--dancing the two-step or the Cajun waltz at the fais-do-do nearly every night of the week--and they're still there at 9 a.m. the next morning. Cajun wisdom holds true for young and old alike: "If at first you don't succeed, go an' dance!"

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Customer Reviews

I breezed thru this funny book full of witty Cajun phrases, photos and short stories (together with a smidge of history and definitions, too!) I'll only cite a couple of examples as there were too many clever phrases in but a brief book like: Cajun indirectness : Instead of complimenting the food directly, you begin dinner with allusions to legendary meals of the past or future (daring the meal to take its eventual place among them).~AND~They say a Cajun seven-course meal is a six-pack of beer and boudin (French type of blood sausage). I found the book both humorous and informative in the same style of "Check In Sit Down Shut Up" by Tiffany Aller. A pleasant diversion!

This book just tickles me silly--I absolutely *love* this book! Reading "Cajun Household Wisdom" is like snacking on a delicious box of assorted chocolates: you never know what it is, until you bite into it. Yet every bite is delightful! I guarantee you every page of this book is full of goodies. Who would have thought that such a small book would overflow with abundant wisdom about life, about eating, about dancing, about being human!? Whenever I want to have a good laugh, or just sit still for a moment and reflect--I pick up this book--and I feel alright. Then before I know it, I have learned lessons about ordinary living: humility, hard work, silence and listening (instead of always talking!), sharing with others, forgiveness, endurance and success--all with a lot of humor, and a "mischievous" wink. I say "mischievous" because one of the most important things I learned from this book is "not to take yourself too seriously." Sure life is serious and can be severe. But according to "Cajun Household Wisdom," "life," primarily, is fun, *lively*, lovely, and meant to be enjoyed. How do you enjoy life in Cajun Louisiana? Laugh at loud. Cook plenty, and eat good. Live and let live. Dance at sundown. Go fishing at sunrise. Just go on, won't you, kick back--and *be alive!* Life is too short to be otherwise. If you've ever felt homesick for those special, far-removed times, places, and people once a part of your life, read Dr. Atchity's book, and get to know, "first-hand," his MÃ©mÃ©re, cousin Hubert Martel, aunt Nan-ee, Mr. Cady, and Aunt Martha (plus her mouth-watering steak-and-gravy recipe!), and many more. Magically, they will all give you the joy of being in a humbler, gentler place with people whose only "motive" is to make you feel loved, make you feel at home--people who have no "hidden agendas." Pick up this little book, enjoy a good laugh, and snap up some treats of pure wisdom. It's a sweet pick-me-upper on a tired, *serious* day. You'll feel inspired. You'll feel relaxed and satisfied - really, as if you've kicked back and unwrapped one of those delicious assorted chocolates ... and sweetly indulged.

Having lived in Louisiana many years ago, I had to read this. It was one of my favorite places, because of the wonderful people that lived there and made you feel like family, the rich smells of good cooking, the laughter, soulful music and dancing for the joy of it...I was just a kid, but I remember these things with such fondness. But, back to the book. The author gives a very accurate and intimate description of all of the above, and does so with ease and humor. I read it all in one sitting, it was just too good to put down. It was jam-packed with so many great Cajun witticisms and sayings, sometimes I just had to stop, close my eyes, and think about it. Of course, humor is all through the book, it would be impossible to write about Cajun wisdom without a healthy dose of humor, and as I said, I remember so much laughter living in Louisiana. I read this for nostalgic reasons, and it made me smile. If you have never been to Louisiana, it's a place like no other. The people make it special, and I generally dislike stereotyping people as a whole, but this has been my experience. In addition, you will never forget the food, the lovely aromas of all kinds of good things cooking, and music and laughter. It's like another country, not another state. If you can't visit Louisiana, read this book and take a fun little stroll with author Kenneth Atchity as he skillfully shares some anecdotes, memories, pictures, and of course, Cajun Household Wisdom.

If you have ever spent any time in Louisiana around Cajuns, this book will be a fun read. A bit like Justin Wilson, with less cooking involved...several stories, jokes, a little history, and a few recipes for good measure. Has several lists of Cajun "advice" worth pondering. It was a quick read, but I would have enjoyed more. Kudos to the author for this contribution!

I rather enjoyed this charming little tome, full of snappy Cajun sayings like 'Never get into a pissing contest with a skunk.' It may seem simplistic to others but all of my Southern family has passed on, so this was a light, heartwarming reminder of those I loved.

It really brought back a lot of good memories of the Cajun people that I have had the pleasure of knowing. It also made me hungry for some good rice and brown gravy. There is a lot of wisdom in many of the sayings throughout the text. I enjoyed the book.

This is a fun read. If you've ever strayed beyond your doorstep ; if you've ever experienced (& enjoyed) life outside your comfort zone; if you've ever been to Louisiana and found the folk there enchanting....this is the book for you.

a short compilation of Cajun wisdom, funny, folklore, no-nonsense everyday "statement", probably common to other cultures, very good, presents "spicy" attitude

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