

Book Review
How to win a Pullet Surprise:
The pleasures and pitfalls of our language
By Jack C. Smith
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Reviewed by Jim Newberry

Wit, wisdom, and warmth of the late LA Times columnist

Lovers of humor and of the English language will love this book by the late Los Angeles Times columnist Jack Clifford Smith. From palindromes to puns, from Spoonerisms to malapropisms, Smith finds humor in the way we use language. But we find warmth as well as humor in this book. Smith had great affection for his fellow human beings and it shows in this collection of observations and musings. I miss Jack Smith as a daily columnist. I'm glad to have books such as this one to remember him by.