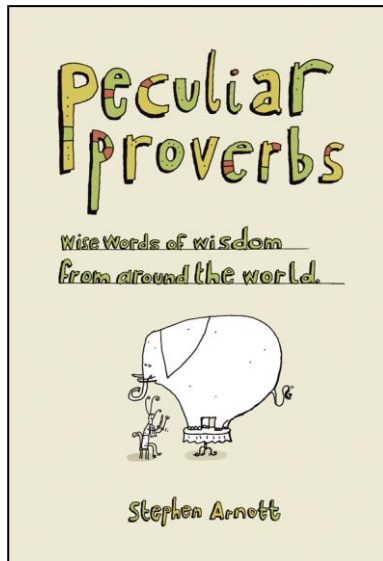


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# Peculiar Proverbs

Weird Words of Wisdom from Around the World

By Stephen Arnott

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***With patience and saliva, the ant swallows the elephant***  
(Colombian proverb)

***Never bolt your door with a boiled carrot***  
(Irish proverb)

Here is a collection of bizarre proverbs: some are deft, witty and colourful; some are extremely difficult to decipher and others are just plain weird! But they're all fascinating and tell us a lot about human nature all over the globe.

On attitudes to life:

***You cannot prevent the birds of sadness from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from nesting in your hair*** (Chinese proverb)

On tact and diplomacy:

***When you go to a donkey's house, don't talk about ears*** (Jamaican proverb)

On marriage:

***A widow is as frisky as a horse that has thrown a rider*** (Malayan proverb)

On relations:

***Eat and drink with your relatives, but do no business with them*** (Bosnian proverb)

**Peculiar Proverbs** includes sayings you won't find in any other collection, sometimes so surreal they defy you to unravel their meanings. But whether they are wise, witty or thought-provoking, this collection of proverbs provide endless entertainment.

And don't forget ....

***The man who tickles himself can laugh when he chooses*** (Stephen Arnott)

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