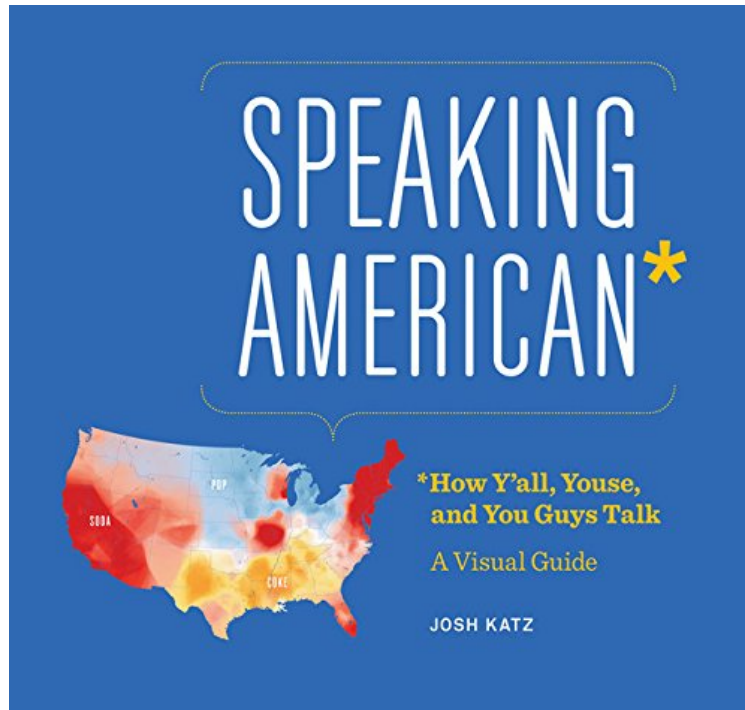


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most egregious, (3) in the section of "How to Pretend You're From Colorado" there is this text (p. 90): "Note too that the town north of Denver is pronounced lewis-ville, not louie-ville, as it is in Kenucky"my grandfather is from Kentucky, and THEY DO NOT SAY LOUIE-VILLE, the say LOO-UH-VILL.But, all-in-all, this book was a fun read, a good conversation starter with your friends, and one I wish was twice or thrice as long.4.5 out of 5 stars.[It appears several people have given this book 1 star on .com because they received the wrong item, which is not a "review," but a complaint.]8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyed the bookBy Edward M. MullinsEnjoyed the book, especially having been in different areas of our U S of A how they "speak" 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Spending American\*By Scotto DI read through this book in 15 minutes. That's a lot of cash per second. Nice info, but a bit like click bait with a guaranteed cheque.It entertained 4 American guests. Not yet tried it on foreigners.

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