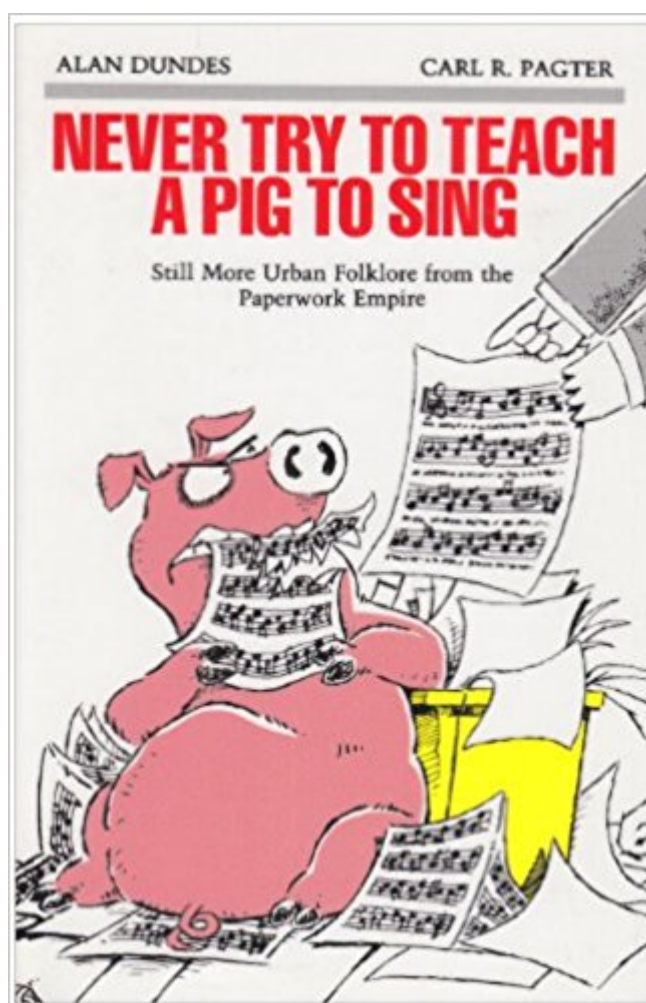


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An amusing book gathering up lots of sayings, poems, and cartoons developed by everyday people in work environments and circulated by means of office fax machines and email. Includes the semi-famous and hilarious cartoon of the two men on the elephant, which I'd seen a couple of decades ago and was unable to locate again until I found it in this book. Much "Dilbert" like mockery of the absurdities of office politics and policies.

This is a hilarious book that I highly recommend.

Exactly as described.

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