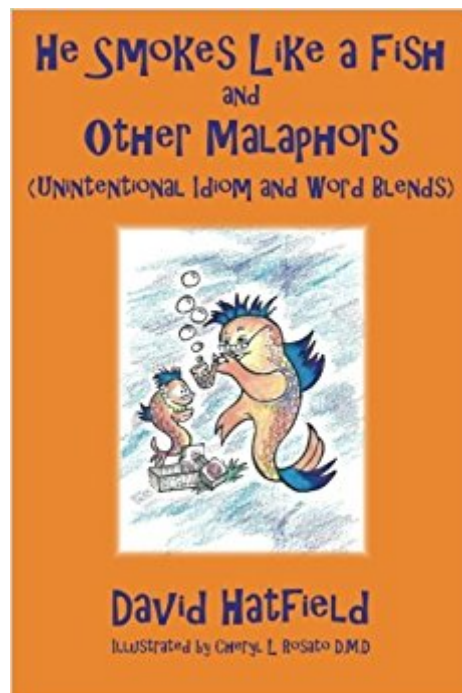




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This was a fun and witty book. Being that my English is my second language, I can definitely identify with many of the malaphors... Great and easy read. Entertaining, witty and, at the same time, gives great background information on the origin of the "correct" idiomatic expression. It is well written. Highly recommended!

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