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This dog hunts

Redneck responses go over like a pregnant pole vaulter

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If you're busier than a stump full of ants, The Flip Side has just the book for you. Redneck Words of Wisdom won't bore you with an excess of sophistication or — for that matter — paragraphs. It's just a compilation of country-fried expressions, compliments, insults and advice.

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Granted, you will not sound like a Harvard graduate if you go around saying, "You're finer 'n frog hair split eight ways." But you might awaken passion in someone — perhaps even a nonamphibian.

The book (Chronicle, $12.95) is by Jaimie Muehlhausen, who is described by his publicist as a graphic designer and country musician who is "the mastermind behind the Web site www.menwholooklikekennyrogers.com."

With redneck credentials like that behind it, this book might just make you happier than a possum in the corn crib with the dog tied up.

Here's redneck wisdom and wisecracks for all occasions.

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ETIQUETTE
• Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.

• Don't corner somethin' that you know is meaner than you.

SURVIVAL TIPS
• Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

• The only thing we got to fear is a public toilet seat.

• If you're gonna be stupid, you better be tough.

• If at first you don't succeed, use duct tape.

BUDGETING
• Two can live as cheap as one if one don't eat.

• Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to get along without it.

• If you can't race it or take it to bed, you don't need it.

• I'm so poor, I can't pay attention.

DATING
• Go for the ugly early, and you'll never go home alone.

• It takes a whole lot of liquor to like her.

• Her teeth are like stars: They come out at night.

DIETING
• Don't name a pig you plan to eat.

• You catch more flies with jam than you do with vinegar.

WEATHER
• It's so dry, the trees are bribing the dogs.

• It's colder than a brass toilet seat on the shady side of an iceberg.

• It's hotter than a Wal-Mart parking lot in August.

THREATS
• I'll smack you so hard your kids'll come out behaving.

• I'll knock a knot on your head so tall you'll have to climb a ladder to comb your hair.

• My cow died last night, so I don't need your bull.

INSULTS
• He couldn't hit a bull in the butt with a bass fiddle.

• He's so stupid, he thinks Johnny Cash is a pay toilet.

• If brains was dynamite, she wouldn't have enough to blow her nose.

• She'd sooner climb a tree to tell a lie than stand on the ground and tell the truth.