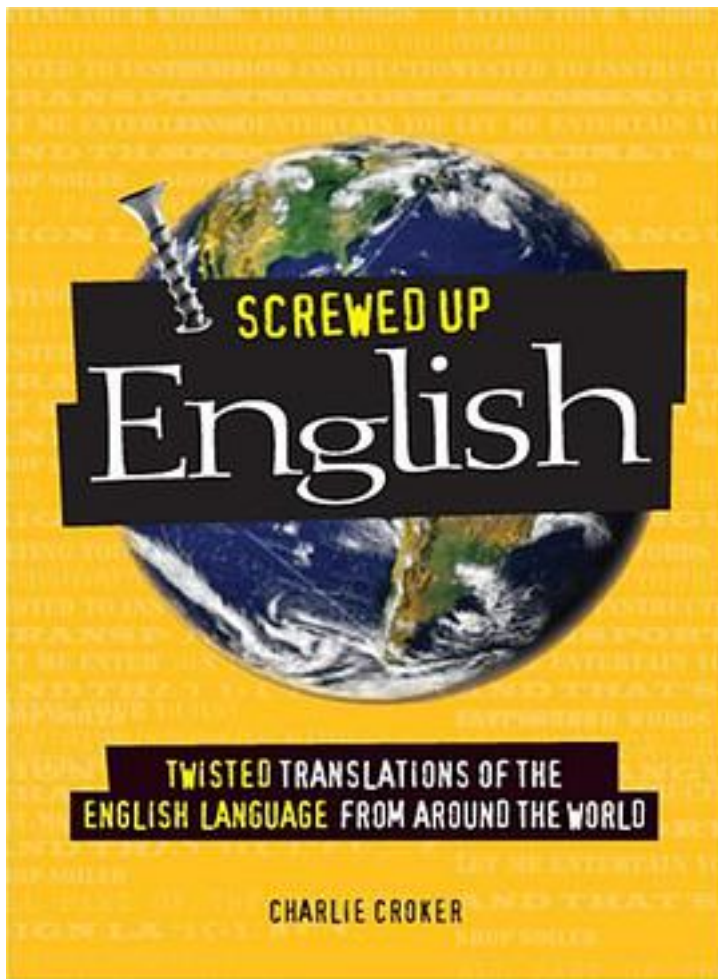


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butter and jam."Pack of toy animals sold in Ranong, Thailand: "Be careful of being eaten by small children." Travelers beware As the most commonly spoken language in the world, English has reached every corner of the globe-but sometimes the message gets scrambled along the way. Explore the very best (and worst) instances of unintentional communication comedy found in street signs, on menus, and in advertising-often the result of bad translation. "Screwed Up English" is the perfect traveling companion that proves why you shouldn't always believe what you read.Charlie Croker is an author and journalist, and so can be relied upon to use the right words, sometimes even in the right order. His previous books include "The Little Book of Beckham" and "A Game of Three Halves." He has written (with the help of a spellchecker) for publications including "The Times, The Independent on Sunday," and "The Spectator." He lives in the United Kingdom.

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