Origins of the Specious-Patricia T. O'Connor 2010-08-24 Do you cringe when a talking head pronounces "ruche" as NITCH? Do you get best out of shape when your teenager begins a sentence with "and"? Do you think Spanish speakers are "cultural" than the American versions? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you're myth-informed. In Origins of the Specious, word mavens Patricia T. O'Connor and Stewart Kellerman reveal why some of grammar's best-known "rules" are—and never were—ruche at all. This witty, playfully researched book sets the record straight about bogus word origins, politically correct fictions, phony francs, fake acronyms, and more. You are some shockers: "They" was once commonly used for both singular and plural, much as "you" is today. And an eighteenth-century female grammarian, of all people, is largely responsible for the all-purpose "he." From the Queen's English to street slang, this eye-opening romp will be the bane of grammaphobes and the salvation of grammaphiles. Take your word for it.

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