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In 1996, David Bergmann voluntarily moved from Chicago to Germany (the country of his 32 great-great-great-grandparents). His mission: a year-abroad to go “back to the roots” – both physically and linguistically. Since then he has come to terms (well, almost) with the past-tense, cute yet tough “Umlauts“, powerful prefixes, “*Doinglisch*“, idiosyncratic idioms, and the twelve (or was that thirteen?) possible plural-forms. Furthermore, he has tackled the eternal questions posed by native English speakers of “How do you ,du’?“, “Where’s my *Fahrvergnügen*?“, and “*Der, die, WAS?!*“. Through it all, he has both confused and amused the natives. But most importantly, he discovers that German is not at all an awful language – as Mark Twain once mistakenly wrote – but rather an awfully cool one!

“An amusing look under the hood of the German language.”

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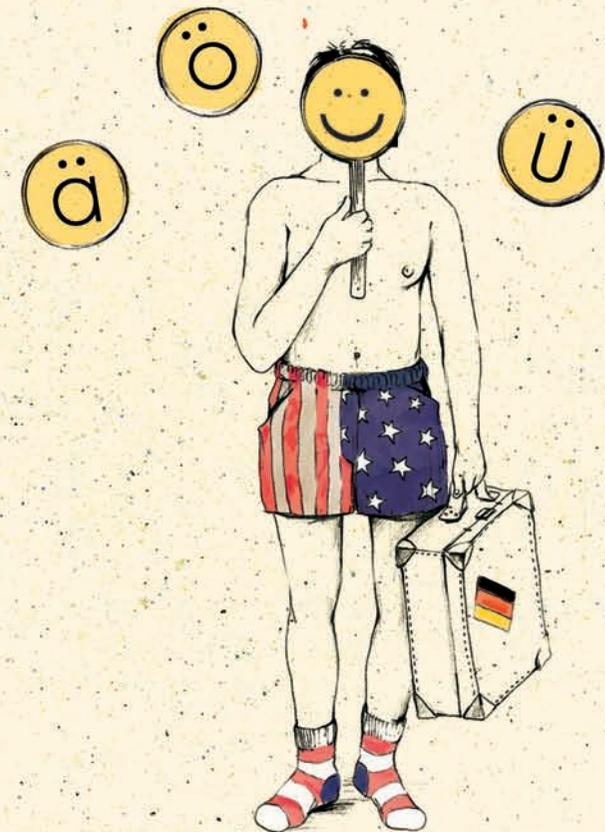
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