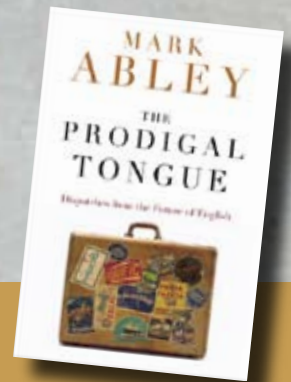


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“The Prodigal Tongue” with author Mark Abley

Mark Abley was born in England, grew up in Western Canada, and attended Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship. In 1983 he moved to Montreal. He spent 16 years working as a feature writer, literary columnist and book-review editor for the Montreal Gazette, winning a National Newspaper Award for critical writing. In 2003 he returned to a freelance life, although he continues to write the “Watchwords” column for the newspaper. He has produced three books of poetry, most recently *The Silver Palace Restaurant* (2004), but Abley is best known as a writer of non-fiction works such as *Spoken Here: Travels among threatened languages* (2003), which led to Abley being awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and his latest book, *The Prodigal Tongue: Dispatches From the Future of English* (Random House of Canada, 2008).

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