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Foxfire 10



Synopsis

First published in 1972, The Foxfire Book was a surprise bestseller that brought Appalachia's philosophy of simple living to hundreds of thousands of readers. Whether you wanted to hunt game, bake the old-fashioned way, or learn the art of successful moonshining, The Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center had a contact who could teach you how with clear, step-by-step instructions. Chock full of the wit and wisdom that has become the Foxfire trademark, this tenth volume in the acclaimed series is on oral history of Appalachian lives and traditions, homespun crafts, and folk arts including gourd carving and chairmaking.

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Customer Reviews

Although about a quarter of this collection of oral histories is devoted to folk arts and crafts, such as chair-making and gourd art, the focus in this Foxfire volume is on Appalachian history. The Tallulah Falls Railway's impact on the economy and daily life of Rabun County, Ga., gives the setting for interviews on railroad construction work and operation. Other sections consider the boardinghouses that flourished during Tallulah Falls's late-19th-century era of popularity as a vacation spot, and the building of the Fontana Dam. Interviews also explore Depression life--one man tells how his family got by through snitching apples and hunting possum--and the impact of federal programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, with its army-style camp, and dollar-a-day jobs in the Works Progress Administration. Although interviewees occasionally enliven the work with their anecdotes and irrepressible personalities, much of the writing and handling of the interviews is pedestrian,

though admirable for high-school students. This volume is likely to interest primarily those who are seeking out material on Appalachia, the CCC or the WPA. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Continuing the popular "Foxfire" series begun by teacher Eliot Wigginton as a class assignment for the students of Rabun County High School in northern Georgia, this book retains the homespun wisdom and charm of the original (LJ 3/15/72). The new volume attempts to give its collection of oral histories a unifying theme. Each topic focuses on the impact of change in the Appalachian region since the turn of the century. There is an excellent history of the Tallulah Falls Railway, as well as recollections of the Depression and federal assistance programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps. The book concludes with the series' customary coverage of regional crafts. Recommended for public libraries.- Eloise R. Hitchcock, Tennessee Technological Univ. Lib., CookevilleCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

As most readers already know, the Foxfire book series is a true treasure. Book 10 is no exception but it must be noted that as the series progress from book 1 through 12 the content does move from specific 'hands on how to' toward more of an historical review of the people of the Appalachia. There are some sections in Foxfire 10 that are dedicated to details of craft (most notably that of Chairmaking) but the majority of the content is about individuals and their colorful lives. This does not detract from the importance of the book however. The craft-heavy content of the earlier books in the series are priceless but only because of the people who pass it on through the text. Many of the wise people of the Appalachia are covered in this book and it makes the series more well rounded. Most notable for me was the chapter on "Hard Times" as told by those Americans who lived through them. It will either make you appreciate what you have or it will urge you to prepare for similar times...perhaps both. If you are considering collecting all of the Foxfire series book 10 will be no disappointment. I only held off on five stars as the first half of the series gets that accolade due to more practical content.

This is more information, stories, and pictures in the Foxfire series.....useful, helpful, and so interestingmy only complaint would be that the covers are not in the same muted colors as the first of the series....the white needs some age on it.

I just love all the Foxfire books!!

As advertised....prompt delivery

I bought my first Foxfire book "back in the day" and kept buying them as they came out. Over these many years, some disappeared to siblings or children, so I decided to fill in the gaps and buy the ones I needed. I think they are wonderful guides to the way things were done by our ancestors and I've referred to them for some old time wisdom. I enjoy just reading from them. If anything ever happened to our society and the grid went down, the wisdom contained in these books would be a treasure. I'll bet all the Preppers would like to have the complete set.

love it

I did not order thi.s. Patricia S. Keyy

Before Story Corps came Foxfire. I hope they'll keep it up for another 50 years!

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