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## **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. In the eighth volume of the series, we explore southern folk pottery from pug mills, ash glazes, and groundhog kilns to face jugs, churns and roosters, as well as Ä mule swapping, chicken fighting, and more.

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This is my favorite non-fiction book series ever! All of the books in the series are informative, entertaining, and well written! They are composed of interviews with true Appalachian people, who are great story-tellers. I highly recommend that anyone who has an interest in yesteryears to read them all! Every book in the series has a wealth of knowledge to be had within its pages! Everyone,

in my opinion, should gain a healthy amount of information on self sustainable lifestyles...and who doesn't love a good story-teller?! A great Book....at a great value.

I started collecting face jugs and wanted to re-read what Foxfire had written about them.

We have learned so much from The Foxfire books. This one was really special because it had something about a relative of my daughters family, Mr. Norman Smith. We used to buy pottery from him before he passed away. I still have my churns, candlesticks and bean pot that he made for me. He used to let my children play with his wheel and clay to "make something " when they were small. I miss seeing his wares sitting out by his shop when we pass by, but now I have pictures in the book to remember. Everyone needs to read this series of books.

The Foxfire series is the creation of English teacher Elliott Wiggington (Wig) who made it a point to have students participating in his program interview older folks to find out how they did things in everyday life. And even though this is the work of high school students, the writing is clear, concise, informative, and very readable. Good writing is good writing. Each volume is like a time capsule, capturing the wisdom and know-how from individuals born around the turn of the 20th century. And while the focus is based around the inhabitants in and around Rabun County, Georgia, this information shows life as it was in America circa the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. In this eighth volume, the focus is on folk pottery -- how it's made, the different styles, and interviews with the artists. Most interesting is the firing process and the history of the kiln. You'll also find information on mule swapping and chicken fighting. After reading several of these volumes, I think what appealed to me most of all was the fact that these older folks in the 80s and 90s weren't viewed as forgotten relics of a bygone era. They were treated with respect and dignity, and their memories treated as the treasures that they indeed are. It's a shame nowadays that we don't have more publications like Foxfire that highlight the knowledge gained from our older population. So many folks in the 70s, 80s, and 90s sit alone at home, or in nursing homes forgotten and alone. They are untapped resources of great stories and wisdom. Fortunately for us, the people at Foxfire realized the value of these individuals and preserved some of those stories for future generations to cherish and enjoy. If you have an interest in 19th century knowledge and an appreciation or an interest in how things used to be, you cannot do without this series.

Good reading of a fine subject

As advertised...prompt delivery

I purchased all 12 Foxfire volumes in one purchase. After having read and thumbed-through them, I can honestly state that these books are invaluable. I was impressed with some of the "old skills" that were documented by these group of students. I personally live in the north Georgia area and can vouch for the fact that many of the techniques documented in the books are indeed accurate. I do recommend any of the Foxfire series for individuals who, like our family, strive to live an independent lifestyle, away from the "modern" ways of doing things. Some things you keep from the modern lifestyle, but many, many are easy to discard. A good read.

My husband had parts of this series and this is one that he had missed ...he loved it and read it cover to cover ..

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