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Synopsis

Volume 3 of this series covers animal care, banjos and dulcimers, wild plant foods, butter churns, ginseng and more.

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Customer Reviews

I own, read and use almost all of the Foxfire books. Actually, we owe both the Foxfire people and we certainly owe the characters of a gone generation. This work, Volume III, is like the others. A wonderful history of how it was. In this day and age of having most needs meet and something for everyone on the Wal-mart shelf, we tend to forget just what it was like in our not too distant past. These books, the Foxfire books, brings to light skills, attitudes and a way of life that is all but forgotten. Do be warned though, as one reviewer has pointed out, these are not step by step "how to do it" books. But This is sort a good thing as the how to books out there are sort of a dime a dozen any more. When a people lose their history, they lose part of their soul. As the title of this work states, this addresses many of the old forgotten skills and there is so much more. The editors have done a wonderful job. They have made a very honest effort to replicate the dialect of those places and times and I feel that this is a big part of the charm of these books. I am old enough to have known many of the kinds of folks featured in these books, being only one generation past them, and have a great appreciation for what and how they did all the little things we take so for granted now. I might also suggest that you actually try some of the things mentioned in these volumes. It will give you even more of an appreciation for what they did, and hey, who knows, the skill you develop just might come in handy one of these days! Recommend this and the other

Foxfire books highly.

All of the foxfire books have a similar format: interviews with elders who practice a specific handicraft. And in the telling you can learn a lot of good details, but these books are not meant to teach you how to do any of these crafts, they are simply recording the knowledge of these elders. There are much better how-to's out there for skills. For a general book, get "The Encyclopedia of Country Living", for a book on hide-tanning get "Deerskins into Buckskins", both available from .com

My son wanted the entire Foxfire collection so I purchased all of the books from . He has read all of the books now and while some of the volumes he said did not have much practical instructional information he still enjoyed reading them immensely if just for the story aspect. These books are great for anyone who loves to read about old-fashioned ways of living before modern conveniences were commonplace or for someone who wants to learn how many things were done before things were so readily available. These books would be great for anyone who is of the "survivalist" mindset or anyone who just wants to learn to be more self sufficient.

This is a how to book. This book is expecially popular with people from the 1970's and for people who want to learn the old ways of doing things and living off the grid. So yes even though these books are so dated they are important and I wish I could buy them all.

I am so glad that these people took the time to interview and document these stories and people and their way of life. It would have been a shame to have all of this history and knowledge go to waste.

If you enjoy folkways and old time techniques around the homestead you will enjoy these books. Many useful techniques for homesteading are covered, techniques and instructions you can readily use at your home. A fun read. I have enjoyed all the Firefox books I have read to date.

I scratch build musical instruments and the best old reference fom making Appalachian mountain banjos is this old out-of-print book. The wonderful thing about these old Foxfire books is that they always interviewed the people who showed them how to make things. It was just as much about them as it was about the crafts. I enjoyed the people as much as I did the crafting of the banjos. And where else can anyone find out how to skin and tan a groundhog hide? It's what the old mountain

people used for a banjo skin head. It's wonderful history any way you look at it, and being a city kid, I enjoyed reading the other articles in this book as well. I think that there are ten of these Foxfire books, and they are easy enough to find on . This one was a big help to me in making old banjos.

The whole Foxfire experience is marvelous. Just think about that teacher who assigned these mountain children the joyful task of gathering local history of the way the old folks lived. The resulting books have been printed/reprinted/loved/appreciated for several decades now. I needed this one to authenticate a story I was writing about how my grandparents lived, and the Foxfire book(s) do just that. They are all classics, and this one is a real treasure.

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