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Foxfire 11: The Old Home Place, Wild Plant Uses, Preserving And Cooking Food, Hunting Stories, Fishing, More Affairs Of Plain Living



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. This eleventh volume celebrates the rituals and recipes of the Appalachian homeplace, including a one-hundred page section on herbal remedies, and segments about planting and growing a garden, preserving and pickling, smoking and salting, honey making, beekeeping, and fishing, as well as hundreds of the kind of spirited firsthand narrative accounts from Appalachian community members that exemplify the Foxfire style. Much more than "how-to" books, the Foxfire series is a publishing phenomenon and a way of life, teaching creative self-sufficiency, the art of natural remedies, home crafts, and other country folkways, fascinating to everyone interested in rediscovering the virtues of simple life.

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Customer Reviews

With this newest volume in the Foxfire series comes a wealth of the kind of folk wisdom and values of simple living that have made these volumes beloved bestsellers for the last three decades, with more than two million copies in print. In 1966, in the Appalachian Mountains of Northeast Georgia, Eliot Wigginton and his students founded a quarterly magazine that they named Foxfire, after a phosphorescent lichen. In 1972, several articles from the magazine were published in book form,

and the acclaimed Foxfire series was born. Almost thirty years later, in this age of technology and cyber-living, the books teach a philosophy of simplicity in living that is truly enduring in its appeal. This new volume--Foxfire 11--celebrates the rituals and recipes of the Appalachian homeplace, including a one-hundred page section on herbal remedies, and segments about planting and growing a garden, preserving and pickling, smoking and salting, honey making, beekeeping, and fishing, as well as hundreds of the kind of spirited firsthand narrative accounts from Appalachian community members that exemplify the Foxfire style. Much more than "how-to" books, the Foxfire series is a publishing phenomenon and a way of life, teaching creative self-sufficiency, the art of natural remedies, home crafts, and other country folkways, fascinating to everyone interested in rediscovering the virtues of simple life.

Founded in 1966, FOXFIRE is a nonprofit education organization. Foxfire's learner-centered, community-based approach is advocated through The Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center and grounded in the Southern Appalachian culture that promotes a sense of place and appreciation of local people and culture as essential educational tools.

The foxfire books are a wealth of useful information for anyone wishing to learn the homesteading arts. Each book has great how-to's as well as everyday life stories. Really gives you a good look into the life without all the "modern" conveniences. My only complaint is that I wish the photos (especially for the "how-to's" sections) were of better quality.

Foxfire 11 is a superb book. This one has much of what I was REALLY interested in when I started to get into the series. Much more of what I was seeking was in book 1 and this now is my second most handy reference. Foxfire 11 has fantastic information on old time fishing, hunting, wild plants and food prep! Much of the down to earth and practical information in the book is priceless. Many of the stories of the wonderful people of the Appalachia are included as in the others in the series. This part of the Foxfire series is one of the best due to what it has to offer for the history buff, casual reader and outdoor survivalist alike. There is a section called "The Old Homeplace" which is excellent. It reflects what a home meant to those who lived in the Appalachia during hard times with little to spare. It goes into detail on every aspect of the home and what it took to build it and to keep it up. It shows that it was not just a place to live but a part of each family and part of what they were about. I suggest all of the Foxfire books and this is simply one of the best.

My mother was among the original believers in Foxfire and encouraged us kids to read it along with her. Decades later with the "prepping" movement I got to wondering about them again and had to work a bit to find a complete original set. I really enjoyed the original series and learned a lot from them reading them some decades later. Way more than I sadly admit I did when Mom "encouraged" us to the first time around. When the later books came out I had high hopes for what else I could learn now that research is so much easier courtesy of the "net" and such. The later books were still worth buying and reading but did not reach out and really grab my brain and imagination like 1 - 9 did. Overall I did not feel that the last few had as much of the content I was hoping for - though some chapters were absolutely as educational and captivating as the original series was for me. The specialty titles are a good read and source though - such as "moonshine" and the elements on natural medicine. If this kind of knowledge is what you are seeking I would suggest you read vol 1-9 first and just accept that the later volumes are understandably another generation away from the original mission and sources Foxfire was created with; and so are (we).

I bought this as a gift for my dad, to restore the Foxfire collection he had when I was a child. He loves it and I'm thinking of getting my own collection, after restoring his. Whether one reads Foxfire for nostalgia, a curious look into southern Appalachian ways from the "oldtimers" themselves, or as a how-to on self-sufficient living, it's a great series with much value.

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.

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.

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Finally bought all the Foxfire books for myself, having seen them years ago but never owned them. They are fascinating to read, and I bet from time to time you will use something in them for your own. I Love It!

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