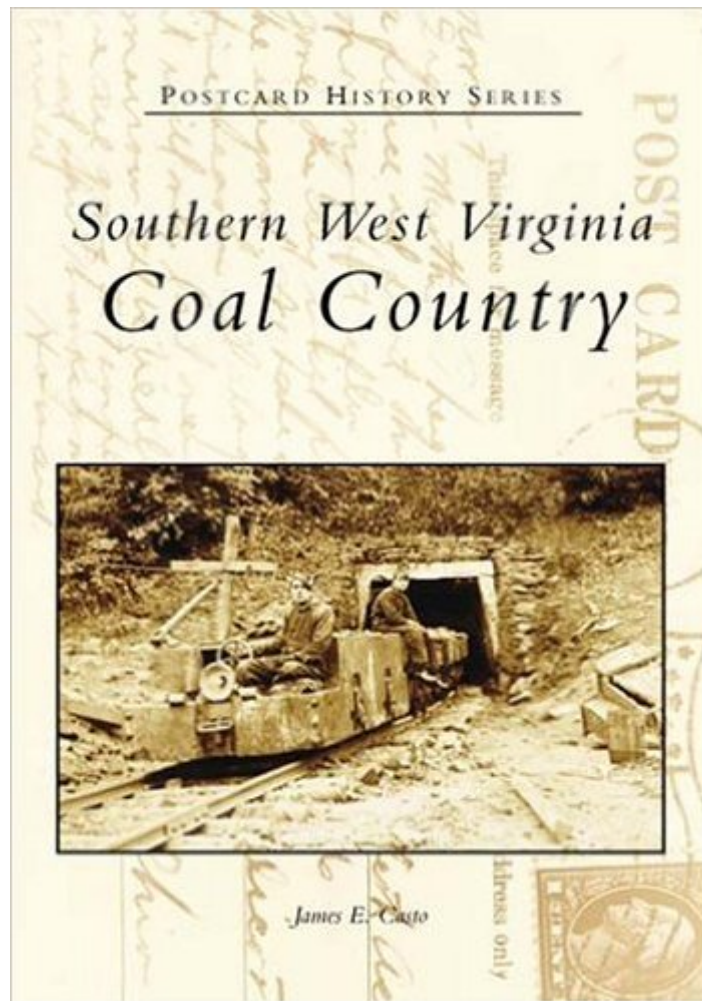


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# Southern West Virginia: Coal Country (Postcard History Series)



## Synopsis

Coal was mined in Southern West Virginia even before the state's birth in 1863 but was mostly consumed within a few miles of where it was dug. When the railroads arrived on the scene, they not only provided a means of getting that coal to market, they also brought in trainloads of workers to the sparsely populated region. With the mines generally located in remote, out-of-the-way spots, operators were forced to build housing for those workers and their families, as well as company stores, schools, and churches- everything needed in a small community. Overnight, the nation's demand for coal turned sleepy, little places in Southern West Virginia into boomtowns and helped cities such as Charleston and Huntington grow and prosper as gateways to and from the coalfields.

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I was born down in that area, so was very interested in learning it's history - great book - I learned a lot.

Beautiful book with great pictures of the southern WV coal fields. This book is a must for anyone from this area.

Dr. Ansted came to West Virginia and declared the "rock that burns" was bituminous coal much wanted in London parlors, befriended silent partner 'Colonel' Paige, and began his mission. Civil war interrupted plans but eventually NewPort News accumulated the primitive resource that the

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