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Foxfire 2: Ghost Stories, Spring Wild Plant Foods, Spinning And Weaving, Midwifing, Burial Customs, Corn Shuckin's, Wagon Making And More Affairs Of Plain Living



Synopsis

This second Foxfire volume includes topics such as ghost stories, spinning and weaving, wagon making, midwifing, corn shuckin', and more.

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Customer Reviews

The series of Foxfire books takes you back in time when life was hard physically but simpler mentally. While reading these books I fell like I am in a time capsule being transported back in time ninety or so years. I enjoy past history and anything to do with mountain country around the Smokies. These people lived off the land and took the time to enjoy life and their families. These books provide tips for things that are still done the same way, such as tanning hides. Norma Doyle, Florida

THis work, Volume II, 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. This is a good thing. When a people lose their history, they lose part of their soul. As the title of this work states, Ghost Stories, Wild Plant Foods, Spinning, Weaving, Midwifing, Corn Shucking, 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.

After reading the first Foxfire book, I fell in love with the old ways and the simpler life the people of the Blue Ridge lived. I even shared it with my scouts, and we made soap out of campfire ashes and discarded bacon grease on a recent campout. Book 2 contains even more of the same, including how to build a primitive log cabin, make a wagon, preserve vegetables and what plants are good to eat in spring. There's also a complete guide to stripping a hog down and using nearly every piece of it!

These are just really good books! Grew up reading them at my aunts house. Educational and wonderful stories on how things use to be done. Everything from moonshine, old time medicine and ghost stories. I've read them numerous times and they never get old. I hope to get the entire collection of foxfire books so my kids can grow up reading these wonderful books too.

What can be said? The Foxfire series is already classic for the preservation of personal stories and the ways of mountain life. This volume covers the foraging and gathering of wild foods and is very good - BUT I would still recommend a reliable plant guidebook with color photographs - just to be positive about each plant. Be sure, be safe in wild food gathering, if you are not 100% sure, DO NOT EAT the gathered foods. The ghost stories are classic and the sections about spinning and weaving are so interesting. I am building a library of these necessary books just for the accumulated years of knowledge these books contain.

Sometimes it's good to look to our past, not just for pondering what was, but to see what can be. I have often felt more aware and alive with less, than with so much I would do nothing. There are many books in this series but the first five are a must have.

Reread these books for a research project after having browsed them in the 1970s when they were the rage and enjoyed them even more. Great information! They vividly capture a way of life that is

disappearing from homogeneous America.

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.

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