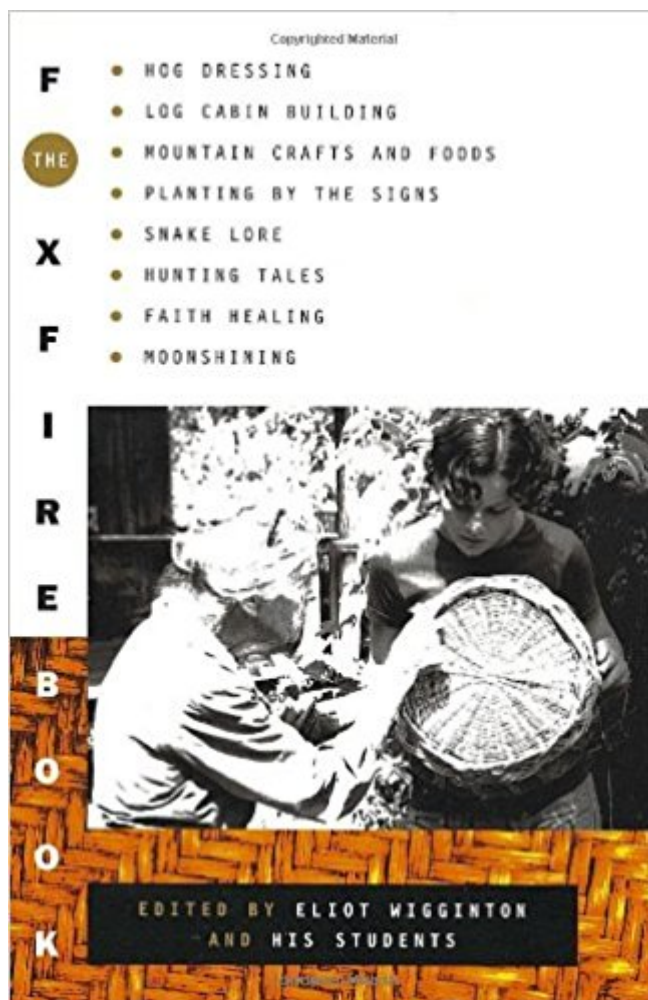


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# The Foxfire Book: Hog Dressing, Log Cabin Building, Mountain Crafts And Foods, Planting By The Signs, Snake Lore, Hunting Tales, Faith Healing, Moonshining, And Other Affairs Of Plain Living





## 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 classic debut volume of the acclaimed series covers a diverse array of crafts and practical skills, including log cabin building, hog dressing, basketmaking, cooking, fencemaking, crop planting, hunting, and moonshining, as well as a look at the history of local traditions like snake lore and faith healing.

## Book Information

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I read the entire series of Foxfire books back in the early 80's and decided to see if it meant more to me now than it did when I was a young man. It did. One thing that meant much more to me as an older man are the verbatim words of the people spoken about in the books. They even use the vernacular of the old time Kentucky mountain people. But it is what they are trying to pass on to the newer generations that means so much to me, and I suspect this is the very reason the Foxfire series of books was written in the first place. I highly recommend these books to anyone who is interested in the history of this part of America, and especially to anyone who is interested in learning how the old timers did things. This can be essential information if the country ever collapses into the chaos of economic self-destruction or governmental collapse. I am going to purchase the entire series of books again, and this time they will be kept on bookshelves and saved for any future contingency. I highly recommend these books to you. The only negative thing I have to say about them is the poor quality of the binding and paper used to print them. If I could find these books in hardback, printed on better paper with better photographic prints, I would buy them the instant I saw them.

This is an outstanding book, it contains many of the methods used for all types of very useful home & survival crafts. These are old art forms, that were used frequently by our ancestors which without this kind of documentation would otherwise be lost to time. I highly recommend this book.

I had books 1-5 growing up, and loved them. Sure, they lack any real proofreading, but at least someone took the time to record all this information. I know how to cook a possum, build a log cabin, and brew moonshine because of these books! So, I picked this one up for my son so he can begin his own collection and learn some valuable information

This book is a true treasure! The Foxfire Book is full of the information and lore collected by the students of Rabun County, Georgia. They made a project of preserving the old ways of their parents and grandparents, who have lived in those mountains for generations. If you ever had a curiosity, or wondered about what it may have been like to live the way the pioneers lived or the settlers of old, this book tells it all. It even tells you how build your own cabin, with a fireplace, how to plant by the signs, meaning by the position of the stars in the night skies, how to make moonshine, and how to

use use herbs provided in nature for healing. I cannot go into all the details of this book without basically reciting the text of the book, so instead I will just say that you need to buy it and read it - the pictures and photos make it come to life. This is the original survival manual!

Love reading about many of the "old ways" the people of the Appalachian and Smoky Mountains that helped them survive life. Have even tried a couple of the meat smoking and soap making suggestions. Life was hard, but they didn't complain and made the best of it, and even enjoyed it. If you're interested in reading about the "old ways" of mountain living, or maybe getting even trying to get back to the earth, these are the books for you. Great price, easy reading, informative, and just plain interesting I would recommend these to anyone. The dealers from whom I ordered shipped promptly and the book was just as described. So far, I have books 1-7 of the collection. Excellent!

ALL the True Foxfires < written by < duh > E. Wigginton are nearly the best " survival " books I have ever found. I have , treasure and guard them all.How to do it without....ta da The Grid.Do watch what you buy, there are...Foxfire tributes, etc...that is why I specified " look for above " author.They cost much more now...I've had mine for quite awhile, I still purchased one I discovered missing.Awesome, awesome books.

I chose a 4 star rating because the books are in great condition, they came in a timely manner and I was surprised at the size of the book. I was thinking this was a smaller, manual and not a thick book! I was skimming through and it seemed to have great information. I am gifting this, that is why I have not read it, as of yet. If I read it I would have probably rated this as a 5 star item. :) The book covers many different topics, there are images and first hand accounts that were documented throughout the book. The images are in black-and-white.

Great book for young teens to read to visualize how people survived the still do in the mountains A project of a high school class that grew to a great series of books...

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