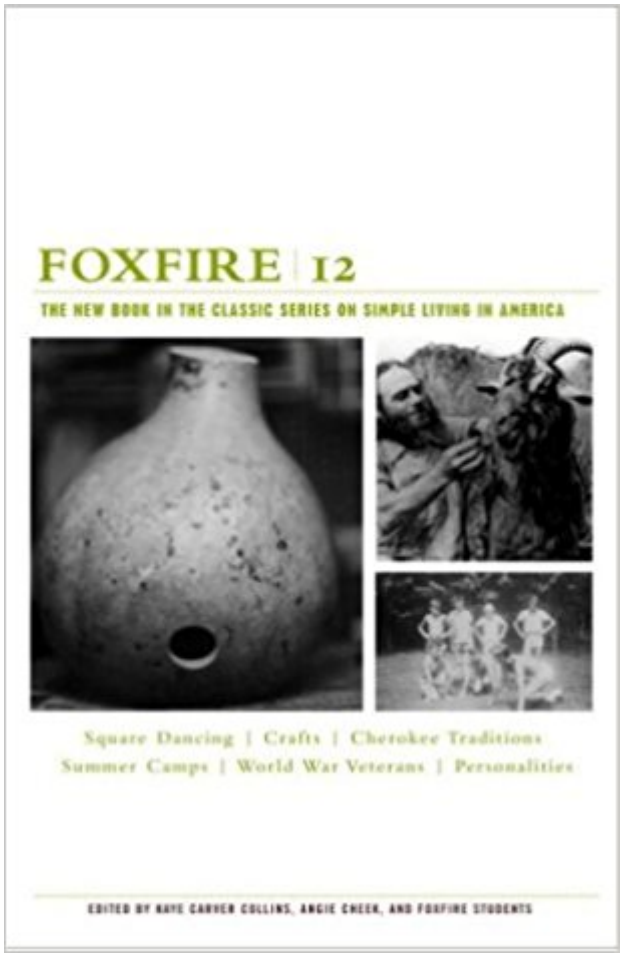
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The first new volume in five years for this popular series has the familiar charm and, unfortunately, repetitiveness of the earlier 11. First published in 1966 as a quarterly magazine, Foxfire was a classroom project to pass on to future generations the Appalachian culture of northwest Georgia. Teachers Collins and Creek, with their students, have brought together a mixture of personal stories, folktales, rituals and observations that highlight a way of life that is quickly vanishing. Some

of the memories recounted by elderly residents are quite engaging, while others are less so. Fred Huff, who taught school for 46 years and was Teacher of the Year several times, colorfully conveys the joy he took in his chosen profession and makes the modest claim that "I got more awards than I deserved." Eighty-one-year-old Fannie Ruth Martin stoically details a childhood full of poverty and hardship, yet then asserts, "[K]ids today have too much!" Devotees of Appalachian folkways will relish descriptive passages on square dancing, pottery and the way to construct a simple wooden casket. There is an informative chapter about Cherokee stories and some very interesting accounts by people who attended three different summer camps in the area. Photos. Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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As advertised...prompt delivery

My son wanted the entire Foxfire collection so I purchased all twelve books available. He loves these books!! These books are a wealth of information about how to "live off the land" and accomplish many tasks the old fashioned way. Great information for anyone who wants to learn the old techniques for hunting, fishing, building, preserving food, etc. Basically a survivalists handbook. I cannot rate the individual books as I have not read them. My son tells me some of the books do not have as much actual instruction but still he enjoys reading all of them as they are great for the story purposes.

Book number 12 is no disappointment. As with the others, this book provides an invaluable peek into the past, when people were self sufficient. While some of the information conflicts with the present "experts", there is no doubt that the old ways work. If they didn't, these people would have starved to death or died of sickness. There was no welfare, WIC, or government program to help if you fell on your face.

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I did not order this. Patricia S. Key

Foxfire books first came to my notice when I was teaching journalism a few years back. I found the books to be of great assistance in having my students write about the folk lore of our region. Unless these projects are done, we will lose far too much of this distinctive and unusual part of our history and culture. Well done and recommended.

Book was shipped promptly and just as described.

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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