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Foxfire 5: Ironmaking, Blacksmithing, Flintlock Rifles, Bear Hunting, And Other Affairs Of Plain Living (Foxfire (Paperback))



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. The fifth Foxfire volume includes rain-making, blacksmithing, bear hunting, flintlock rifles, and more.

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All of the Firefox volumes are well worth owning, both for the informational content and the anecdotes and stories of the past they catalog. We bought this book primarily to continue trying to complete the series, but also because our housemate is (coincidentally) taking blacksmithing, welding, and machining courses. Like all Foxfire books, there are lots of stories about life back in the "old days", but the book also has basic information on making a few different items. As we are building a forge, and I am going to be learning to make small items myself, I expect that the informational content will be quite useful, though it is far from encyclopedic in its coverage of this art. That being said, there's not all that much in depth material out in the literary/textbook world that

actually covers the vanishing art of the smith, so ANY accurate information is welcome--and this particular Firefox book does have accurate information presented in a clear, easy to understand format, though not nearly as much as I would like. The stories, however, are as I would expect from this series, and Eliot Wiggington--well-written and interesting slices of life with the occasional luminous phrase or highly evocative passage. For leisure reading with a side of good useful information, it's pretty tough to beat any of the original Foxfire books, so it's well worth the price.

I was first introduced to these books by my father and I have a daughter who is fascinated with learning to survive off the grid. All of the foxfire series have wonderful tips and realistic advice with great photos. I believe these are truly a must have series for anybody who wants to learn the old ways.

Bought this to replace one missing in the series inherited from very elderly Mom. I love these books! They are a walk through history, when people had to be self-sufficient. We take so much for granted now. And sometimes "the old ways" really do work best. My husband actually has a couple f flintlock rifles, and I admit I knew neither the history nor how they worked. If anyone has ever wondered "how did they do that?", invest in the Foxfire series!

Foxfire 5 was okay but did not have the detail in it that I was hoping for. You may like it.

got it for my grandson we love it

Should be required reading @least as some parts of entire series.

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What can I say, the Foxfire books have been a favorite since they first came out. Cultural anthropology mixed with wonder mixed with nostalgia mixed with wonderful ideas for artists and craftsmen. Collect the whole set.

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