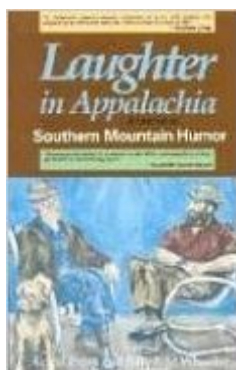


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# Laughter In Appalachia: A Festival Of Southern Mountain Humor



## Synopsis

From the people of the Appalachian Mountains comes a special brand of humor: dry, colorful and earthy, aimed sometimes at the hillbilly's own foibles, but often at the outside world's pretenses, too. As longtime fans of and contributors to Appalachian lore, Jones and Wheeler collected the material for this popular and timeless volume at the Festival of Appalachian Humor sponsored by the Appalachian Center at Berea College. Includes jokes and yarns on such topics as hunting, lawyers and doctors, alcohol, and religion, along with essays on the nature and origins of humor. This hilarious collection based in Appalachia America will teach readers the importance of resourcefulness, trustworthiness and respect.

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## Customer Reviews

Loyal Jones: Jones was born in Marble, Cherokee County, and lived there until he was 12, when his family moved to Brasstown in Clay County. "We were farmers, living on rented land," he said. One of eight children, Jones served a brief stint in the Navy after high school, and then worked as a farmer and horse trainer before enrolling as an undergraduate at Berea College. Jones began writing in college, but did not publish until several years later. He has been a prolific writer with literally dozens of published articles concerning Appalachian culture and its people to his credit. One characteristic of Jones' writing is optimism about the resiliency of mountain people and their culture, says Ron Eller, former director of the Appalachian Center at the University

of Kentucky. Jones' message has been that Appalachia should be judged by its own core values - family, land, traditionalism - rather than by more mainstream values of accumulation, wealth and power, Eller said. "In many ways, he represents the best of Appalachia, the part of Appalachian society that values people for what they really are." In his years of writing and speaking about the region, Jones has become one of its best-known and best-loved figures. In addition to the numerous articles he has written about Appalachia, he has also authored nine books, including multiple volumes on regional humor.

Most books I've seen about Southern or Mountain humor are making fun of the people from these areas. However, after living in this area (East TN) for 9 years (and having grandparents from the border of TN/NC), I really appreciated the perspective of this book. It's gentle, insightful, respectful and funny. I found the first copy at a used book store, and enjoyed it so much, I ordered another copy from Amazon and had it mailed to my Dad. He has a need for humor and his parents were the ones from this area. I would like to get more books from these authors as well.

A light-hearted collection of southern Appalachian humor, carefully researched. A informative as it is fun to read.

humorous, not politically correct but some old-timey jokes won't kill you... enjoyable in small doses...

I love this book! I laughed so hard! Could not put it down! Good read for a down and out day.

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