



Appalachian Mountain Girl: Coming of Age in Coal Mine Country (Paperback)

By Rhoda Bailey Warren

Academy Chicago Publishers, United States, 2005. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. This is the story of the Bailey family's escape from the gruelling Corbin Glow mines in 1930 to find a better life in Letcher, Kentucky - the prettiest place in the world . Rhoda Warren's account is three dimensional: with humour and warmth - but without sentimentality. She recounts the lives of these mining people whose religion and family values buttressed and sustained them. Among others, we meet Kin, who saddened his neighbours with songs of the old Southland ; Lie Shingles, a man without a home of his own who travelled from neighbour to neighbour as an honoured guest at mealtime; Gideon, a preacher without formal training, who heeded a call from god to come to Letcher and to relieve the people's despair; and Cindy, a Doctor Woman and artist accused of witchcraft by the local minister. As a young girl, Rhoda begins to catch glimpses of the world outside her narrow mountain community through the stories in the True Confessions magazine and the pictures in the Montgomery Ward catalogue - to her these things seemed visions of a fairy...

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