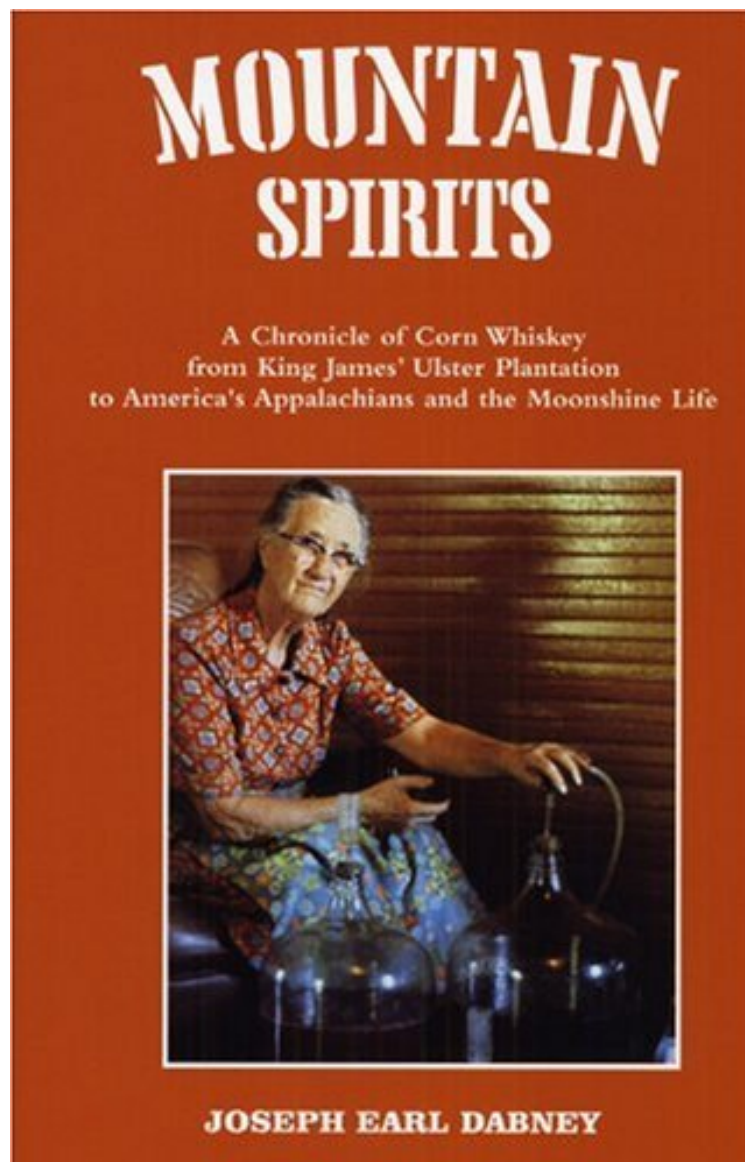


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Mountain Spirits: A Chronicle of Corn Whiskey from King James' Ulster Plantation to America's Appalachians and the Moonshine Life*:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful first-person Americana
By Dennis Waters
The moonshiners who plied their trade in the Southern highlands 75 years ago would no doubt be shocked today to learn of the industrial scale distilleries making "corn likker" throughout the countryside in Iowa and neighboring states. They would be even more shocked to learn that the Federal government is a generous partner in the process rather than an armed adversary. Times change, and Joseph Earl Dabney does a fine job of documenting centuries' worth of change in the world of DIY alcohol distillation in the mountain regions of the southern U.S. These regions originally were settled by the so-called "Scotch-Irish," who brought their whiskey-making talents along with their independent spirit when they came to these shores in the 17th and 18th centuries. *Mountain Spirits* is 35 years old and its age shows in certain stylistic ways, but it also means that when Dabney wrote it he was still able to capture many first-person accounts of the moonshining life, from the operators who made the hooch to the runners who brought it to the cities to the "revenuers" who pursued both. And the first-person accounts are first-rate. What a cast of characters! Dabney reminds us that, except for Prohibition, illegal distillation was all about taxes. Making spirits was perfectly legal as long as the taxes were paid. He also reminds us that for many residents of remote mountain valleys there were few other realistic ways of earning a living. Finally, he reminds us that this was not romantic work, but rather nonstop back-breaking labor involving long days and the constant risk of capture. The only romantic jobs were those of the "runners," whose souped-up cars were legendary for taking mountain roads at high speeds and leading the revenuers on many a chase. This culture of speed, incidentally, was one of the key forerunners to what is today known as NASCAR. I recommend this book. It does a great job of illuminating a fascinating corner of American culture.
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I bought this item as a gift for my father along with "More Mountain Spirits". He has absolutely loved reading more about moonshining. These books also have diagrams and pictures which help to illustrate exactly what the author is trying to convey which make it easy to follow and very informative.
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Great addition to my collection.

Mountain Spirits is a scholarly yet entertaining look into this staple of Southern Appalachian history. The folklore of moonshine whiskey is full of fact and fiction, but the real characters tell stories even more humorous and exciting. Dabney's interviews with actual moonshiners and his documented history allow one to take a trip through the mountains - and through history - to discover both the origins and development of the art of making whiskey. With a complete glossary, photographs, illustrations, and interviews, *Mountain Spirits* offers a most complete exploration of this craft, from distilling for personal use to the moonshining gangs that emerged during Prohibition.

"It's rich reading - wild chases through the Appalachian backcountry, anecdotes of the wild and woolly Prohibition days, and a pervading sense of nostalgia. Of all Americana, this book presents some of the most authentic history and the liveliest reading." --Hal Burton, *Newsday*