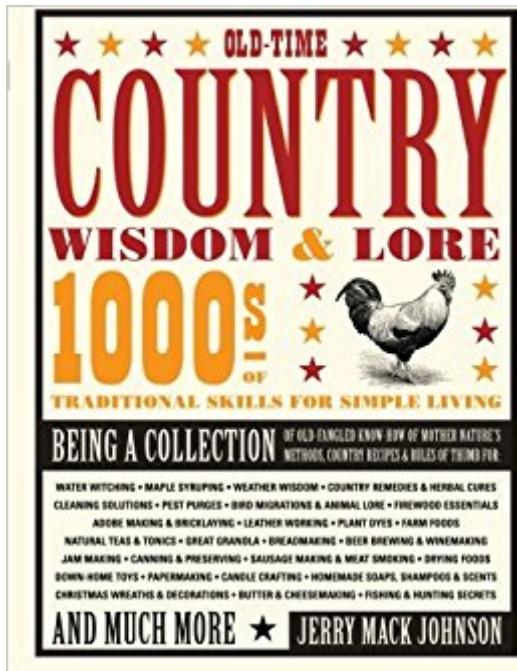


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# Old-Time Country Wisdom & Lore: 1000s Of Traditional Skills For Simple Living



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A grand encyclopedia of country lore by famed Texas folklorist Jerry Mack Johnson, covering water witching, maple syruping, weather wisdom, country remedies and herbal cures, cleaning solutions, pest purges, bird migrations and animal lore, firewood essentials, adobe making and bricklaying, leather working, plant dyes, farm foods, natural teas and tonics, granola, bread making, beer brewing and winemaking, jams and jellies, canning and preserving, sausage making and meat smoking, drying foods, down-home toys, papermaking, candle crafting, homemade soaps and shampoos, Christmas wreaths and decorations, butter and cheese making, fishing and hunting secrets, and much more.

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Can you calculate the temperature by listening to a cricket chirp? What is the best way to dip a homemade candle? How do you make honey-dandelion wine and homemade cheese? Are high-flying swallows a sign of fair weather or foul? What are the sure-fire secrets and best baits for catching fish? How can you soothe a fussy baby with molasses and chicken feathers? This handy reference guide of now-forgotten rural skills, foods, and crafts will answer the above questions and many more, taking you back to a simpler time. Packed with more than 1,000 projects, pastimes, recipes, and down-home truths—plus 400 vintage illustrations—Old-Time Country Wisdom & Lore is a veritable encyclopedia of country instruction and advice.

Go back to the simple life of the countryside. In Old-Time Country Wisdom & Lore, you'll learn how to read the clouds to predict the weather, make a long-lasting campfire, can fruits and vegetables, braid a rug, use a divining rod to find water, make a hammock, brew strawberry tea, tap trees to make maple syrup, find the best fishing spots, make homemade cheese and butter, build a rubber-band boat and other children's toys, fashion a backpack, cook up jams and jellies, keep your house spic-and-span, make gravestone rubbings, stitch a quilt, form adobe bricks, tan animal hides, dip wax candles, play Mumblety-Peg and other games, mix your own shampoos and lotions, build a tin-can lantern, make wallpaper and wall stencils, smoke sausages, cure arthritis and other ailments, fire a clay pot, craft homemade Christmas ornaments, repair leather shoes, rid your home of pests, plant your garden according to the moon's phases, and much more. Curated by famed Texas folklorist Jerry Mack Johnson, Old-Time Country Wisdom & Lore is a homespun encyclopedia of classic country know-how.

Cool book full of odd 'wisdom' just like the cover says. Got here in good shape just as described by seller. Very happy.

Fun old-time wisdom & lore book with lots of neat recipes, tidbits of country wisdom, and an interesting layout that moves you through the book quickly. I bought this as a curriculum supplement for some youngsters to compare & contrast several topics from country wisdom & lore to now-a-days processes and knowledge. They enjoyed the activities and the book makes for a quick read, serving as a jumping off point to delve deeper into a variety of topics.

If you like to reflect back in time, or return to a simpler way of life and doing things, this book is for you! I prefer doing things the old fashioned way and this book has never failed me.

This book is really neat. I haven't gotten a chance to read the entire thing, but I knew what I was buying. I like the weather forecasting bits the best so far.

Great book lots of hard to find answers to questions

This book is something we can read for years, then start over or pick a spot to start. It's great reading material for guests or kids. You start reading & you can't stop. Again, this is a book we got from the library and couldn't come close to finishing it. We had to have it, so we bought it. The book

was in EXCELLENT condition and arrived in veryshort time.Thank you!

This book exceeded my expectations! It has interesting tips for living the in country side and I can't wait trying them.

This book is full of wonderful readable stories. However, it was lacking in useful everyday knowledge. I really enjoyed reading the book as some of the stories are actually funny - as in "did they really do that?" Some of the advice is well written, but a lot of the information is outdated and not useful for today's modern homestead.

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