





Backwoodsmen: Stockmen and Hunters Along a Big Thicket River Valley

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University of Oklahoma Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 328 pages. Dimensions: 8.8in. x 6.0in. x 0.9in.Backwoodsmen: Stockmen and Hunters along a Blg Thicket Valley presents a detailed social history of the backcountry stockmen, hunters, and woodsmen of the Neches River in southeastern Texas. Labeled crackers, pineys, sandhillers, and nesters by townspeople across the upland South, southern backwoodsmen have often been dismissed by historians. One of the first works to challenge these stereotypes was Frank Owsleys Plain Folk of the Old South (1949). In Backwoodsmen, Thad Sitton follows Owsleys stockmen and small farmers into the twentieth century. As in parts of Appalachia, many elements of centuries-old herding and hunting lifeways survived in the Neches Valley into the 1960s. In what early settlers called the Big Thicket or Big Woods, everything outside fenced fields was, by long established custom, open range, a wooded commons in which hogs, cattle, and backwoodsmen were free to roam. And roam they did--not only stockmen, with their rooter hogs and woods cattle, but also tir cutters, greymoss gatherers, hunters, trappers, fishermen, and moonshiners. Sitton details their daily activities, relying mainly on oral history interviews he conducted with dozens of Neches Valley woodsmen. Along the edge of...



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