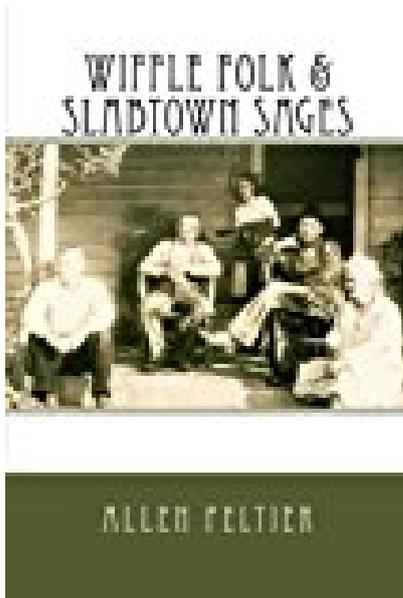


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BOOK SYNOPSIS

Wiffle Folk (and Slabtown Sages) Allen Peltier Those who appreciate a light sprinkling of irony over their literary entree may be drawn to the fact that Allen Peltier was born in an apartment above the Sugar Grove Virginia Odd Fellows Hall. One shouldn't infer that the dozen or so dirt farmers, lumbermen, egg merchants and sharecroppers listed on the clubs membership roll were particularly odd. Nevertheless, the folks who populated Rye Valley and the nearby town of Wytheville in the 1930s, 40s and 50s provided Peltier with sufficient quirks, nits, and Blue Dog Methodist virtue to flesh out this collection. Granted, readers will find the occasional rogue or rascal, but this work is mainly populated by good-natured Appalachian folk trying to wrest a living from the land and salvation from the Almighty. Peltier, who spent a few years in the comedic trenches polishing sitcom scripts for a cable network, seldom uses the actual names for his characters, and embroiders his recollections of his favorite Wiffle and Sugar Grove friends and relatives with well-intentioned exaggeration. Readers may conclude Peltier paints the local characters of his youth with the fondness of the long-since displaced. That this collection defies literary categorization is an understatement. It could be compared to Edgar Lee Masters Spoon River Anthology, Lerner & Loewes "Brigadoon" or Faulkners Yoknapatawpha County fiction, but the characters herein have an added dimension and depth of character that made the originals on which they are modeled so memorable for the author. Along the way, readers are treated to insights into an American subculture long since buried with the Keeslings, Baumgartners and Umbergers of Rye Valley, Virginia. As the boys behind the Wiffle barber chairs might observe, these are folks fit to run the river with. This collection is rounded out with additional collections drawn from Peltiers fascination with the changing seasons, some video essay scripts from his TV features personality days and some patriotic essays prompted by a decade of working with the USO and American military personnel countering the Soviet threat of the Cold War years.

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