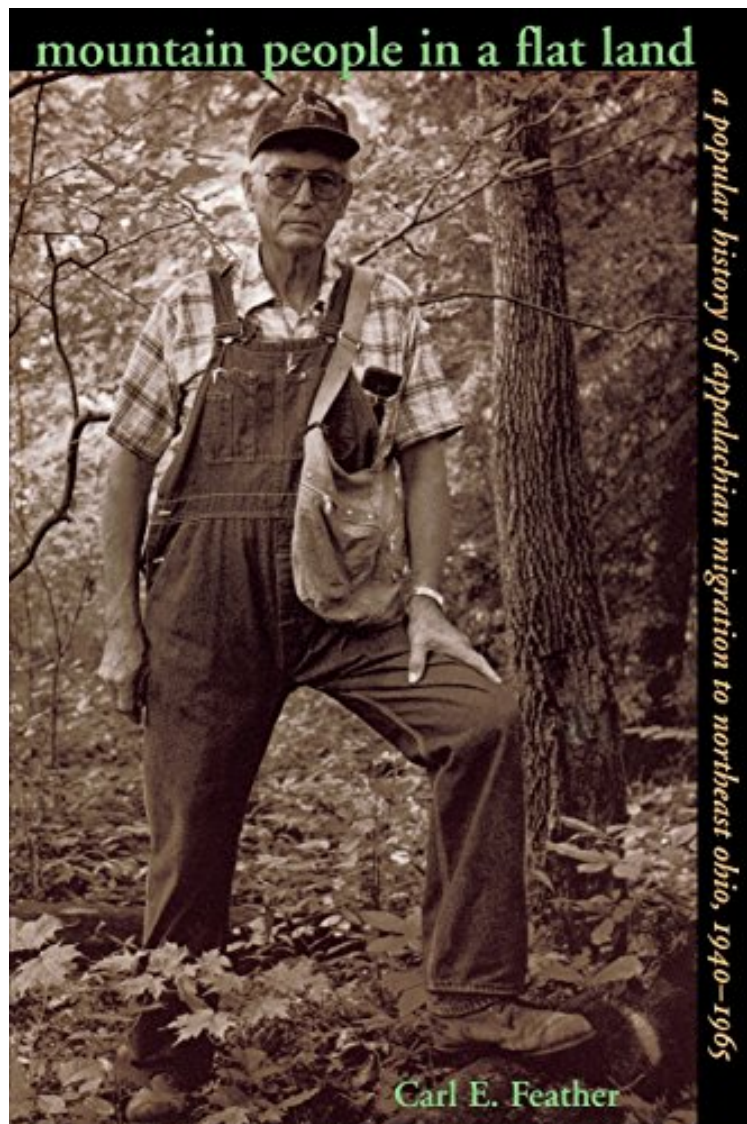


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written by a relative of my husband. The book is well written. It fills in some of the blanks in our history of many of my husband's family. It will be interesting to anyone who is interested in history. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. greatBy Susan reve smith TELLS A LOT ABOUT WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE FOR THESE PEOPLE AND OUR ANCESTORS AND HOW THEY MIGRATED. THE END. 17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. From Country to City: Comments on Migration to Ashtabula Co By Edward H. Bolte, Jr. I have just completed reading Carl Feather's Mountain People in a Flat Land. This book tells the stories of migrants from West Virginia, who left for the jobs in Ashtabula County, Ohio. As one who was born and raised in Ashtabula County during 1948-1971, it brought back memories. Many of the people were people I worked with at the Electromet, or were with friends with my parents. I could hear the noise and the danger, as my father worked there for 25 years. It is a wonderful addition to anyone looking for works on local history. While it does not have the scope of Studs Terkel, one realizes not all migration was to the big cities, but to the many small towns in Ohio who had similar factories. While I enjoyed reading the book, I was left with a sadness, since many of the shops no longer exist nor do many of the people including my parents.

In the early 1940s, \$10 bought a bus ticket from Appalachia to a better job and promise of prosperity in the flatlands of northeast Ohio. A mountaineer with a strong back and will to work could find a job within twenty-four hours of arrival. But the cost of a bus ticket was more than a week's wages in a lumber camp, and the mountaineer paid dearly in loss of kin, culture, homeplace, and freedom. Numerous scholarly works have addressed this migration that brought more than one million mountaineers to Ohio alone. But Mountain People in a Flat Land is the first popular history of Appalachian migration to one community Ashtabula County, an industrial center in the fabled best location in the nation. These migrants share their stories of life in Appalachia before coming north. There are tales of making moonshine, colorful family members, home remedies harvested from the wild, and life in coal company towns and lumber camps. The mountaineers explain why, despite the beauty of the mountains and the deep kinship roots, they had to leave Appalachia. Stories of their hardships, cultural clashes, assimilation, and ultimate successes in the flatland provide a moving look at an often stereotyped people.