



is a lovely and satisfying book: knowing the history of our old apples is priceless, so I'm grateful for Mr. Calhoun's assiduous efforts. The inclusion of the rare Department of Agriculture watercolors of many of the older varieties makes the book a must-have for those who value beautiful botanical art. Mr. Calhoun dedicates the work to his beloved wife, Edith, who was his companion in research travels as, apparently, in all other things, and who, as he says poignantly, lived long enough to hold the revised version in her hands. I am so sorry for his loss, and so grateful that we nonetheless have this, his and Edith's gift to all of us. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Author that will go down in History Fine FellowBy scionwoodI think this book needs to be in every school library for children to see how many old southern apples were lost due to lack of education on grafting. This book is just as informational as the first edition but has a few more pictures and alot more descriptions of apples that were thought to be extinct. This book should be sold for years to come and hopefully more people will be interested in saving these old apples, for our future generations to enjoy. I fully recommend this book to everyone who is interested in history and preserving our heritage. Just because an apple is not pretty don't mean it's not a good apple. This book has alot of information in it to keep our heritage alive. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must have for collectors and students of applesBy Thomas TalleyThis is a great reference if you are interested in old varieties of apples. A definitive publication on all old apple varieties will probably never be written due to the genetic traits of the Malus genera. But this is the closest you are going to come to a definitive work in this day and age. The author has done a remarkable study!

A book that became an instant classic when it first appeared in 1995, *Old Southern Apples* is an indispensable reference for fruit lovers everywhere, especially those who live in the southern United States. Out of print for several years, this newly revised and expanded edition now features descriptions of some 1,800 apple varieties that either originated in the South or were widely grown there before 1928. Author Lee Calhoun is one of the foremost figures in apple conservation in America. This masterwork reflects his knowledge and personal experience over more than thirty years, as he sought out and grew hundreds of classic apples, including both legendary varieties (like Nickajack and Magnum Bonum) and little-known ones (like Buff and Cullasaga). Representing our common orchard heritage, many of these apples are today at risk of disappearing from our national table. Illustrated with more than 120 color images of classic apples from the National Agricultural Library's collection of watercolor paintings, *Old Southern Apples* is a fascinating and beautiful reference and gift book. In addition to A-to-Z descriptions of apple varieties, both extant and extinct, Calhoun provides a brief history of apple culture in the South, and includes practical information on growing apples and on their traditional uses.

"Lee Calhoun's first edition of *Old Southern Apples* did much to bring the forgotten fruits of Appalachia and the Piedmont to the attention of heritage food conservationists. But this new edition is so stunning that it will serve to keep these horticultural and culinary treasures in circulation for at least another century."--Gary Nabhan, author of *Coming Home to Eat* and coauthor of *Renewing America's Food Traditions* "Apples beloved in America's past are making a comeback thanks to the work of crotchety apple growers like Lee Calhoun. His passion for seeking out the lore behind varieties like Barker's Liner and the humongous Gloria Mundi can only be described as tenacious. Much like a grandfather apple tree still offering its gifts from aside an abandoned cellar hole, Lee stands true with honest assessments of many classic heirlooms. The renewal of apple culture across Appalachia starts with getting this outstanding book!"--Michael Phillips, author of *The Apple Grower: A Guide for the Organic Orchardist* About the Author Lee Calhoun lives in Chatham County, North Carolina, where he settled after a career in the military. Over the past three decades he has sought out many old-time Southern apples and has grown more than 550 varieties himself. For many years he operated, along with his wife, Edith, Calhoun Nursery, which was a key resource for rare and regional apple varieties.