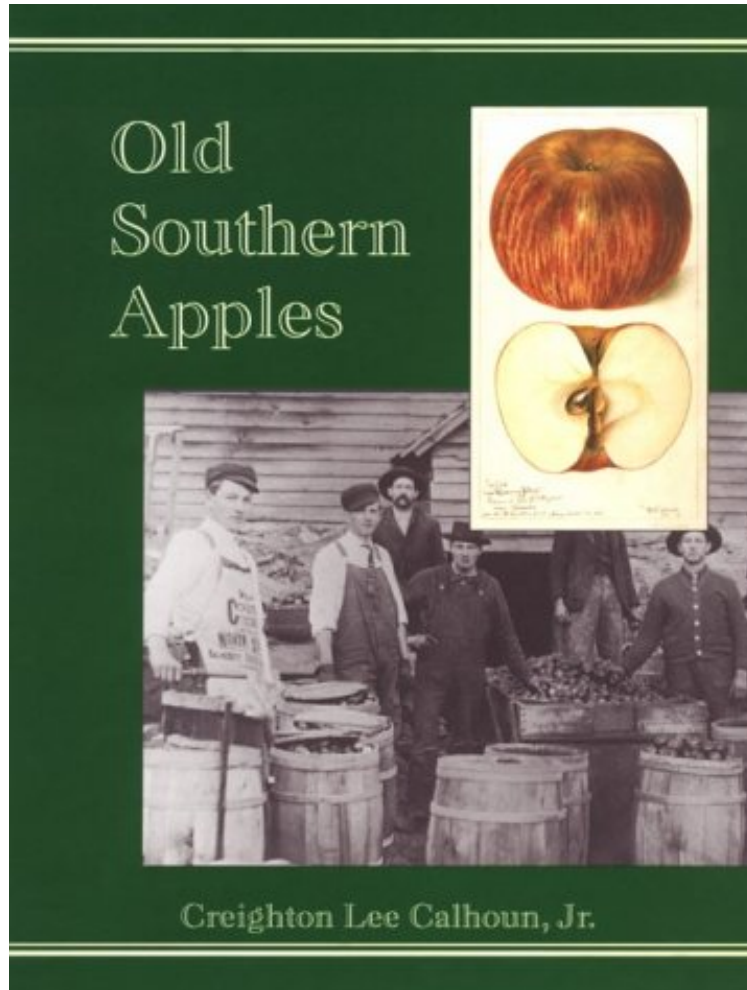


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Creighton Lee Calhoun Jr. : Old Southern Apples before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Old Southern Apples:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Old Southern Apples By Mary C. Williams A must-have book for anyone who loves apples and wonders how they evolved. The history of the early orchards is fascinating. There are around 1600 descriptions of apples that are still available. In addition there are 1300 more descriptions of extinct varieties. There are several pages of color plates of various apples along with names and addresses of nursery suppliers of trees and rootstocks. There is an excellent index. I was doubly interested in the book because my home county in VA is mentioned several times, as well as the cover photo being from the same county. 2 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Mostly description with a few drawings By George H. Conklin This book is obviously a labor of love, but for the person with a few old apple trees who wants to see what kind they may be, forget it. There are a few

drawings (in color) but most of the apples are only described by location and unless you own that location, it is meaningless to you. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An excellent reference and history of old apple varieties. By Eric This book successfully conveys what is lost when an old apple tree is cut down. It emphasizes the importance of apples throughout the history of the south. Furthermore, it provides excellent descriptions of the many varieties of old southern apples. The research that went into creating this book was obviously tremendous. The descriptions include over 1600 varieties of apples. Throughout the book, the author is able to relate his great enthusiasm for old apple varieties as well as a profound sense of loss over the destruction of an important part of Southern heritage. "Old Southern Apples" has even inspired me to start my own search for the old varieties of apple trees. This is a resource that no Southern fruit grower should be without.

Old Southern Apples is a delightful and definitive review of the history and uses of apples in the South from Maryland to Texas and Florida to Arkansas. Although apples became a major commercial crop in parts of the South in the late 1800s, for three hundred years southern farm families grew apples as an important, year-round food source. Through the selection and grafting of wild seedlings, Southerners developed unique apple varieties adapted to the climate and soils of the South and suited to specific uses such as drying, cider, apple butter and winter keeping. It is truly astonishing to learn that Southerners developed more than 1300 apple varieties and grew another 300 varieties of northern and European origins. Old Southern Apples opens with an overview of apple history, culture, and uses in the agrarian South. This is followed by an exhaustive compilation of apple varieties grown in the South before 1928. The more than 1600 varieties are divided into extant and extinct groups, and all known facts concerning the history and description of each apple are given, plus a listing of synonyms. Appendices include a bibliography, a description of nurseries, which sell old southern apple varieties, and an index of more than 3,600 apple names and synonyms. Forty-eight color plates painted by United States Department of Agriculture staff artists between 1880 and 1930 illustrate important varieties of southern apples. Old engravings and drawings illustrate apple cultivation and propagation practices in the South.

"Old Southern Apples is a lovely book, filled with information that has been nearly inaccessible until now. It is so well-researched and well-written that Southerners from Texas to Virginia and fruit lovers everywhere will find it interesting." -- The Permaculture Activist, June 1996 "Wow! would be a concise description of my reaction to this exceptionally researched, extremely valuable reference work that manages to be fun and readable at the same time, thanks to the silky, southern prose of its talented author..." -- Traditional Gardening, Autumn 1997 A review of the history and uses of some 1600 varieties of apples in the American South, detailing apple cultivation, insect-control, and grafting practices, and describing methods of storing and using apples for products such as apple cider, apple butter, and apple brandy. The bulk of the book consists of descriptions and facts concerning extant and extinct Old Southern apple varieties. Includes a list of vendor sources for Old Southern apples, color and bw illustrations, and an index of apple names and synonyms. No subject index. -- Book News, Inc. About the Author Lee Calhoun graduated from North Carolina State University in 1956 with a BS degree in Agronomy. He entered the US Army upon graduation from college, and remained in the military until retiring in 1976 as a lieutenant colonel. Along the way, he earned an MS degree in Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin. Lee Calhoun presently owns and operates a small nursery in Pittsboro, North Carolina that specializes in old southern apple varieties.