

A Miner S Life

My name is Tommy Turnbull. I've been a coalminer all my life. My father was a miner, so was my grandfather, my uncles, my cousins and my brother. Wherever there's a pit, you can bet there'll be a Turnbull somewhere down there. Using oral histories, company records, and census data, Crandall A. Shifflett paints a vivid portrait of miners and their families in southern Appalachian coal towns from the late nineteenth into the mid-twentieth century. He finds that, compared to their earlier lives on subsistence farms, coal-town life was not all bad. Shifflett examines how this view, quite common among the oral histories of these working families, has been obscured by the middle-class biases of government studies and the Edenic myth of preindustrial Appalachia propagated by some historians. From their own point of view, mining families left behind a life of hard labor and drafty weatherboard homes. With little time for such celebrated arts as tale-telling and quilting, preindustrial mountain people strung more beans than dulcimers. In addition, the rural population was growing, and farmland was becoming scarce. What the families recall about the coal towns contradicts the popular image of mining life. Most miners did not owe their souls to the company store, and most mining companies were not unusually harsh taskmasters. Former miners and their families remember such company benefits

as indoor plumbing, regular income, and leisure activities. They also recall the United Mine Workers of America as bringing not only pay raises and health benefits but work stoppages and violent confrontations. Far from being mere victims of historical forces, miners and their families shaped their own destiny by forging a new working-class culture out of the adaptation of their rural values to the demands of industrial life. This new culture had many continuities with the older one. Out of the closely knit social ties they brought from farming communities, mining families created their own safety net for times of economic downturn. Shifflett recognizes the dangers and hardships of coal-town life but also shows the resilience of Appalachian people in adapting their culture to a new environment. Crandall A. Shifflett is an associate professor of history at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

A Social History of the Drumheller Valley Coal Miners

Studies in Recorded Coal-mining Songs

Murder and a Broken Heart in Alaska

Thank a Coal Miner They Power Your Life

Slavery-Coal Miners, Life in a Patch, Amend Works, Pa

The Miner's Freedom

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Billy Ray was the name his mother chose for him, but the doctor insisted his birth certificate read "William." Knowing his mother, Billy Ray is sure she shared some choice words with the man, as "William" has been called "Billy Ray" ever since while growing up and living in the small mining town of Minden, West Virginia, where stories grow like trees. Mining Town Memories is a collection of poems that tell the tall and small tales of those living and dying in the New River. This is a look into the everyday life of the miner, how he strives to work under difficult conditions, surviving in and outside the mine. Families had to survive, too, on the money earned, making extra effort to provide for their needs. A close insight into the mind of the miner, this collection portrays the mental and emotional state of a hard-working band of brothers. Many shouted from the mines for God's protection. Some souls were lost, while others were saved. The life of a miner is a life like no other—one of darkness and strain but also hope and love, now revealed for the first time in poetic verse.

Underground Life; Or, Mines and Miners

Giving in a Few Words what Would Occupy Volumes, Detailing the Hopes, Trials and Joys

Miner's Life

A Miner's Life

The Voyagers: A Day In the Life of a Miner

A Miner's Family Life

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--> **A daguerreotype photo--> A forbidden kiss--> A shipwrecked steamer--> Dangerous ocean crossings--> A drunk bear, and murder**
Romeo Poulin, a Dawson gold miner visits his friend Ben Johnnie in Alaska and meets his niece, Becca. An attraction grown in the young Dawson miner as he returns once a year to visit, hoping to marry her. However, the shy Becca doesn't share his feelings. Meanwhile, a violent man, Rain has set his sights on Becca and kidnaps her uncle knowing that she will follow. A few years later, Romeo rescues Becca who favors him with a forbidden kiss, undoing his steady thoughts. Now Rain is more determined to keep Becca forever. A true adventure spreads across Alaskan waters. Based on a true story, BECCA'S KISS is an exciting adventure story depicting the real life of the author's

Klondike Gold Rush ancestor. Derenas' research reveals Tlingit culture and traditions of clan families as they eke out a living in the wild Alaskan coast in the early 1900s.

This is about life of coal miners. Their living conditions in a coal mining patch where life was very rough. The constant danger of flooding, explosions or cave ins. Their life is no different than the life of slaves. As a slave you were bought and you had to work for your master, but you were provided a house or living quarters, food, clothing, medicine and on weekends on bigger plantations they would have dancing, on Sundays they would have church services. In a coal mining town your master was the coal barren who ran your life, they would rent you the house, they would have their own company store, which they would keep a book under the counter and write down stuff you didn't buy, you are responsible for all your bills and the pay was very low. It was hard to keep you and your family feed and cloth. But you need work in these dangerous conditions. If you died in the mine your family would be thrown out of the house and into the street. Later in life you could died from black lung disease.

Welsh History Stories: Ivor England

**The Devil Is Here in These Hills
Beneath This Green and Pleasant Land
Snapshot Memories: The Life and Times of a Miner's Kid
Life, Work, and Culture in Company Towns of Southern Appalachia,
1880-1960**

A Coal Miner's Bride

Based on a first-hand account of a worker involved in campaigning for better rights and conditions for himself and his co-workers, this book reveals how one individual working in the mining industry in the UK in the second half of the 20th century managed to effect real change. His words and actions are truly inspirational and serve as a timely reminder of how far we've come, as well as how influential one person can really be - whatever his current economic or political standing. Peppered with primary source documents, photographs and contributions from members of the original author's family, the book makes interesting reading for anyone who cares about justice, equality and dignity. Most importantly, it puts our current economic and political challenges in perspective... Do we really have so much to complain about? Dangerously, or fortunately perhaps (since it's clear we all stand to benefit), this book is likely to spur any would-be campaigner to take up arms and fight.

Sent from Poland to Pennsylvania to be married to a coal miner, thirteen-year-old Anetka lives a totally new life in a harsh environment she doesn't understand, in this

latest addition to the Dear America series.

Miner's Life

It's a Miner's Life!

A Miners Family Life

Some Memories of a Miner's Life, Or, Five Years on the Gold Fields of New Zealand

Portraits of Endurance

Plus Lincoln's Family Slaves

Do you want a great gift for a miner or mining engineer? Get this journal today!

This blank lined journal is the perfect present for your favorite friend or family member who mines coal. Details for this journal include: 6x9 inches, 120 pages, matte finished black cover and cream paper interior. For more books and journals, be sure to click on the author name.

Dare we compare mining to slavery? In a way, yes. Although miners were not physically owned, they were mentally owned by their work. Livelihoods were owned by the company store—which was detrimental both emotionally and psychologically—making life difficult for not just the miners but their families, too. Many immigrants who came to America were forced to leave their homelands, seeking a means to survive in the new world. The American Dream promised a life of freedom—but was that really true for immigrants who

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The Diary of Anetka Kaminska

A Life Worth Living? the Life of a Miner in the North East of England in the Late 20th Century

A Coal Miner's Life by a Coal Miner's Wife

An Autobiography

My Life as a Miner

A Study of the Working Life in a Changing Industry

“The most comprehensive and comprehensible history of the West Virginia Coal War I’ve ever read” (John Sayles, writer and director of *Matewan*). On September 1, 1912, the largest, most protracted, and deadliest working class uprising in American history was waged in West Virginia. On one side were powerful corporations whose millions bought armed guards and political influence. On the other side were fifty thousand mine workers, the nation’s largest

labor union, and the legendary “miners” angel, Mother Jones. The fight for unionization and civil rights sparked a political crisis that verged on civil war, stretching from the creeks and hollows of the Appalachians to the US Senate. Attempts to unionize were met with stiff resistance. Fundamental rights were bent then broken, and the violence evolved from bloody skirmishes to open armed conflict, as an army of more than fifty thousand miners finally marched to an explosive showdown. Extensively researched and vividly told, this definitive book about an essential chapter in the history of American freedom, “gives this backwoods struggle between capital and labor the due it deserves. [Green] tells a dark, often despairing story from a century ago that rings true today” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette).

From pit lad at Prestwick colliery in Northumberland in the 1950s to overman at the vast Westoe colliery at the end of an era, John Graham saw life at the coal face at first hand. In this book, he tells of the dangers, the characters, the friendships and the sheer hard graft of a working life underground.

West Virginia's Coal Miners and Their Battle for Freedom

Put's Original California Songster

A Way of Work and a Way of Life

The Life of a Miner

THE VOYAGERS: A Day In the Life of a Miner

A Novel

A child of privilege plunges into a world of oppression, violence, and danger in this gripping indictment of the coal-mining industry from the Pulitzer Prize – winning author of *The Jungle*. College leaves young Hal Warner feeling incomplete, with no sense of the “ real ” world outside its ivy-covered walls. So he leaves his

life of privilege behind and signs on to work in a coal mine owned and operated by the General Fuel Company. But Hal finds out that there is nothing romantic about a miner ' s life when he is forced to work long hours under backbreaking conditions and treated as more expendable than his company-owned equipment. Hal befriends Mary Burke, a fiery miner ' s daughter and a passionate advocate for workers ' rights. He gets caught up in the struggle to unionize, which brings him to the attention of his bosses and their powerful political allies. As Hal soon discovers, the powers-that-be will do anything to keep the unions out of Colorado ' s mines, even if it means getting blood on their hands. This ebook has been authorized by the estate of Upton Sinclair.

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Living The Life Of A Coal Miner's Wife Coal Mining Journal/Notebook Blank Lined Ruled 6x9 100 Pages
Composition Notebook

The Best-dressed Miners

Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910

Coal Towns

Mining Town Memories

The coal mine represented much more than a way of making a living to the miners of Thurber, Texas, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries--it represented a way of life. Coal mining dominated Thurber's work life, and miners dominated its social life. The large immigrant population that filled the mines in Thurber represented more than a dozen nations, which lent a certain uniqueness to this Texas town. In 1888 Robert D. Hunter and the Texas & Pacific Coal Company founded the town of Thurber on the site of Johnson Mines, a small coal-mining village on the western edge of North Central Texas where Palo Pinto, Erath, and Eastland counties converged. William Whipple and Harvey E. Johnson first established a small community there in 1886 as the railroads' demand for coal enhanced the possibility of financial reward for entrepreneurs willing to risk the effort to tap the thin bituminous coal veins that lay beneath the ground. Where the first comers failed, Hunter and his stockholders prevailed. For almost forty years the company mined coal and owned and operated a town that by 1910 served as home to more than three thousand residents. In some respects, the town mirrored the work and culture of bituminous coal-mining communities throughout the United States. Like most, it experienced labor upheaval that reached a dramatic climax in 1903 when the United Mine Workers, emboldened and strengthened by successes in other parts of the Southwest, organized Thurber's miners.

Unlike others, however, the miners' success at Thurber was not fraught with violence and loss of life; furthermore, in the strike's aftermath good relations generally characterized employer/employee negotiations. Marilyn Rhinehart examines the culture of the miners' work, the demographics and social life of the community, and the benefits and constraints of life in a company town. Above all she demonstrates the features both at work and after work of a culture shaped by the occupation of coal mining.

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suffered in body, mind, and spirit.

The Life of a Miner in Two Hemispheres

Becca's Kiss

Coal Mining in Thurber, Texas, 1888-1926

Only a Miner

Miners' Lung

A Survey of the Men of Standard Mines

Arthur McIvor and Ronald Johnston explore the experience of coal miners' lung diseases and the attempts at voluntary and legal control of dusty conditions in British mining from the late nineteenth century to the present. In this way, the book addresses the important issues of occupational health and safety within the mining industry; issues that have been severely neglected in studies of health and safety in general. The authors examine the prevalent diseases, notably pneumoconiosis, emphysema and bronchitis, and evaluate the roles of key players such as the doctors, management and employers, the state and the trade unions. Throughout the book, the integration of oral testimony helps to elucidate the attitudes of workers and victims of disease, their 'machismo' work culture and socialisation to very high levels of risk on the job, as well as how and why ideas and health mentalities changed over time. This research, taken together with extensive archive material, provides a unique perspective on the

nature of work, industrial relations, the meaning of masculinity in the workplace and the wider social impact of industrial disease, disability and death. The effects of contracting dust disease are shown to result invariably in seriously prescribed lifestyles and encroaching isolation. The book will appeal to those working on the history of medicine, industrial relations, social history and business history as well as labour history.

Few people in America today live with the dangers and deprivations that Appalachian coal mining families experience. But to the eighteen West Virginia women Carol Giesen interviewed for this book, hard times are just everyday life. These coal miners' wives, ranging in age from late teens to eighty-five, tell of a way of life dominated by coal mining -- and shadowed by a constant fear of death or injury to a loved one. From birth to old age, they experience the social and economic pressures of the coal mining industry. Few families in these communities earn their living in any job outside a coal mine, and most young men and women find no advantage in completing their education. Women whose stresses and strengths have seldom been disclosed reveal here their personal stories, their understanding of the dangers of coal mining, their domestic concerns, the place of friends and faith in their lives, and their expectations of the future. What emerges is a deeply moving story of determination in the face of adversity. Over

and over, these women deal with the frustrations caused by strikes, layoffs, and mine closings, often taking any jobs they can find while their husbands are out of work. Endlessly; their home concerns revolve around protecting their husbands from additional work or worry. Always there is fear for their husbands' lives and the pervasive anger they feel toward the mining companies. For some, there is also the pain of losing a loved one to the mines. Behind these women's acceptance of their circumstances lies a pragmatic understanding of the politics of mining and of the communities in which they live. Giesen's insights into the experiences of miners' wives contribute much to our understanding of the impact of industry, economics, and politics on women's lives.

Memories of Minden, West Virginia

Coal Miners' Wives

The Life of an American Coal Miner

Tommy Turnbull

Minden, West Virginia

King Coal

Describes the hard rock mining industry that developed in the American west following the gold rush, including the operations of a mine and the lives of the miners and their families.

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Coal and Coal Mining, Or Underground Life with the Miners ...

Life in a Mining Village, North East England and Life Down the Coal Mine 1929-1960

Work, Safety, and Life Style Among Southern Appalachian Coal Miners

A History of Dust Disease in British Coal Mining

Do You Know what the Miner's Life is Like?