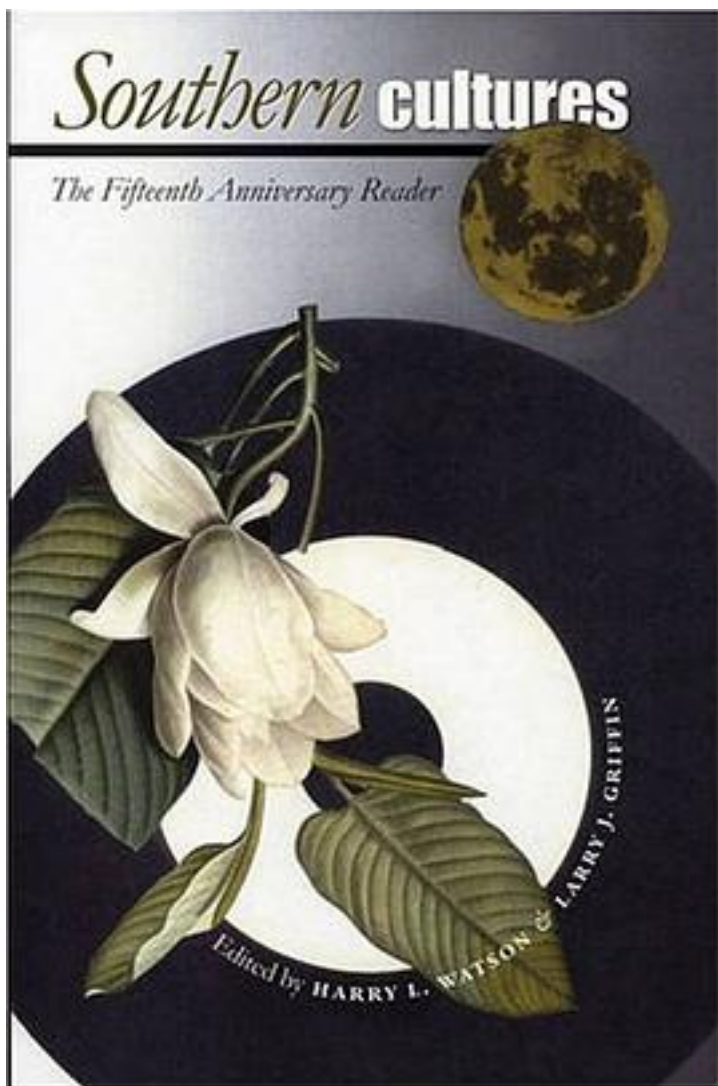


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What does "redneck" mean? What's going to happen to the southern accent? What makes black southerners laugh? What is "real" country music? These are the kinds of questions that pop up in this collection of notable essays from "Southern Cultures," the journal of the Center for the Study of the American South at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Intentionally plural, "Southern Cultures" was founded in 1993 to present all sides of the American South, from sorority sisters to Pocahontas, from kudzu to the blues. This volume collects 27 essays from the journal's first fifteen years, bringing together some of the most memorable and engaging essays as well as some of those most requested for use in courses. A stellar cast of contributors discusses themes of identity, pride, traditions, changes, conflicts, and stereotypes. Topics range from black migrants in Chicago to Mexican immigrants in North Carolina, from Tennessee wrestlers to Martin Luther King, from the Civil War to contemporary debates about the Confederate flag. Funny and serious, historical and contemporary, the collection offers something new for every South-watcher, with fresh perspectives on enduring debates about the people and cultures of America's most complex region. Contributors: Derek H. Alderman, East Carolina University Donna G'Segner Alderman, Greenville, North Carolina S. Jonathan Bass, Samford University Dwight B. Billings, University of Kentucky Catherine W. Bishir, Preservation North Carolina Kathleen M. Blee, University of Pittsburgh Elizabeth Boyd, Vanderbilt University James C. Cobb, University of Georgia Peter A. Coclanis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Joseph Crespino, Emory University Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard University Franklin Forts, University of Georgia David Goldfield, University of North Carolina at Charlotte Larry J. Griffin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adam Gussow, University of Mississippi Trudier Harris, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Patrick Huber, University of Missouri-Rolla Louis M. Kyriakouides, University of Southern Mississippi Melton McLaurin, University of North Carolina at Wilmington Michael Montgomery, University of South Carolina Steve Oney, Los Angeles, California

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