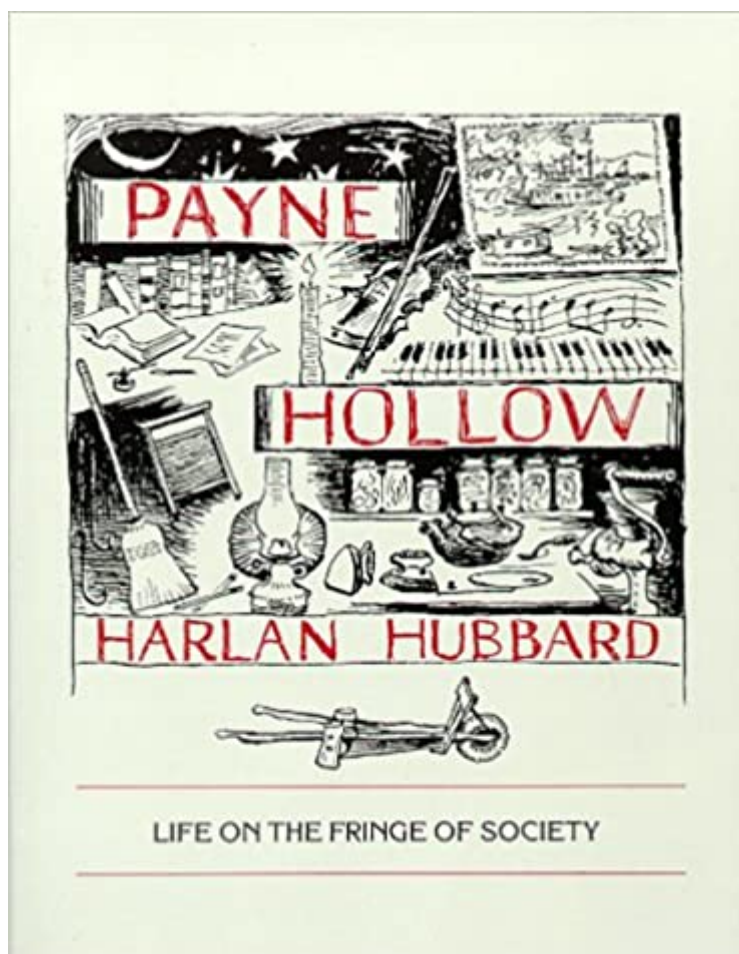


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Payne Hollow: Life On The Fringe Of Society



Synopsis

Nonfiction. Harlan Hubbard's PAYNE HOLLOW: LIFE ON THE FRINGE OF SOCIETY provides an account of a self-made alternative lifestyle in early 1950's America. Anna and Harlan Hubbard, refusing to adopt the industrial positioning provided, built a simple home at Payne Hollow and documented their "basic relationship of need to fulfillment within the carefully circumscribed wholeness of [their] honest, sensitive, extraordinary lives"--Edward Lueders. PAYNE HOLLOW creates its own self-referential world written as "a painter's prose" that fills its environment with a Thoreau-esque "ecstasy...expressed with sober simplicity"--The Louisville Courier-Journal.

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...curiously in tune with the ideals of our young environmentalists, yet practical and competent....As pretty a little book as I have seen in years.... Barry Bingham, Sr., Louisville Courier Journal
--Louisville Courier Journal --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My father wanted to read the Harlan Hubbard book, Payne Hollow, primarily because he owns property just across the Ohio River on the Indiana side, and the Hubbard's way of life has become local legend. He seldom reads for pleasure, but couldn't put this little book down, and it has already been passed among several family members, including me. The life that Harlan and Anna lived is especially appealing in today's world, where the joy of living has been replaced with the job of living. The Hubbard's simple story remind us that you really can fall-off-the-grid, and find peace and satisfaction in just being.

This little book is a meditation to read. It outlines the lives of two people who chose the simple life, and is written in a way that both explains the life and also emphasizes the appreciation one gets from having the time afforded by not going to a regular 9 to 5 job. It is charming and life-affirming. As I understand it, this is the book that helped inspire Dan Price to change his life and create the now somewhat famous "Hobbit Hole" where he has lived and thrived for several years. (If you have not heard of him or the Hobbit Hole you will find it readily on the internet.) I enjoyed reading it immensely and plan to buy several copies as gifts for my friends. Highly recommended if you are a person interested in "green"living, mindfulness, or are considering simplifying your life.

It's an easy read... makes you think twice about selling everything and simplifying your life! However, I'm not quite ready to part with ALL of the modern conveniences I'm accustomed to in the 21st century. Maybe one day I'll change my mind...

The life that Harlan and Anna lived sounds so adventurous and exciting. I enjoyed reading about their many adventures and how they handled many of their everyday problems of life on and off the river. I believe their deep love for each other and for their way of life aided them in living long, prosperous lives. The amazing creativity of both Harlan and Anna made surviving so much easier. If you think you would enjoy living part of your life on the water in a shantyboat, part in a log house that you built, and living off the land by growing your own food, gathering eggs from your chickens, and getting milk from your goats, then this book is for you.

This is a wonderful true life story of two unique individuals that chose to live their lives in a completely different way. They shunned most modern inventions to live life simply and certainly appeared to be very successful and lead extremely happy and satisfying lives in a very uncomplicated world. Great sequel to their "Shanny Boat" story.

If you are a fan of Corey Ford, Henry Thoreau or even Gordon MacQuarie this is a book you will enjoy. It takes you back to a simpler time and a quieter life but still shows some of the hardships endured in earlier days

It is a really great book, about a lifestyle that I love. He was a great painter also.

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