

Articles, books, and videos about Appalachia

The following materials offer windows into the life, culture, and region where Good Samaritan serves at ASP.

Articles:

- Nikki King and her experience growing up in Southeast Kentucky at the beginning of the opioid crisis and her work in treating drug addiction in the region:
 - <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/amanpour-and-company/video/how-nikki-king-is-innovating-treatment-for-opioid-addiction/>
 - <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2020/05/nikki-king-opioid-treatment-program/609085/>
- Efforts to restore areas devastated by strip mining and mountaintop removal mining in Kentucky:
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/lifestyle/magazine/appalachia-kentucky-reforestation/>
- Some insight into health issues in Eastern Kentucky and efforts to address them: <https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-cancer-capital-of-america>
- Eula Hall, Appalachia activist and healthcare pioneer:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eula_Hall

Non-Fiction books:

- *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J. D. Vance
- *Appalachian Reckoning: A Region Responds to Hillbilly Elegy*, by Anthony Harkins and Meredith McCarroll
- *Ramp Hollow: The Ordeal of Appalachia*, by Steven Stoll
- *Appalachian Fall: Dispatches From Coal Country On What's Ailing America*, by Jeff Young and the Ohio Valley Resource
- *Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains*, by Cassie Chambers. <https://www.cassiechambers.com/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZ4jP7nDRz0>

Fiction books:

- *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek: A Novel*, by Kim Michele Richardson. <https://www.kimmichelerichardson.com/>
- *Gray Mountain*, by John Grisham
- *Clay's Quilt*, by Silas House. <https://www.silas-house.com/about.html>

Movies & videos about locations where Good Samaritan has served at ASP:

- “Harlan County, USA” – Gripping Academy Award-winning documentary that “documents the coal miners' strike against the Brookside Mine of the Eastover Mining Company in Harlan County, Kentucky in June 1973. DVD available at Hennepin County Library and on YouTube. Official film trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PfaE4R4eA4&t=56s>.
- “Country Boys” – Three-part documentary that “tells the story of Chris and Cody: two boys growing up in a hard land, determined to beat the odds against them, and struggling with who they are -- and who they can become.” Available for viewing on Frontline at <https://www.pbs.org/wqbh/pages/frontline/countryboys/>.
- “Anywhere But Washington: Why the Poorest County in West Virginia Has Faith in Donald Trump” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqceHviNBC4>) – Examines the appeal of the message of the Republican nominee for President in 2016 in McDowell County, West Virginia.

Other movies and videos about Appalachia:

- “Hillbilly” (<http://hillbillymovie.com/>) – Examines the “evolution of the uneducated, promiscuous stereotype in media and culture, linking it with the corporate exploitation of Appalachia's natural resources.” DVD available at Hennepin County Library.
- “Deep Down” – Examines the impact of mountaintop removal on a community. Documentary trailer and information available at PBS Independent Lens at <https://www.pbs.org/video/independent-lens-deep-down-trailer/> and at <https://www.newday.com/film/deep-down>.
- “Hillbillies, Coalminers, Treehuggers and God” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwWWG0RB7B0>) – Highlights the experience of coal miners in West Virginia and environmental opposition to mining in the area.
- “30 Days” episode on mining in West Virginia (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9K1GxgAXKQ>) – An episode of Morgan Spurlock’s “30 Days” documentary series in which he experiences living with a miner’s family and working in a coal mine for 30 days.

Sources for some of the entries:

- Check out ASP’s material for learning more about Appalachian culture at [Appalachian Cultural Resources](#).