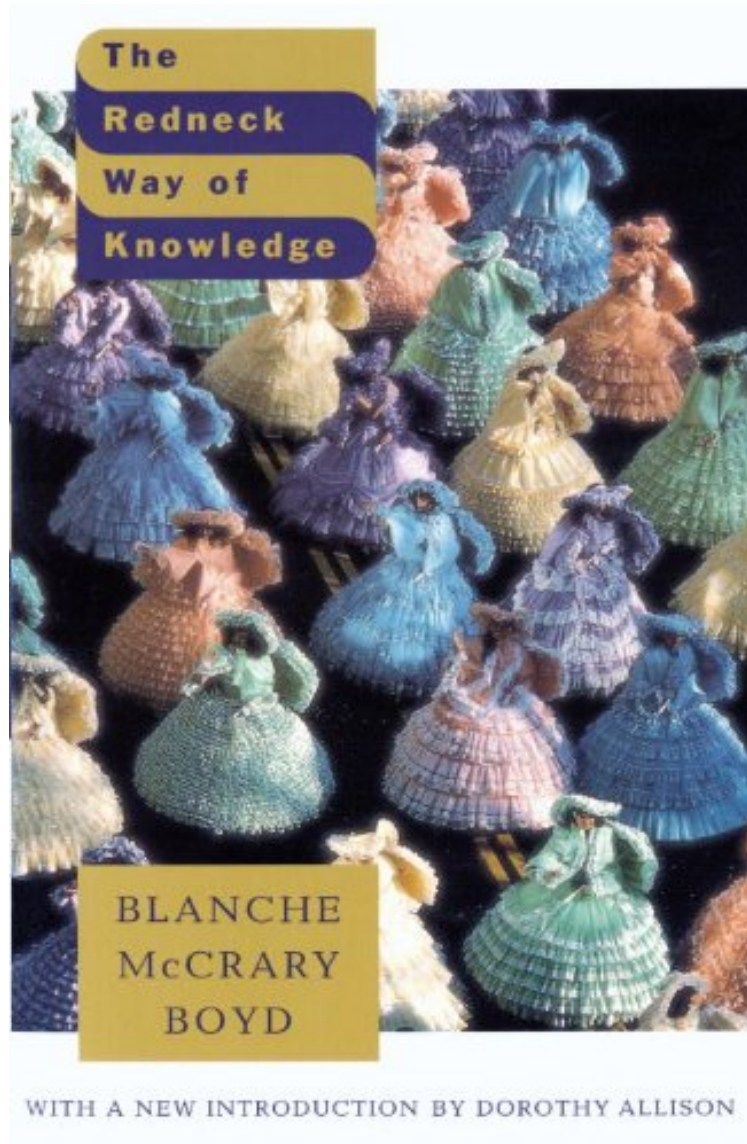


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Von Blanche McCary Boyd

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Von Blanche McCary Boyd : The Redneck Way of Knowledge: Down-Home Tales before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Redneck Way of Knowledge: Down-Home Tales:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Engaging collection of essays, not polemics.Von Ein KundeI was introduced to Blanche McCrary Boyd by my creative-writing professor, who only advised that she was a good essayist. If you knew him, you knew this meant she

was not writing persuasive essays or stumping for a cause. What I like best about this collection of essays is that they are neither feminist nor non-feminist, they are not about being a lesbian or even, necessarily, about being a woman. They are occasionally narrative, occasionally quite insightful, often funny. They're easy to read, enjoyable, and if you *want* to delve deeper (you don't have to in order to appreciate the book), the author is saying something about being human and being individual, or in Shakespearean coin, to thine own self true. Not as wild as her *Revolution of Little Girls* or *Terminal Velocity*, it is suitable for a wider sort of audience. If you enjoy reading about other cultures (I'm a northerner) and other lifestyles (I'm a very traditional heterosexual girl), this book is a good place to start. Like reading Frederick Douglass's *Classic Slave Narratives*, it cannot truly teach us what it is like to truly live these people's lives, but it gives us a glimpse of their experiences and -- if only by analyzing our own reactions to their perspectives and opinions -- a deeper understanding of our own experiences and subtle preconceptions.

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Von Ein Kunde
I will not waste time with a plot rehashing. This book was a new piece of trash. I had the unfortunate experience of not only reading this book but being in Ms. Boyd's creative writing class at Connecticut College. I feel the author garnishes attention toward her writing by attempting to write outlandish plots...she conducted her class the same way...anything for attention, Blanche. I am an avid reader of literature and this book hardly qualifies. Superficial it is. If you would like to read a good book revolving around the south, I recommend any one of the following, *YaYa Sisterhood*, *New Orleander*, *Crazy Ladies*, or Dorothy Allison's work. Do not waste your precious time reading these pointless attempts at humor and life. I would have given this negative stars but I could not. Most people are not amused by the brash, senseless, and pathetic tone of this book. As I said before, it hardly qualifies as literature...maybe a 90's version of a Danielle Steel novel.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Blanche McCrary Boyd is a trip....
Von Ein Kunde
In the *Redneck Way of Knowledge*, Blanche McCrary Boyd comes off as brutally honest yet the book has an underlying attitude that seems to say, "Every word of this is the truth... but of course you should know better than to believe a word I say." As a northerner who is somewhat younger than Ms. Boyd, the *Redneck Way of Knowledge* was able to take me to a place and times I have never been to and would have no other way of visiting. Blanche McCrary Boyd succeeds in the art of southern story telling in a way that is completely southern and uniquely her own. The girl is not afraid to go there. She's a trip and she warmly welcomes you along for the ride.

Kurzbeschreibung This intoxicating book by the author of *The Revolution of Little Girls* combines autobiography, reporting, and the dressed-up lies we call fiction. An underground classic since its initial publication, it is the wildly funny personal testament of Blanche McCrary Boyd, sixties radical and born-again Southerner, a lesbian with an un-P.C. passion for skydiving and stock-car racing, a graduate of Esalen and kundalini yoga who now takes her altered states "raw, like oysters." *The Redneck Way of Knowledge* is about family reunions and kamikaze love affairs. It is about crashing an arts festival with two precociously decayed Charleston aristocrats and watching the Pope deliver Communion at Yankee Stadium. It is about the selves we try on and slough off on the way to becoming who we are. Throughout, Blanche Boyd travels the expressway between the realm of the senses and the state of grace, and reports on the journey in prose that combines riotous humor, diamond-hard intelligence, and savage lyricism.

From the Trade Paperback edition.
From Library Journal
In this collection of 11 essays--some humorous, some serious--Boyd offers her personal take on such varied events as drag races and amateur boxing nights, Pope John Paul II's mass at Yankee Stadium, and the Greensboro Nazi-Klan murders. Though LJ's reviewer found the pieces a bit self-absorbed at times, he also discovered "sharp insights into family and friends, race, and politics" Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.
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"Wonderful ... a lot of hard drinking, vivid insights, and belly laughs." -- People
"Marvelous ... Boyd resembles a cross between Joan Didion and Hunter Thompson, [but] her original voice makes these tales her own." -- Philadelphia Inquirer
"Impressive ... superb ... Boyd writes brilliantly. [*The Redneck Way of Knowledge* is] the best kind of social criticism." -- The Nation