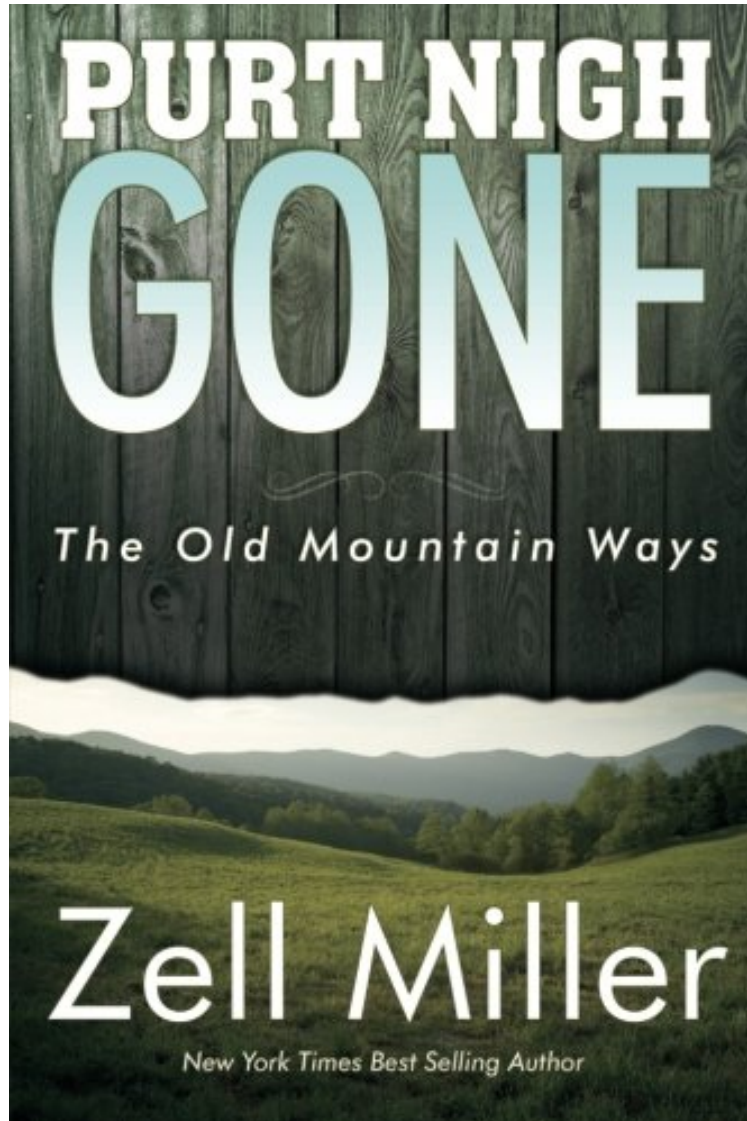


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Miller is an engaging writer, and leads the reader right into the history of the Appalachian region with perspective and compassion. A native of Young Harris, GA, Miller walks the walk, talks the talk, and has served with distinction in the Georgia legislature, as governor, and as a Senator Washington. A wonderful book to sit down with, written by an extraordinary man with deep roots and a great heart. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Local Lore By BonnieI recently moved to Young Harris, Ga., formerly known as the Enchanted Valley, and discovered Zell Miller's books about the area. Enjoyable to read and learn about the local history of this beautiful little mountain town. One of these days I may even be brave enough to knock on Mr Miller's door and ask for an autograph.

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