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Review

"A musical glimpse of a unique American cultural enclave when railroads, coal mining, and hillbilly radio were everpresent."? *Come-All-Ye*

"A delightful crystallization of the best, in an age now surfeited with the far-less-than-best."? *Folklore Society Bulletin*

From the Back Cover

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About the Author

Jean Ritchie remains one of the greatest balladeers of this century. Her performances over the last fifty years have played a considerable role in the resurgence of interest in folk music, and several of her original songs are among the most popular additions to the modern folk repertory. *Folk Songs of the Southern Appalachians* is a glimpse into the heart of this remarkable talent.

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