

Coal Camp Boys

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Benedetto e quel male che viene solo, the Italian miners widow would often wail to uncomprehending neighbors in the coal camp. Un mal chiama laltro! Translated, it meant blessed is the misfortune that comes alone, yet one evil merely summons another. It was an ill wind that blew nobody good--especially when mining disasters frequently claimed the mens lives. Years later, these Italian idioms were passed along by the widows daughter, herself a miners widow, to her own impressionable son, Nicholas Torelli as they live in a fictional coal camp, known as Beaver Creek, located in the northern coalfield region of West Virginia. You have to live each day as if there is no tomorrow, she would sigh. For nothing is guaranteed in a coal camp. The son pondered her foreign sayings often, sharing his fears and concerns with two other miners sons in the camp known as Beaver Creek, West Virginia. For nearly four decades, the mine had prospered there and community life flourished. By 1959, the mine closed and threads of sustenance unraveled into poverty. Although Nicholas entire world exists within the confines of the camp boundaries, his mothers death forces him to move to the home of an aunt living in the more affluent county seat known as Culver. While attending Culver Senior High School in the late 1960s, Nicholas meets Jo Ellen Townsend, an enigmatic girl from a wealthy family. Known to her friends as Jelly, she begins a long and frustrating relationship with Nicholas that lasts through graduate school at a state university. Their roommates in college come from all regions of the state. With the advent of the Great Society, college financial aid provides an avenue for the baby boomers of Appalachia to find educational opportunities unavailable to their parents. Nicholas finds that others like himself have been sheltered from all the societal change due to the rural nature of

the state that isolated many from the world while limiting their experiences and expectations. Together, Nicholas, Jelly and their friends find ways to deal with all that they are faced with in the peace and protest 70s on college campuses around the country. Undertaking a career in medicine as Jelly embarks upon a law degree, tragedy continues to call upon the young doctor as he faces the age of social responsibility of the 80s. At the 40th reunion of Culver Senior High's Class of 1969, Nicholas returns home after a long self-imposed exile to reconcile his past and face the torment of conscience and mountain legends that haunted him throughout his life. COAL CAMP BOYS provides a glimpse into the lives of the Mountain States baby boomers, who graduated from the War on Poverty to the War in Vietnam, partially shielded from America's social turmoil of the time due to the sheer magnitude of the Appalachian Mountains.

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