

## FOR FURTHER READING



**A Field Guide to Wildflowers of the Sandhills Region: NC, SC, and GA**, Bruce Sorrie. Featuring over 600 wildflowers, flowering shrubs, and vines, this comprehensive, user-friendly field guide is the first to focus on rare, fragile lands and species of the Sandhills region of the Carolinas and Georgia. Also included is an easy to understand introduction to the Sandhills' geology, soil types, and special relationship to fire ecology. Bruce Sorrie is a botanist with over thirty years of experience. He is a botanist for the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program.

**The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America,** Timothy Egan. A historical account on forest conservation, Egan narrates the struggles of the overmatched rangers against The Great Fire of 1910 (states of WA, ID, and MT). Equally engaging is his factual accounts of the larger story of Teddy Roosevelt and his chief forester, Gifford Pinchot, pioneering the notion of conservation. Roosevelt and Pinchot did nothing less than create the idea of public land as our national treasure, owned by and preserved for every citizen.

*Ecological Restoration and Management of Longleaf Pine Forests*, Katherine Kirkman and Steven B. Jack. This book integrates ecology, hydrology, wildlife, and silviculture. Its seventeen chapters synthesize decades of research on longleaf pine ecology and restoration in the southeastern coastal plains.

**Ecology of a Cracker Childhood**, Janisse Ray. Janisse Ray grew up in a junkyard along U.S. Highway 1 in Georgia, hidden from Florida-bound vacationers by the hedge at the edge of the road and by hulks of old cars and stacks of blown out tires. Ecology of a Cracker Childhood tells how a childhood spent in rural isolation and steeped in religious fundamentalism grew into a passion to save the almost vanished longleaf pine ecosystem that once covered the South. In language at once colloquial, elegiac, and informative, Ray redeems two Souths.

**Longleaf, Far as the Eye Can See: A New Vision of North America's Richest Forest,** B. Finch, R. Johnson, and J.C. Hall. Readers are invited to experience the astounding beauty and significance of the majestic longleaf ecosystem. The authors explore the interactions of longleaf with other species, prior to human contact, southern culture, and restoration. Part natural history, part conservation advocacy, and part cultural exploration, this book highlights the special nature of longleaf forests and proposes ways to conserve and expand them.



**Looking for Longleaf: The Fall and Rise of an American Forest**, Lawrence S. Earley. Earley explores the history of longleaf forests and the astonishing biodiversity of the longleaf pine ecosystem through extensive research, first-person travel accounts, and interviews with foresters, ecologists, biologists, botanists, and landowners. This compelling story offers hope that with continued human commitment, the longleaf pine might not just survive, but once again thrive.

**Sand in My Shoes**, Katharine B. Ripley. First published in 1931 and again in 1995, this book profiles the author's experiences when she and her husband arrived in North Carolina's Sandhills in the 1920's; a time when there were grandiose visions of living the good life by becoming quickly wealthy in the peach growing industry. It just didn't work out that way for most, but this book is a warm account about their seven years trying to join the peach industry of the Sandhills of N.C.

## Up from Mount Misery: The Blossoming of North Carolina's Sandhills, Chris Florence.

The stories of how a handful of wealthy and well-educated young northerners forever changed a scraggly, desolate, and poverty-stricken section of North Carolina, especially the Sandhills. People of interest include Ralph Page, Raphael Pumpelly II, and Roger Derby.