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The South has a long tradition of fine storytellers, and now one comes along perhaps better than most. Jim Ritchie isn't bashful; he jumps right in, holding the reader spellbound with his uproariously earthy frankness. A master teller in the oral tradition, the author performs even better on the stage of these pages, making his subjects come to life with his own homespun style. The reader who has grown up in the South will swear that he knows each and every character in

these tales: from the "Indian doctor" with the secret hemorrhoid cure to the bull who couldn't keep his "loins" out of reach of the youngster's BB gun; he'll identify with Bubba gigging for Giant Southern Frogs and with the curious cat that burned the cabin down; he'll remember high school teammates like "Shorty" and "Speedy", as well as college fraternity brothers like "Snake" and "Stud". And he'll laugh while remembering.

...The tales are stretched just tall enough that the reader laughs with mouth agape at both the humor and the audacity of someone who tries to pass off such exaggerated stories as the honest to God truth, but somewhere beneath the kudzu and above the farmland soil, a truth rings through the tales which lets one know something included in them really did happen...Ritchie said he hopes those who read his book will be "grinning when they quit," and rest assured, you will be. -- Madison County Journal, May 1, 1997  
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I believe that laughter is the music of the soul. And I hope that as you read the book, your music rings out loud and clear