

# Big Thicket Legacy

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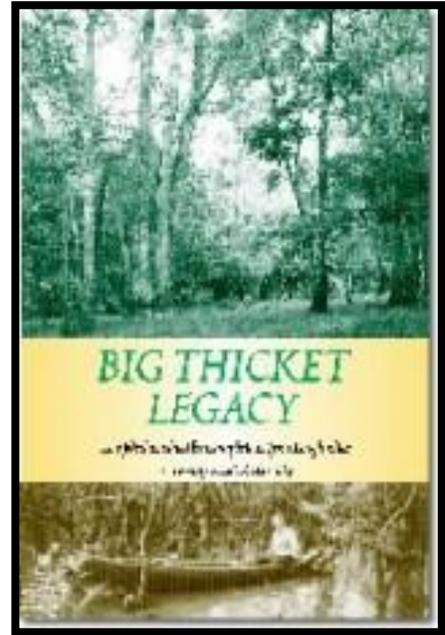
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## **REVIEW: Big Thicket Legacy July 1977, Library Journal**

Review by Joan Berman, Humboldt State University Library, Arcata, California

The Big Thicket, a discrete area of southeastern Texas, comes vibrantly alive in this collection of interviews with about 25 of its oldest inhabitants. The language is in the original, edited only for comprehension, not for delicacy. The Loughmillers spent nine years camping, photographing, and talking with people in the area. The foreword and preface add background information necessary to give a rounded picture of an unique place. This excellent example of oral history is highly recommended for public and academic libraries.

## **REVIEW: Big Thicket Legacy KNL's Bookwatch: December 1, 2002, The Midwest Book Review**

Collaboratively compiled and co-edited by lifelong naturalists Campbell and Lynn Loughmiller, *Big Thicket Legacy* is a compendium of engaging and informative anecdotes about life and living in the Big Thicket country, which is a nearly impassable area of Texas territory that only a few pioneers dared to brave. In those days, only the heartiest of individuals and families could call a place home within the heart of the Big Thicket. Their tales have become a part of Texas folklore, and in *Big Thicket Legacy* are preserved for the general reading public, thereby recounting a very special and experienced wisdom for new generations of Texans.

**REVIEW: Big Thicket Legacy  
Port Arthur News**

Review by Darragh Doiron, lifestyles editor of the Port Arthur News

Big Thicket Legacy arrives just in time for a cozy fall read. Can't you just see all those leaves turning and the creeks running cold?

University of North Texas Press issues this book, compiled and edited by Campbell and Lynn Loughmiller. You might read about some of your family in it. Some of the stories come from the likes of Ellen Walker, Brown Wiggins and P.O. Eason.

**REVIEW: Big Thicket Legacy  
2003, Book Reviews**

With 42 black and white photographs, and a map, this book takes an intriguing look at the not-too-distant past when pioneers moved to the primeval forest areas of Texas and established settlements. These areas became known as the "Big Thicket," primarily because some forested sections were nearly impassable. With a wealth of historical facts, this book provides humor and folklore in an easy-to-read volume. Stories abound about hunting wild boar, plowing all day and dancing all night, making soap from hickory ashes, walking five miles to church through a cypress brake and robbing bee trees for honey.

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Like a patchwork quilt, the oral histories compiled by the Loughmillers paint a picture of early pioneer life in the Big Thicket that can be treasured for future generations.

Mary C. Johnston, Kountze ISD



Big Thicket Legacy has been the inspiration for dramatic skits with my students!