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The adventures of a true American original—a detective who puts equal faith in his Bible and his brains

In the backwoods of West Virginia, years before the Civil War, a man arrives with gold in his purse and evil on his mind. His land too barren for farming, Doomdorf builds a still and grows rich selling high-proof moonshine to anyone with a bit of change in his pocket. As drunkenness and debauchery run rampant across the countryside, the locals turn against him. They are preparing to exact frontier justice when the bootlegger is found dead, shot through the heart in a room locked from the inside.

At the scene is Uncle Abner, a folksy sleuth who uses a keen eye and steadfast beliefs to solve the mysteries of Appalachia. In this landmark story collection, Abner contends with hunchbacks and drunkards, killers and thieves. In a time and a place beyond the rule of law, justice belongs to the Lord—and Uncle Abner is His instrument.

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Kelvin says

A nice collection of short stories. It is set in Virginia before the Civil War. Uncle Abner is a wise, religious and observant man who solve frontier mysteries and deliver frontier justice using his power of observation and deductive skills. A few stories relate to land use, land deeds and inheritance laws during that period. The early stories seem to have more scripture references but not as much so in the later stories.
