In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content:

Editor’s Note: The newest addition to our list of Advising and Contributing Editors is Joanne Brannon Aldridge who lives in Boone, North Carolina. A professional book reviewer, she offered to do reviews for us from time to time. I asked her to think about a list of books which she could recommend for Christmas Gifts. The following is what she sent-writing about what she knows best—North Carolina Books. Since it is the 150th year of photography, she chose books with wonderful photographs as well as good narratives. I want to invite other people to write about books in their own states. Books Make the Best Christmas Gifts by Joanne Brannon Aldridge For many of us, books make the best gifts, whatever the season. But at Christmas, gorgeous gift books abound and they are frequently the happiest choice for everyone. This year marks the 150th anniversary of photography. There are some fine books on the market, rich with photographs of Appalachian places, people, and events, many of them written and photographed by Appalachian natives. Among the recommendations is a book illustrated with priceless old photographs. There are also some very special children's books inspired by Appalachian subjects and featuring the art of Appalachian artists. A
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