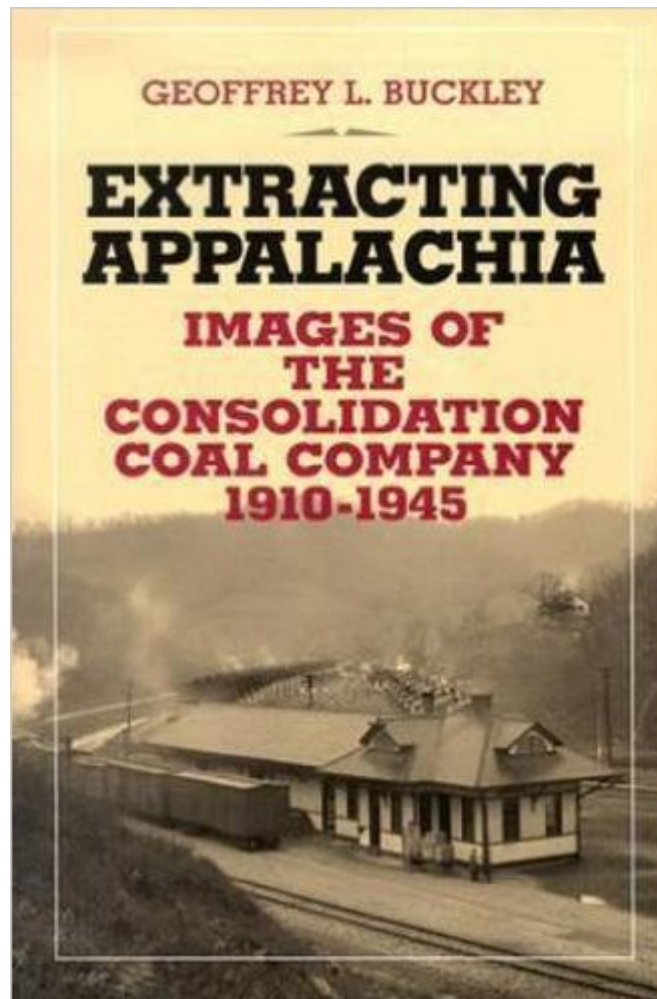


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# Extracting Appalachia: Images Of The Consolidation Coal Company, 1910&#150;1945



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