

It comes from the peopleting



The closing of local mines and factories collapsed the economic and social structure of Ivanhoe Virginia a small rural town once considered a dying community on the rough side of the mountain Documenting the creative survival techniques developed by Ivanhoe citizens in the aftermath It Comes from the People tells how this community organized to revitalize the town and demand participation in its future. **It comes from the peopleman bible verse** Photos interviews stories songs poems and scenes from a local theater production tell how this process of rebuilding gradually uncovered the community s own local theology and a growing consciousness of cultural and religious values A significant aspect of this social transformation in Ivanhoe as in many rural areas was the emergence of women as leaders educators and organizers developing new approaches to revive the economy and the people simultaneously. **It comes from the peoplex song** This book is unusually open about the difficult process faced by outside researchers working with community members to describe community life It discusses the inherent dilemmas frankly and presents a model for those who engage in community studies and ethnographic research It Comes from the People Community Development and Local Theology This book describes a mid 90s community organizing effort in a Rust Belt town I particularly enjoyed the section on how the women of the town reading the Bible through their own experience create their own theology of liberation which energizes them to fight for their community If this book has one weakness it s that the town s success seems to have largely depended on one charismatic leader coauthor Maxine Waller This obviously isn t the fault of the authors but it leaves only so much to be said about the group s organizing strategy 9781566392112 .