has produced hundreds of talented writers. Here are a just a few of the many West Virginia authors to check out: If you like contemporary literature, read RAJA HASSIB Craig Johnson’s “Walt Longmire” series is set in the dusty Wyoming backcountry where the author now resides. BACKCOUNTRY: CONTEMPORARY WRITING IN WEST VIRGINIA. For example, Virginia Woolf accused the Edwardian novelists of not being . Writing Today” novelist William T. Vollmann urges contemporary writers to address .. an embodiment of the pure negative spirit of backcountry West Virginia (295).