Book Review: Alabama Place-Names, by W. Stuart Harris

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Know where Frog Level is? Why it was named? How about Axis, Fair Play, or Gaino? Bug Tussle and Eliska? Hell’s Half Acre?

This is one book you just have to have. No ifs, ands, or buts. Wonderful for tidbits of Alabama history and lore, yet it also provides an overview of Alabama life seldom presented in one book.

Parents with children who are looking for games to play while they take an automobile trip through the state could use this book to great advantage. What better way to interest the children in the history and lore of their state and make history come alive, than by discussing the origins of the towns and villages, creeks and rivers and hills and valleys the automobile will pass through just beyond the next curve or over that hill.