Greenhorns: The Next Generation Of American Farmers 50 Dispatches From The New Farmers' Movement
Synopsis

...bursting with determination and optimism. These essays by beginning farmers are chatty, colorful reports that made me laugh and left me in awe of all the hard work that goes into growing our food. The farmers revel in simple pleasures and big challenges. (The Boston Globe)

Meet America’s new farmers. Resourceful and hard-working, "greenhorns" are passionate about improving the food we eat through sustainable and humane farming practices. Their inspirational stories speak to the challenges and rewards of earning a living off the land, embracing risks, and feeding local communities all while maintaining a profound respect for the Earth. In this new book—a companion to the documentary film The Greenhorns—editors and movement leaders Zoe Ida Bradbury, Severine von Tscharner Fleming, and Paula Manalo have assembled a wide range of stories that instruct as they inspire. With topics including financing, family, logistics, machinery, community building, and social change, Greenhorns helps young and aspiring farmers navigate career paths, build skills, connect with each other while growing self-sufficient enterprises with conviction, vision, and respect for the earth. Filled with advice, anecdotes, and stories of life lessons learned, Greenhorns is a must-read not only for new farmers, but also for self-reliance enthusiasts and anyone interested in organic, locally grown food.

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Customer Reviews

Series of essays by different folks and their trials getting small farms going. By and large one wonders why anyone would go into farming. And yet, it calls to them and drags their sore bums out of bed every day to go and do it again. I thought their essays were very genuine in feel, not sugar
coating anything. But they share their inexplicable joy in the face of their trials and their determination to continue on. These are the attitudes that built America.

I gave this to the daughter of a friend of mine who is interested in becoming a farmer. It’s a relaxing read---great at the bedside table. I loved reading of so many perspectives, and getting to meet so many different types of personalities involved in farming. Oh, if I were only thirty years younger! What an inspiration these people are!!!

Interesting stories from 50 different farmers and producers across America, which could have used a little more editing. Regardless, many stories are at once funny, compelling and insightful into the reasons why Americans everywhere are turning back to agricultural practices as a method of finding meaning and financial stability in the 21st Century. An honest book.

I really appreciate how candid each of the essayists were when sharing their experiences about starting up their farms and/or farm-related endeavors. Nothing has been romanticized here. If you’re looking to begin understanding what it might take for you to live your dream of starting and running a successful farm, buy this book.

I am not an avid reader, however, this book kept my interest the entire way through. Reading about each of the farmers and their different struggles, experiences, and worries was very inspiring. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in farming, either from a technical standpoint, or just out of curiosity, or for anyone who enjoys stories of people following their dreams.

What a journey I was taken on, and have many farmers to thank for the travel. I felt I was sitting with each farmer in each mini conversation. Thank you!

I like how it separates everything so clearly and it gives you very interesting food for thought. bada chinnggg

For someone that’s just likes to read aimless story’s well this will do. It’s like watching discovery channel and at the end you don’t know any more then you did to begin with - It’s just entertaining!

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