

## **A Bountiful Harvest: The Midwestern Farm Photographs of Pete Wettach, 1925-1965**

Pete Wettach, a self-taught photographer who worked for the Farm Security Administration as a county supervisor, took these photos in Iowa during his work visiting people on their farms and in their communities—it wasn't part of his job, he just wanted to. The 85 duotones he took during the Great Depression, World War II and postwar years fill the pages of the cloth-bound book, making it a lovely gift.

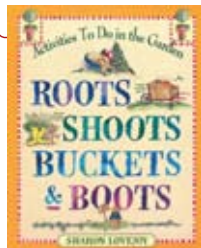


*A Bountiful Harvest: The Midwestern Farm Photographs of Pete Wettach, 1925-1965*, by Leslie A. Loveless, University of Iowa Press, 119 West Park Road, 100 Kuhl House, Iowa City IA 52242; <http://uipress.uiowa.edu>; 2002; hardcover; 160 pages; \$34.95

## **Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots:**

### **Gardening Together with Children**

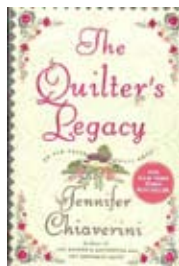
Who knew there was a top 20 list of plants for kids? Read about them in the first chapter of this artful, bright and playfully designed gift/practical book; then, launch yourself and the young people in your life into one of the garden projects including the pizza patch garden, the snacking and sipping garden and Mother Nature's medicine cabinet. It's just the thing for the parents or grandparents on your gift list.



*Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots: Gardening Together with Children*, by Sharon Lovejoy, Workman Publishing, 708 Broadway, New York, NY 10003; [www.workman.com](http://www.workman.com); 1999; paperback; 176 pages; \$13.95

## **The Quilter's Legacy: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel**

This episode of the Elm Creek Quilts series is perfect for mystery lovers and quilt lovers alike. In it, the recently married main character begins a search for her mother's heirloom quilts, which are missing from the attic. During her quest, Sylvia Bergstrom Compson learns more than

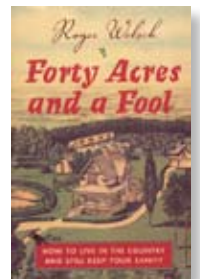


she expects about her mother and her family in this favorite Chiaverini novel.

*The Quilter's Legacy: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel*, by Jennifer Chiaverini; Simon & Schuster, Rockefeller Center, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020; [www.simonsays.com](http://www.simonsays.com); 2003; hardcover (paperback available); 320 pages; \$22

## **Forty Acres and a Fool: How to Live in the Country and Still Keep Your Sanity**

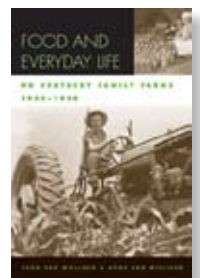
Trained in anthropology, author Roger Welsch delivers the real deal about transitioning into life in the country. He's not shy; in his first chapter, he asks: "Is a move to the country even something you want to consider?" But you won't be discouraged; he gives you the inside scoop—explaining how the local news and cultural philosophies work, as well as what a newcomer should not do, based on his own experience. Learn—and be entertained!



*Forty Acres and a Fool: How to Live in the Country and Still Keep Your Sanity*, by Roger Welsch; Voyageur Press, c/o MBI Publishing Co., Galtier Plaza, Ste. 200, 380 Jackson St., St. Paul, MN 55101; [www.voyageurpress.com](http://www.voyageurpress.com); 2006; hardcover; 288 pages; \$21.95

## **Food and Everyday Life on Kentucky Family Farms, 1920-1950**

Built around the Kentucky farm vernacular, this book examines and tells stories of housework, farm work and everything in between as narrated by the people who lived it. Professional transcribers with the Kentucky Oral History Program transcribed much of the text. Black and white photos—50 or more in all—draw you into the period through landscapes and families at work and play. Let the words and images reveal a sense of the realities experienced by the families; perhaps you'll be reminded of family farmers from your life.



*Food and Everyday Life on Kentucky Family Farms, 1920-1950*, by John van Willigen and Anne van Willigen, The University Press of Kentucky, 663 S. Limestone St., Lexington KY 40508; [www.kentuckypress.com](http://www.kentuckypress.com); 2006; hardcover; 280 pages; \$35.

## Five Acres and Independence: A Handbook for Small Farm Management

This classic continues to earn rave reviews from new and practiced farmers alike. Best thing about it is the author: an experienced farmer, researcher and teacher, as well as a trained horticulturist. You'll mark whole chapters of detailed information on water supply and irrigation; greenhouses and cold frames; cropping systems and soil surface management, as well as bees, orcharding, strawberries and much more.



*Five Acres and Independence: A Handbook for Small Farm Management*, by Maurice G. Kains, Dover Publications, 31 E. 2nd St., Mineola, NY 11501; <http://store.doverpublications.com>; Revised edition (first published in 1935); paperback; 397 pages; \$8.95

## Shear Spirit: Life on America's Fiber Farms and Ranches

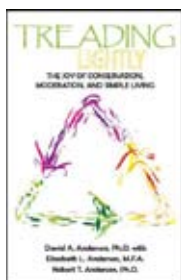
You get it all in this book: beautiful photographs, inspiring stories about sheep farmers around America and even 20 projects (and patterns) for you to try, using the yarns spun at the farms profiled in the book. Joan Tapper gathers the essays and interviews from 10 fiber farms and ranches across America. If you're not into sheep or knitting now, you will be when you finish this book.



*Shear Spirit: Life on America's Fiber Farms and Ranches*, by Joan Tapper (Gale Zucker photographer), Potter Craft (a division of Crown Publishing Group, Random House, Inc.), 1745 Broadway, New York, NY 10019; [www.randomhouse.com/crown/pottercraft](http://www.randomhouse.com/crown/pottercraft).html; 2008; hardcover; 160 pages; \$30

## Treading Lightly: The Joy of Conservation, Moderation and Simple Living

What grabbed our attention about this book was its fresh determination to help create a rebirth of the values of the Depression-era's conservationist

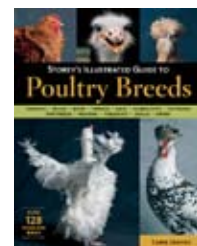


ways in a material world. The author even lets his mother—who grew up during the Depression—write a chapter. If you're worried today's consumer mentality and future generations, read this book for a gentle but solid nudge in the direction of being a better steward of your land and the global community.

*Treading Lightly: The Joy of Conservation, Moderation and Simple Living*, by David A. Anderson, with Elizabeth L. Anderson and Robert T. Anderson; Pensive Press, LLC; 205 Bluffwood Dr., Danville, KY, 40422; [www.PensivePress.com](http://www.PensivePress.com); 2008; paperback; 256 pages; \$14.95

## Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds

If you can ever stop staring at the gorgeous photos of graceful, sometimes goofy and always colorful poultry, you'll get to read one of the finest and most comprehensive portfolios on farm fowl. The guide covers over 128 birds—from chickens and ducks to peafowl and swans. You can read about genetics and breeding—and enjoy spacious, full-color pages filled with at-a-glance details about the most popular poultry breeds. Find one or two—or three—for your farm.



*Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds*, by Carol Ekarius, Storey Publishing, 210 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA 01247; [www.storey.com](http://www.storey.com); 2007; paperback; 288 pages; \$24.95

## ECOpreneur: Putting Purpose and the Planet before Profits

When it comes to going green, nobody can make it more real than John Ivanko and Lisa Kivirist; as they call Chapter 4: Make a Life, Not a Living. And throughout the book they make it easy for you to find what you need to run a business or your homestead with an earth-first attitude; plus, they sprinkle side bars, quotes, news items and all the inspiration you'll need to get started—and follow through on your goals.



*ECOpreneur*, by John Ivanko and Lisa Kivirist; New Society Publishers, P.O. Box, 189, Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0, Canada; [www.newsociety.com](http://www.newsociety.com); 2008; paperback; 224 pages; \$17.95