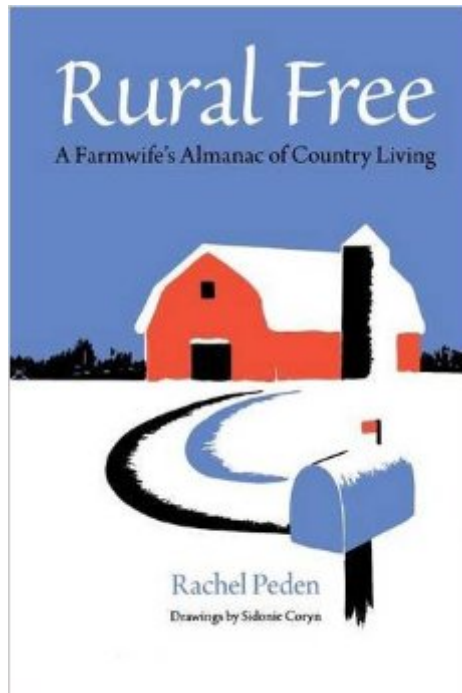


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# Rural Free: A Farmwife's Almanac Of Country Living (Quarry Books)



## Synopsis

Rural Free, first published in 1961, beautifully conveys the joys of family life on an Indiana farm. Marked by the slow pace and rich variety of seasonal change, Rachel Peden's narrative offers an authentic month-by-month chronicle of her family's daily adventures. Today, as the slow-food movement gathers support and more urban dwellers return to the land to plant roots again in honest soil, Peden's stories of country life and her lessons on sustainability, frugality, and wastefulness gain a special resonance. Rural Free will be a source of inspiration for all who rejoice in rural virtues and the spiritual freedom of country life.

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## Customer Reviews

I sent for this book because I am interested in Midwestern literature, and Indiana authors in particular. I am enjoying it because it strikes such a positive note in the middle of this hard winter. I dip into it each day or so and it is like a visit with a friend and neighbor. Ms Peden's observations on life in general and country living in particular are reminiscent of days gone by, but also comment on life today. As Peden observes on the last page of February: "Mankind needs neighbors, more than other farm animals do. He needs them more, and needs them longer. And he owes them more" (p. 187).

I LOVE THIS BOOK!!! This will be a book that I will read over & over again. The writing is sooo beautifully bucolic. It harkens to a time of simpler life. Also interesting is the occasional comment

about government interference with regulations and people being concerned about instability in the country. Those comments are few. Over all the book is wonderful. I can not say enough positives about the style of writing. A calming, interesting read.

This book is for those who consider themselves naturalist or gardeners, or those who are into sustainability. You will connect with this book. Rachel brings you into her life on the farm, her garden, her neighborhood for whom she loved. She takes you on long walks through the fields and pasture or to see a neighbor. All along the way she tells you about the plants, the animals, the insects and the beauty. You will think of her as a good friend and wish she were your neighbor.

Karmen

Quickly fading from present memory, there is a certain charm to rural life. "Rural Free: A Farmwife's Almanac of Country Living" is a memoir of country life, seeking to emphasize the values one gets from living on the farm and what it teaches people about the world around them. Poignant and intriguing, "Rural Free" is worth considering for those who want to gain a better understanding of how most of America lived throughout its history.

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