

## The Wonderful Farm

The further adventures of Marinette and Delphine, the two little French children who live on a farm with talking animals, their encounters with a wolf, a pig, and a panther who knows some good stories, and how they are turned into a donkey and a horse. "Within a day of receiving this book, I had consumed it... Absorbing, moving, and compulsively readable."—Lydia Davis In this affectionate, heart-warming chronicle, Rosamund Young distills a lifetime of organic farming wisdom, describing the surprising personalities of her cows and other animals At her famous Kite's Nest Farm in Worcestershire, England, the cows (as well as sheep, hens, and pigs) all roam free. They make their own choices about rearing, grazing, and housing. Left to be themselves, the cows exhibit temperaments and interests as diverse as our own. "Fat Hat" prefers men to women; "Chippy Minton" refuses to sleep with muddy legs and always reports to the barn for grooming before bed; "Jake" has a thing for sniffing the carbon monoxide fumes of the Land Rover exhaust pipe; and "Gemima" greets all humans with an angry shake of the head and is fiercely independent. An organic farmer for decades, Young has an unaffected and homely voice. Her prose brims with genuine devotion to the wellbeing of animals. Most of us never apprehend the various inner lives animals possess, least of all those that we might eat. But Young has spent countless hours observing how these creatures love, play games, and form life-long friendships. She imparts hard-won wisdom about the both moral and real-world benefits of organic farming. (If preserving the dignity of animals isn't a good enough reason for you, consider how badly factory farming stunts the growth of animals, producing unhealthy and tasteless food.) This gorgeously-illustrated book, which includes an original introduction by the legendary British playwright Alan Bennett, is the summation of a life's work, and a delightful and moving tribute to the deep richness of animal sentience.

Max is sent to bed without supper and imagines sailing away to the land of Wild Things, where he is made king.

A sweeping and turbulent drama about the anxieties of postwar Britain, where one strong and inspirational young woman looks to find her place, no matter the cost. Sometimes, the truth lies in fiction It's hard to be an American girl in 1957. Especially when your dad's job means you have to move four thousand miles from home. Especially if you'd rather play baseball than wear a dress.

Especially if you see your mom fraying a little more from anxiety each day. And especially if being five minutes older means you have to protect your fragile twin brother. Still, Hedy Delaney loves her family, and she's trying to make the best of her new life on a U.S. airbase in England. After all, her dad's a war hero, her mother's a beauty, and her brother's a brainiac who writes moving stories about space travel. Then one tragic day, the unforeseen occurs and all three are ripped away, leaving Hedy alone with countless questions. What really happened on the airbase? What went on behind military closed doors? What were the secrets that could never be told? And how could any of it have led to her family's destruction? In her search for the truth, Hedy turns to a story her brother began months before he died. Deciding to finish what her brother started, Hedy begins to piece together what happened to her family. But whether she's ready for what she'll discover is another matter entirely. A sweeping and turbulent family drama, *The Wonderful* asks whether writing fiction can uncover fact, and if it's ever better to let the truth remain hidden. Sometimes, it's safer not to finish what you've started.

*Wonderful Words: On the Farm!* is packed with lots of bright illustrations and labels to help your little one explore familiar everything on their favourite farm. Words are grouped into categories to improve your toddler's vocabulary and encourage discussion Questions help you to explore numbers, colours and shapes with your child A colourful wall poster gives you a fun 5-minute word recap whenever you need it

All it takes for an anywhere farm is one farmer, plus soil and sunshine, some water, and a seed.

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*The Farm Book* written and illustrated by Jan Pfloug.

A collection of the author and illustrator's critical writings is devoted to writers and artists whose work he admires, including Randolph Caldecott, Beatrix Potter, and Walt Disney, and also features several interviews and autobiographical pieces Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature, A Checklist, 1700-1974, Volume one of Two, contains an Author Index, Title Index, Series Index, Awards Index, and the Ace and Belmont Doubles Index.

Young Sara lives on a wonderful farm with all of its challenges and rewards. What makes her farm extra special is that the farm animals talk with each other. Read along and listen to the many adventures and lessons learned on this happy farm.

The author reflects on the time she spent living in an Estonian village on the site of a formerly Soviet collective farm and describes the people she met, the economic conditions and what life was like in the region.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AMAZON BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR** Unlikely pig owners Steve and Derek got a whole lot more than they bargained for when the designer micro piglet they adopted turned out to be a full-sized 600-pound sow! This funny, inspirational story shows how families really do come in all shapes and sizes. In the summer of 2012, Steve Jenkins was contacted by an old friend about adopting a micro piglet. Though he knew his partner Derek wouldn't be enthusiastic, he agreed to take the adorable little pig anyway, thinking he could care for her himself. Little did he know, that decision would change his and Derek's lives forever. It turned out there was nothing "micro" about Esther, and Steve and Derek had actually signed on to raise a full-sized commercial pig. Within three years, Tiny Esther grew to a whopping 600 pounds. After some real growing pains and a lot of pig-sized messes, it became clear that Esther needed much more space, so Steve and Derek made another life-changing decision: they bought a farm and opened the Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary, where they could care for Esther and other animals in need. Funny, heartwarming, and utterly charming, *ESTHER THE WONDER PIG* follows Steve and Derek's adventure--from reluctant pig parents to farm-owning advocates for animals.

An inspiring story about what happens when 3,500 acres of land, farmed for centuries, is left to return to the wild, and about the wilder, richer future a natural landscape can bring. For years Charlie Burrell and his wife, Isabella Tree, farmed Knepp Castle Estate and struggled to turn a profit. By 2000, with the farm facing bankruptcy, they decided to try something radical. They would restore Knepp's 3,500 acres to the wild. Using herds of free-roaming animals to mimic the actions of the megafauna of the past, they hoped to bring nature back to their depleted land. But what would the neighbors say, in the manicured countryside of modern England where a blade of grass out of place is considered an affront? In the face of considerable opposition the couple persisted with their experiment and soon witnessed an extraordinary change. New life flooded into Knepp, now a breeding hotspot for rare and threatened species like turtle doves, peregrine falcons, and purple emperor butterflies. The fabled English nightingale sings again. At a time of looming environmental disaster, *Wilding* is an inspiring story of a farm, a couple, and a community transformed.

Isabella Tree's wonderful book brings together science, natural history, a fair bit of drama, and—ultimately—hope.

For everyone who loves watching Amanda Owen and her family on Our Yorkshire Farm, or enjoys reading her bestselling books, comes this delightful and uplifting collection of her monthly Dalesman columns. In *Tales From the Farm* by the Yorkshire Shepherdess Amanda takes readers on an evocative journey to Ravensat, where she lives with husband Clive and their nine children, not to mention their flock of sheep, herd of cows, hardworking dogs and a formidable chicken called Linda. Covering events in 2019 and 2020, Amanda describes saving the life of a newborn calf on New Year's Eve and watching, mouth agape, as their livestock trailer was swept away by floodwater in March. Son Sidney braves the wrath of Linda and husband Clive crafts an unusual Valentine's Day gift. Eldest daughter Raven leaves the nest, headed for university, while young sheepdog Taff and Tony the Pony arrive at the farm. As Covid-19 sends the country into lockdown, Amanda feels more lucky than ever to live close to nature, finding happiness in the beauty of the Dales and the unchanging routines of the farming year. Illustrated with charming line-drawings throughout, this book is the perfect gift for fans of the Owens family and a chance to catch up on their adventures.

A determined little spider named Walter is trying to make a sturdy web that will stand up to the blustery wind. The webs he makes at first are woven in special shapes--a triangle, a square, a circle--but they are still wibbly-wobbly. Can Walter make a web that is both wonderful and strong? This simple, vibrant adventure is a lively companion to our two previous Tim Hopgood "first books": *Wow! Said the Owl*, about colors; and *Hooray for Hoppy!*, about the five senses.

Presents three humorous adventures on McBroom's wonderful one-acre prairie farm.

William Bee was born in London, but now lives in the English countryside. As well as writing and illustrating children's books, he races a vintage sports car, is an international skier, and when at home tends his lawns and meadow.

Sam likes to pull things apart and put them back together, and think about how things work. But he is sometimes so busy doing this, he forgets his chores on the family farm. Then one day inspiration strikes, and he creates something truly wonderful.

Maya the cow, J.D. the piglet, Hilda the sheep, and a dozen more animals all speak directly to the reader, showing off their unique personalities in this wonderful collection of poems. Master watercolorist Robert Rahway Zakanitch provides a portrait that perfectly captures the essence of each creature. Together the poems and paintings add up to a picture of life on the friendliest farm around. Maya Gottfried based her poems on real animals from Farm Sanctuary, a safe haven for injured or abused farm animals with locations in New York and California.

A sweet rhyming story from 1971 about a beloved schoolteacher is back in print! There once was a very unusual school That had for its teacher Miss Tillie O'Toole . . . So begins a rollicking story about a beloved teacher who presents all her lessons in riddles and rhyme, takes her students outside for picnics and kite-flying, and teaches them good, old-fashioned common sense along with the three Rs. Lyrical illustrations of red-haired Miss Tillie O'Toole and her multicultural class make this breezy Little Golden Book as much fun to look at as well as read aloud!

A captivating exploration of how a family gets a farm ready for the snow of winter, *Sleep Tight Farm* lyrically connects each growing season to the preparations at the very end of the farm year. This beautiful and informative book paints a fascinating picture of what winter means to the farm year and to the family that shares its seasons, from spring's new growth, summer's heat, and fall's bounty to winter's well-earned rest. All year long the farm has worked to shelter us, feed us, keep us warm, and now it's time to sleep. Plus, this is the fixed format version, which looks almost identical to the print edition.

Describes the activities on a busy family farm from the spring when preparations for planting begin to the autumn when the cats grow winter coats and the cold rains begin to fall.

*Funny Farm* is an inspiring and moving memoir of the author's turbulent life with 600 rescue animals Laurie Zaleski never aspired to run an animal rescue; that was her mother Annie's dream. But from girlhood, Laurie was determined to make the dream come true. Thirty years later as a successful businesswoman, she did it, buying a 15-acre farm deep in the Pinelands of South Jersey. She was planning to relocate Annie and her caravan of ragtag rescues—horses and goats, dogs and cats, chickens and pigs—when Annie died, just two weeks before moving day. In her heartbreak, Laurie resolved to make her mother's dream her own. In 2001, she established the Funny Farm Animal Rescue outside Mays Landing, New Jersey. Today, she carries on Annie's mission to save abused and neglected animals. *Funny Farm* is Laurie's story: of promises kept, dreams fulfilled, and animals lost and found. It's the story of Annie McNulty, who fled a nightmarish marriage with few skills, no money and no resources, dragging three kids behind her, and accumulating hundreds of cast-off animals on the way. And lastly, it's the story of the brave, incredible, and adorable animals that were rescued.

High atop a tree, Chopper the Owl looks over The Farm and listens to all of the wonderful farm animal sounds. Find out what Chopper the Owl says at the end of the book!

Summer vacation is approaching, and the deBoer siblings, Daniel, Maria, and Elise, want to have an exciting adventure. Visiting Oupa and Ouma on Willowdell farm in central Pennsylvania is not what they have in mind! Oupa and Ouma need help and ask for an extended visit. The farm vacation takes many unexpected and exciting turns. Oupa shares his stories and delights the siblings. Under the happy surface lurks a serious problem. Daniel discovers that intruders visit the farm at night in search of a treasure. Who are they, and for what are they looking? The entire family soon find themselves in a race to find the valuable treasure and to keep it from falling into the wrong hands. Oupa delightfully draws on everyone's strengths and eccentricities. Will they win with wit and cunning? The vacation turns into just the fast-paced adventure Daniel wanted, and it far exceeds his wildest expectations!

Sendak's hero Mickey falls through the dark into the Night Kitchen where three fat bakers are making the morning cake. So begins an intoxicating dream fantasy, described by the artist himself as 'a fantasy ten feet deep in reality'.

Forty-three accurately rendered illustrations depict detailed scenes of kitchen chores (churning butter, preparing foods); seasonal occupations (shearing sheep, mowing hay, "harvesting" and "sugaring off" maple syrup); plowing, planting, other activities. Fact-filled captions. Published in association with Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village.

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George Orwell's celebrated novella, *Animal Farm*, is a biting, allegorical, political satire on totalitarianism in general and Stalinism in particular. One of the most famous works in modern English literature, it is a telling comment on Soviet Russia under Stalin's brutal dictatorship based on a cult of personality which was enforced through a reign of terror. The book tells a seemingly simple story of farm animals who rebel against their master in the hope of stopping their exploitation at the hand of humans and creating a society where animals would be equal, free and happy. Ultimately, however, the rebellion is betrayed and the farm ends up in a state as bad as it was before. The novel thus demonstrates how easily good intentions can be subverted into tyranny. Orwell has himself said that it was the first book in which he had tried, with full consciousness of what he was doing, 'to fuse political purpose and artistic purpose into one whole.' The book was first published in England in 1945, and has since then remained a favourite with readers all over the world, and has consistently been included in all prestigious bestseller lists for the past many years.

Is there anything more memorable than the expression on a young child's face the first time he or she visits the farm? That sense of wonder and amazement is captured in *Baby MacDonald on the Farm*. Each page invites children to learn all about farm animals through engaging text, delightful illustrations, and real-life photos that are accompanied by unique touch-and-feel elements. *Baby MacDonald on the Farm* is a wonderful learning experience that is certain to engage young children for hours and hours of playtime learning.

Simple rhyming text describes the sounds and activities of animals during a day on the farm.

**ADVANCE PRAISE** "A must-read story told with honesty, humor, and humility by a passionate farmer who reminds us what our food system can and should be about."—Daniel Boulud "Preston uses brilliant storytelling and brutal honesty to describe what it takes to create both a viable organic farm and a more meaningful life for himself and his family. *The New Farm* is the kind of book that will inspire people to make positive change."—Arianna Huffington "Both a book about the food system and a tell-all of his journey. . . . The ups, and mostly downs, he describes might have been a trial but they do make for a good read."—*The Globe and Mail* After years of working at the ends of the earth in human rights and development, Brent Preston and his wife were die-hard city dwellers. But when their second child arrived, the shine came off urban living. In 2003 they bought a hundred acres and a rundown farmhouse and set out to build a real farm, one that would sustain their family, nourish their community, heal their environment, and turn a profit. *The New Farm* is Preston's memoir of a decade of grinding toil and perseverance. Farming is a complex and precarious business, and they made plenty of mistakes along the way. But as they learned how to grow food, and to succeed at the business of farming, they also found that a small, sustainable, organic farm could be an engine for change, a path to a more just and sustainable food system. Today, *The New Farm* supplies top restaurants, supports community food banks, hosts events with leading chefs, and grows extraordinary produce. Told with humor and heart, *The New Farm* is a joy, a passionate book by an important new voice.

Describes the daily activities of being a dinosaur farmer, from waking up early to taking care of the animals, big and small.

Learn the difference between a farrow and a barrow, and what distinguishes a weanling from a yearling. Country and city mice alike will delight in Julia Rothman's charming illustrated guide to the curious parts and pieces of rural living.

Dissecting everything from the shapes of squash varieties to how a barn is constructed and what makes up a beehive to crop rotation patterns, Rothman gives a richly entertaining tour of the quirky details of country life.

Every month of the year, the animals on a farm enjoy their way of life and the weather that greets them.

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