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The Farmer In All Of Us: An American Portrait



Synopsis

What began as an ode to the American farmer has evolved into an anthem to an iconic American way of life. Inspiring and moving, the book follows the themes of the heartwarming speech by legendary radio commentator Paul Harvey, "So God Made a Farmer." Based on the TV commercial watched by millions during "The Big Game" in 2013, this book dives deep into the lives and work of farmers as well as the photographers who captured them. It features more than 200 photographs shot by ten world-class photographers, including National Geographic's William Albert Allard, and shines a spotlight on the American farmer in a compelling photographic poem.

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Customer Reviews

PAUL HARVEY was an American radio broadcaster. For decades, his programs reached as many as 24 million people each week. He was known for personalizing the news with his opinions. The speech "So God Made a Farmer," delivered to the 1978 Future Farmers of America Convention, struck a chord with its emotional tribute to the American farmer. Harvey was also known for the radio series *The Rest of the Story*, described as a blend of mystery and history.

The book is wonderful; it has some amazing pictures that really capture the life of a farmer. It is more of a coffee table book, though. There are some tidbits of information about the photographers, but not much actual reading material. Most of the pictures have a line of information indicating where the picture was taken and on who's farm, but there isn't really any direct information about the farmers, their lives, or what they do. If they had included the occasional page of information on

what has driven that particular person to keep the farming tradition alive or some hardships they have had to endure, that would have pushed the book over the edge and I'd have given it five stars. Amazing photography from very talented people though.

Great gift for my famer and former FFA member and my farmer uncle. We all need to remember that without a farmer we would not have food to eat. Also I love that Dodge/Ram Trucks is giving proceeds from each book sold to the National FFA. Great Buy

I was not aware that Paul Harvey had completed an essay on farming and this seemed to be a great gift for my father. He and I have spent many hours in the tractor which included the Paul Harvey show and have always enjoyed hearing "The Rest of the Story". The pictures are beautiful and Paul Harvey is an eloquent speaker. Highly recommended for all farmers and those that would like a view of the lifestyle!

I grew up on a farm. Of the qualities identified in Paul Harvey's essay and reinforced through the photographers pictures and the accompanying text, none stand out more clearly than the character and integrity of the farming community. This book uniquely combines the written word with photography, to define a work ethic and morality that should guide all of us. A special thank you to Dodge Ram for the vision to bring to life, the essay "God made a Farmer". It should rank as one of the best commercial ads ever created. And thank you to National Geographic for creating a coffee table book that keeps all of this at my fingertips.

This is an excellent portrayal of the farm life in the United States. We ordered another one to give as a gift for a life long farmer.

What a beautiful book! Something I'll enjoy for a long time! My only complaint is that they left out New England farmers, as far as I could tell! Seems like people whose fields grow rocks ought to get some credit. =)

This book is GREAT! I grew up "in the country" and it really hits home! Makes me think of my grandfather. Purchased for my brother (a farmer) and he loved it as well. Can't read the poem without crying. Love the pictures. GREAT GREAT book!

What a beautiful book! I purchased this as a Christmas gift for my husband, a farmer's son. The photography is fantastic.

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