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Go Rural, A Trilogy: An Exploration Of Rural Life In 3 Stories



Synopsis

Deft, funny, moving and honest. These three diverse and atmospheric stories explore the idealism and realities of rural life. Everybody has a friend who should read "So You Wanna Go Rural", a humorous and sometimes dark reality check for urbanites considering a move to the country. "For Utah" is a memoir that takes the reader to the prairies to learn some harsh realities about the treatment of animals. "Nourishment", set in the Pacific northwest, ponders the place for humans in all this as the narrator, worn out from working on her small farm, experiences the death of a close friend, and signs of Spring.

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Customer Reviews

The author does a wonderful job of showing us two very real sides of the often romanticized Rural Life. Her writing is honest, descriptive and funny in the most self-deprecating of ways. The stories are a MUST read for anyone contemplating rural family life, anyone who chose to leave it in their past and especially for those of us who spend more time feeding, loving and cleaning up after critters than we do shopping, entertaining or socializing. "Utah" will haunt all horse/animal lovers

and also make you proud and grateful that no such methods take place on your farm, with your horses. I look forward to more stories from Nancy!

It's rare and wonderful to truly connect with a story and the storyteller. If you have "gone rural" you'll laugh out loud (at your own expense) while reading "So, You Wanna Go Rural". And if you're thinking/dreaming of "going rural" you'll laugh, too nervously. Talk about experiencing a full range of emotions - deeply - while reading Nancy's work. Simply put, I cannot wait to read what Nancy writes next.

GO RURAL: A TRILOGY What drives a city girl into the rural hinterlands? It seems to come from a deeply planted urge to find and enter the stream of life that gets lost in the city. When you read this fine trilogy from Nancy Pincombe, you'll be in the company of a rare and pure spirit that is willing to take on the challenges and hazards that are waiting for her when she embarks on her new life beyond the safety of the city walls. These stories are as much about people as they are about the vicissitudes of living where there are no safety barriers except those you make for yourself. They're about survival of body and soul and always at the centre, breaking and rising under the uncompromising eye of the natural world, is the human heart. The scenes are compelling, even riveting at times (the domestic scene of the Albertan horse trainers will make you groan out loud) transporting the reader so easily in and out of the rich, earthy scenarios of the forest, the farms, the ignorant and brutal practices of certain horse breeders and the every day challenges of keeping bears and deer out of the kitchen garden and getting chicken-hunting barn owls from the chicken coop. Nancy Pincombe writes with a clear, beautiful and uncompromising hand whether she's describing a walk of wonder in the forest with her young daughter or describing the trials and tribulations she encounters after stepping off the edge of the world she knows and landing knee deep in horse s*** and the earth's sweet mud. So vivid and alive are these stories they leave a trail of lively impressions that remain etched in the imagination long after one has stopped reading. One also learns something of the earth's open secrets that may be found by the brave - those who have faith in their quest. Nancy Pincombe is one of them.

This is glorious writing. It reminds me of Laurie Lee: the same magical realism transplanted to

modern-day West Coast Canada. You can feel yourself getting muddy - without having to do it yourself!

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