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Real Farm: Encounters with Perception

By Patricia Tichenor Westfall

New Chapter Press,U.S. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Real Farm: Encounters with Perception, Patricia Tichenor Westfall, Farm life as a series of experiences that lead to self-understanding and fresh perceptions. Agrarian innocents, West fall (Journalism/Ohio Univ.) and her husband acquired a house and 20 fallow acres not far from the Univ. of Iowa, where husband Mark was working toward a Ph.D. and teaching. He envisioned establishing a kind of Whole Earth Catalogue farming existence. She thought a few chickens might do. Before long, they not only had chickens laying six to eight eggs daily, but there were three goats for milk and two geese as "watchdogs" against foxes and other intruders. The house was tom apart to install a wood-burning stove, 2000 saplings were planted to provide a cash crop 30 years hence, and Mark talked of a greenhouse for solar heat and a rainwater collection system. The marriage foundered, however, after Westfall realized that while Mark wanted to become a "living myth" with all the answers, she wanted to experience the farm for its sights, sounds, smells, and changing moods. Continuing to farm without Mark, she found events honing her perceptions. The well tailed, and she opted for...

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