

Synopsis

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.

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Customer Reviews

"This book is right up my alley. Not only does the subject matter interest me, but it's a visual treat." (P. Allen Smith)"The book is entertaining and colorful -- and deceptively full of facts." (Journal Sentinel) "The book she wrote was her way of teaching herself about farming. The result is a kind of Country Life 101 textbook, graced with warmth and good humor." (Dallas Morning News)"It's a glorious celebration of life in the country, one that I can enjoy not only by myself but also with my kids." (Dooce)"...this book is amazing for child or adult, young farmer or the "farmer wannabe." I loved it just for the nostalgic trip down memory lane." (Press Republican)"Utterly charming and thoroughly researched, Farm Anatomy is one of those rare treats that speak to your eyes and your heart, and in the process manage to expand your mind." (The Atlantic) Farm Anatomy fits perfectly into my growing collection of books that will come in handy when I give up city life for green acres. (Or more realistically, when I'm sitting in my city apartment needing a quick

armchair-style escape.)“Charming drawings and handwritten text make this the perfect picture book for grown-up dreamers.

Bantams and Buckwheat, Hackles and HarrowsTalk the talk of the country with Julia Rothman’s entertaining and informative visual tour of life on the farm. Her drawings, diagrams, step-by-step sequences, and dissections reveal everything from the parts of a milking machine and the anatomy of a pig to how to plow a field and shear a sheep. You’ll be delighted by how much there is to discover.

We bought her other book Nature Anatomy Book first and fell in love. Naturally this purchase was coming. My children love anything that has to do with the outdoors and my youngest loves farm! THIS BOOK IS AWESOME! Just like the other one it is full of beautiful illustrations on every single page. There are notes on everything! Knowing it was going to be as good as the last I did not buy this for the information. These books stay on my bookshelf because they are so wonderful but my kids ask for them regularly. My youngest is three and he will look at it for much longer than any other book that will hold his attention. I will sit and look at all the details in her drawings for fun. Don’t get me wrong the information is great as well, everything page is full of information that explains the basics of farm life and even things I did not know whatsoever. Granted I never lived on a farm. You cannot go wrong with this book

We have farmland but rent it out and live in the city about an hour away from it. While I haven’t read this book, I have looked through it. It gives good information, explanations and drawings of farm equipment, recipes, instructions, all about farm life...not all relevant to our area but interesting to me-there’s a lot to be learned. Very interesting, I would say this book is suitable for ages four and up. I highly recommend it!

I can’t say enough about these books. Sarah Janisse Brown has done an outstanding job on these books. We are working on having most of them in our homeschool routine.

Beautiful!!! Just Beautiful! I love how fun and easy this book is to read and enjoy. Lots of cute, funny, and cool things to learn.

Love this; geared towards adults and children alike. Fresh take on the children’s line of DK My Book

of Firsts books, but with much more information. Drawings are wonderful, amusing and informative. Purchased this book to utilize as a guest sign in / wishes for birthday girl memory book (we have a barnyard farm theme) and it will be perfect.

This book couldn't be cuter. Much more fun and useful than a typical coffee table book. I love looking at it over and over and it's really informative.

I bought this book as a gift for a friend, but after receiving it and looking through it, I decided to hang on to it for just another day or two. I enjoyed Ms. Rothman's book so much, I bought several copies for several friends (yes, I kept the first one I received). I left this book on a counter in the house, and everyone in my family read through it, as well as neighbors and friends who stopped by. I was constantly amazed at the luminous reaction of those who leafed through the book - followed with a request to borrow it. This book is so visually inspiring, you'll want to rototill your soil right away. Ms. Rothman's book is a visual romp through all of the possibilities for your own "farm," whether it's a bunch of acres or your suburban backyard, there's a lot to be gleaned. It's full of practical advice and information from getting the ground ready for a garden, to planting (and plant parts identification), animal husbandry, construction projects (even a barn), knots, beekeeping and it's sprinkled with recipes throughout including a whole chapter focusing on the kitchen (you need to know what you can do with your bounty). She even gives a bit of info on other uses of your harvest such as natural dyes, spinning yarn, even winemaking (dandelion wine - now I can put those nasty weeds to a good use!). The super plus side, no fancy tools, equipment or gadgets are needed - it's pure simplicity. If you ever dreamed of living on a farm or have that itch to get your hands into the dirt, Ms. Rothman's book lowers the hurdle and gives you the confidence to get going. You'll definitely put the book down, the boots on and charge out into the yard with a "yes, I can do that!" attitude. And if this isn't you, but someone you know, this would make a memorable gift!

This caught my eye as a Christmas gift, I may regret buying it so prematurely. I don't know that I can hold out the 6 months until Christmas to read it. Great colors and fun illustrations. Not too much detail to be the only book in your collection but definitely a nice addition. At a glance it covers everything from recipes and gardening to basic facts and maintenance of classic farm animals: rabbits, pigs, sheep, cows, etc.

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