

A Farm Story with Jerry Apps

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A Farm Story with Jerry Apps is a portrait of farm life seen through the eyes of a boy growing up in rural America in the 1930s and 1940s. Using archival photos and film, teacher, author and historian Jerry Apps tells the story of growing up in Wild Rose, Wisconsin – America’s archetype rural farming community.

A Farm Story is the personal and family story of millions of American’s who grew up on farms. Like a family photo album for millions of Americans, the documentary takes the viewer through memories of “things that aren’t there anymore” and of experiences that created their values of hard work, determination and community -- values that drive a generation of Americans who grew up on the farm.

The documentary carries the viewer from childhood on the farm in the ‘30s to the rural electrification that changed American farms and rural life forever. Jerry shares stories about the party line telephone, the one-room schoolhouse, the routine of work and chores and community of those family farms that built America into the agricultural center of the world.

A Farm Story with Jerry Apps deeply resonates with viewers with rural roots, many who left the farm but who recognize that the experience made them who they are and can feel a kinship with Jerry when he says, “Today I’m as proud as proud can be of having experienced what I experienced, and I wouldn’t change it for anything.”

Old Farm Country Cookbook: Recipes, Menus, and Memories

Return to an era when all food was local and farming was a family-run affair with story master Jerry Apps. Together with his daughter, author Susan Apps-Bodilly, they share the farm family food that only Jerry’s mother knew how to make in this warm-hearted, memoir-style cookbook plucked right from Eleanor Apps’s™s Depression Era recipe box. Inspired by her dishes, Jerry and Susan, take us on a culinary tour of life on the farm during the Depression and World War II. Seasoned with personal stories, menus, and family photos, Old Farm Country Cookbook recalls a time when electricity had not yet found its way to the farm, when making sauerkraut was a family endeavor, and when homemade ice cream tasted better than anything you could buy at the store.

Paperback, 224 pages, 43 color and b&w photos, 7 x 9

A Farm Winter with Jerry Apps

Historian Jerry Apps remembers country winters spent on his family’s farm during the Great Depression and World War II. Apps recalls a time before electricity on the farm, when farmers milked cows by hand and "making wood" was a major part of winter's work. (2013)

The Land with Jerry Apps

Learn to look in the shadows, and listen for the

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whispers, because the extent to which you do that is the extent to which you will know nature, and know it deeply.” - Jerry Apps

Join acclaimed Wisconsin author and historian Jerry Apps on a walk through the seasons with his grandsons, as he passes along lessons that can be gleaned from listening to *The Land*. With a wit and wisdom inherited from his father on their central Wisconsin farm, Apps recalls stories that unite the generations by informing a shared appreciation for the world around us.

Never Curse the Rain

Beloved Wisconsin author, historian and storyteller Jerry Apps shares his memories of water — from its life-giving power on his family farm during the Great Depression to its calming properties that can offer a respite from the commotion of modern life. Reflecting on water’s importance throughout his life, Apps shares why his father told him, “Jerry, never curse the rain,” and stresses the importance of this precious, finite resource.

Jerry Apps: One-Room School

“I have never forgotten the sound of that school bell on my first day of school. You could hear it echoing down the valley ...” - Jerry Apps

Jerry Apps shares vivid and humorous stories from his time as a student at Chain O’Lake School in Waushara County. Explore the one-room school experience through Apps’ vibrant storytelling, and travel back to a time when one teacher taught eight grades. Learn about the wide-ranging curriculum, holiday traditions, recess fun and how Apps’ school experience shaped his childhood and inspired his career as an educator.