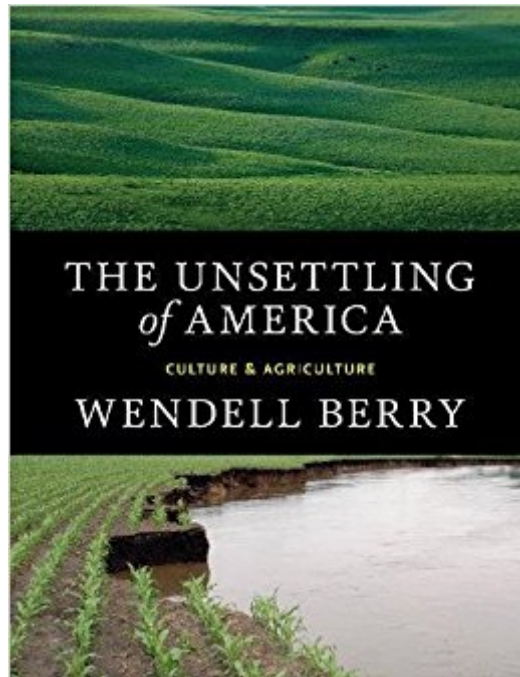


The book was found

The Unsettling Of America: Culture & Agriculture



Synopsis

Since its publication by Sierra Club Books in 1977, *The Unsettling of America* has been recognized as a classic of American letters. In it, Wendell Berry argues that good farming is a cultural development and spiritual discipline. Today, agribusiness, however, takes farming out of its cultural context and away from families. As a result, we as a nation are more estranged from the land; from the intimate knowledge, love, and care of it. Sadly, his arguments and observations are more relevant than ever. We continue to suffer loss of community, the devaluation of human work, and the destruction of nature under an economic system dedicated to the mechanistic pursuit of products and profits. Although this book has not had the happy fate of being proved wrong, Berry writes, there are good people working to make something comely and enduring of our life on this earth. Wendell Berry is one of those people, writing and working, as ever, with passion, eloquence, and conviction.

Book Information

Paperback: 240 pages

Publisher: Counterpoint; Reprint edition (September 15, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 161902599X

ISBN-13: 978-1619025998

Product Dimensions: 6.9 x 0.8 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 15.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars 22 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #17,945 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #4 in Books > Science & Math > Agricultural Sciences > History #37 in Books > Science & Math > Agricultural Sciences > Food Science #1290 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences

Customer Reviews

Wendell Berry is the author of more than fifty books of poetry, fiction, and essays. He was recently awarded the National Humanities Medal, the Cleanth Brooks Medal for Lifetime Achievement by the Fellowship of Southern Writers, and the Louis Bromfield Society Award. For more than forty years he has lived and farmed with his wife, Tanya, in Kentucky.

Eye opening exposure of a fundamental human weakness for modern man. In the opening the author explains that the book is a criticism so if you're looking for immediate solutions or feel good

stuff then don't read it. Here is a paragraph from page 20 that gets at the book's thrust.QUOTE TO
ENDWe are dealing, then, with an absurdity that is not a quirk or an accident, but is fundamental to
our character as a people. The split between what we think and what we do is profound. It is not just
possible, it is altogether to be expected, that our society would produce conservationists who invest
in stripmining companies, just as it must inevitably produce asthmatic executives whose industries
pollute the air and vice-presidents of pesticide corporations whose children are dying of cancer. And
these people will tell you that this is the way the "real world" works. They will pride themselves on
their sacrifices for "our standard of living." They will call themselves "practical men" and
"hardheaded realists." And they will have their justifications in abundance from intellectuals, college
professors, clergymen, politicians. The viciousness of a mentality that can look complacently upon
disease as "part of the cost" would be obvious to any child. But this is the "realism" of millions of
modern adults.

Unless you looked, a reader enjoying *The Unsettling of America* is unlikely to guess that it was
published in 1970, The message and issues presented are that current. You might wonder a bit
here and there, but you wouldn't guess. I'm now in my 9th year living in Mexico. I've paid close
attention to the indigenous culture, which is grounded in a still-powerful connection between Natural
Forces ... soil, rainfall, water (Water Is Life) and crops ... and we human beings. Indigenous peoples
all across the planet understand that all life is connected. Buckminster Fuller named it decades ago:
Our Spaceship Earth. For an urbanite (as most of us are), this might be a challenging introduction to
basic issues: soil health, crop rotation, agroecology (applying ecological principles to
agriculture). But the environmental challenges posed by industrial agriculture, climate change -- and
yes, corporate capitalism and globalism -- are such, that having read Wendell Berry's work as an
introduction, the urban reader will begin to consider in a new light these issues raised ... and raised
they are ... especially outside the United States. Simply stated: Read it.

I had been reading food-related books (Dan Barber & Michael Pollan) and kept hearing the name
Wendell Berry come up. It is so wild to hear that over 30 years ago, much of the knowledge & ideas
that are now becoming more mainstream were already known about. The book questions our
societal values and calls for introspection and action for change in the exuberantly wasteful way we
live. I believe this is a deeply enriching book that anybody would do well to read.

An important book by one of our times' most important thinkers and writers. Wendell Berry's

essays--since "The Long-Legged House" in the 1960s--have been significant contributions to the argument for America's survival. Farmer, poet, novelist, essayist, thinker: if American has a conscience, its name is Wendell Berry. There is no other voice in the United States as important as his. A must read--twenty volumes of must reads--for anyone who wants a future for this precariously occupied world of ours. Bert Hornback

A very nice and interesting read. Well worth the time and focus.

This is a quick way to get started loving Wendell Berry!

Classic book that is just as relevant today as it was when it was published. Wendell Berry is awesome.

It's amazing how a book written in the 70's about farming is as applicable today as it was then.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

6 books in 1 - Agriculture, Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Sustainable Agriculture, Tropical Agriculture, Farm Animals, Vegetables, Fruit Trees, Chickens, ... Tomatoes, Cucumbers (How To Do Agriculture) The Unsettling of America: Culture & Agriculture The Agricultural Groundwater Revolution: Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture (Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture Series) (v. 3) Agriculture: Spiritual Foundations for the Renewal of Agriculture Does Anything Eat Wasps?: And 101 Other Unsettling, Witty Answers to Questions You Never Thought You Wanted to Ask Unsettling Canada: A National Wake-Up Call Unsettling Memories: Narratives of the Emergency in Delhi Tainted Glory in Handel's Messiah: The Unsettling History of the World's Most Beloved Choral Work Unsettling Opera: Staging Mozart, Verdi, Wagner, and Zemlinsky Export Agriculture and the Crisis in Central America Agriculture in Britain and America, 1660-1820: An Annotated Bibliography of the Eighteenth-Century Literature (Bibliographies and Indexes in World History) Culture Smart! Czech Republic (Culture Smart! The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture) Culture Smart! Costa Rica (Culture Smart! The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture) Black Noise: Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America (Music/Culture) Hip-Hop Revolution: The Culture and Politics of Rap (Culture America) Ski Style: Sport and Culture in the Rockies (Culture America (Hardcover)) Beauty and Business: Commerce, Gender, and Culture in Modern America (Hagley Perspectives on Business and Culture) Cattle lice and how to eradicate them (Farmers' bulletin / United States Department of

Agriculture) Painting Indiana II: The Changing Face of Agriculture (Quarry Books) Ancient
Agriculture: From Foraging to Farming (Ancient Technology)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)