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*Noel Perrin*

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Two book set: First Person Rural / Second Person Rural: Essays and More Essays of a Sometime Farmer. **FIRST PERSON RURAL:** In these wry, elegantly written essays a New Yorker transplanted to rural Vermont chronicles the life and times of a "sometime farmer". Noel Perrin's witty ruminations range from making butter in the kitchen, finding the perfect fence post, raising sheep, and grading maple syrup to ways of selling hand-felled firewood to snobs on Park Avenue. Delightful illustrations by Stephen Harvard accompany the text. **SECOND PERSON RURAL:** In this delightful sequel to First Person Rural, Noel Perrin offers more graceful, witty ruminations on the country life. He writes admiringly, but without romanticizing, of the skills and savvy of native New England farmers and takes a gently sardonic look at city visitors on the lookout for the "picturesque". Perrin also muses in a more philosophical vein on the sorts of adjustments every transplanted city dweller must make in the country.